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Progress

Friends and neighbors:

There are many positive things happening in the Village. Your elected officials and administration have been working hard to enhance and improve our community. Although some of the decisions have not been easy, I remain committed to making those decisions so that our Village not just survives, but flourishes.

Want to stay informed of the issues? Better yet, want to be part of the discussion? There are many tools available. As some of you may have heard, the Village rolled out its new website (www.biscayneparkfl.gov), which has been completely revamped and modernized! I am sure that you will agree that the new site is dramatically better. The site contains an abundance of information, including a calendar of events, meeting agendas and minutes, as well as a “video on demand” link to past Commission meetings. In an effort to update residents on current issues facing the Village, and increase community involvement, our Village Manager has also posted her “weekly reports.” These reports provide an excellent recap of the week’s events and a status report of on-going projects. Residents may also choose to stay abreast of all Village happenings by receiving notices through email. To sign-up for the email updates, visit our website. Click on “email updates” on the left side menu. Of course, notices and information are also posted at Village Hall and at the Recreation Center.

One recent happening is worth highlighting. By now, many of you have heard that we were successful in obtaining funding from the State in the amount of \$1,000,000 as part of the 2014-2015 budget signed by Governor Rick Scott. The funding is specifically authorized for the repair and restoration of our historic log cabin, as well as the construction of a new annex building to house our administration. Receipt of these funds is the result of many hours of hard work and months of persistent lobbying on the Village’s behalf. I am proud of our efforts, and obviously pleased with the outcome. I am also hopeful that this project will bring the residents of Biscayne Park together as we work to preserve the history of the Village, while starting a new chapter. Stay tuned for meeting and workshop announcements to discuss the repurposing of the log cabin and the location and design of the new annex.

Finally, I want to remind you that I am always available to discuss the issues facing our community. I am at the Recreation Center on the first Friday of every month at 9:00 a.m. Please stop by and let’s talk about how we can continue to improve our community and progress as a Village. If that’s not convenient, you can also call me at (786) 385-8953 or email me at dcoviello@biscayneparkfl.gov.



Mayor David Coviello



From Commissioner Bob Anderson :

Once again in order to get more information to all of you in our Village I am donating my newsletter space. This month's article is from our newest board - the Art Advisory Board - and their chair, Brad Piper. I look forward to our continuing community involvement in increasing our public art collection. I hope all of you will take the time to view the sculptures that we have and give us your opinions on what you would like to see in the future.

As we all know - art is subjective
so EVERY opinion counts!

Thanks.



The Biscayne Park Art Advisory Board is pleased to announce the placement of Rob Lorenson's sculpture "Red Headlong", outside of Village Hall. The installation should be complete within the next few weeks, and we encourage everyone to view the sculpture, and share your comments and ideas.

The board is currently looking into the funding and purchase of public art, through grants and community fundraising events. If you are a local artist/art enthusiast, and would like to take part in a future art related event, please send your contact information to the village clerk at villageclerk@biscayneparkfl.gov.



We're All In This Together

In choosing to live in this neighborhood, we chose each other as neighbors. We count some of our neighbors as friends, while others have remained strangers. There are some we may not like. But each of us has his and her place here, in this neighborhood we share.

We count on each other, too. Sometimes, our need for each other is direct and personal. It's the request we make of those to whom we are closer: requests for advice, or help, or to borrow one item or another. Sometimes, we need companionship.

At other times, the need is impersonal, and represented by each of our use of shared resources, like the park, or the police, or the roads, or the order and tidiness of an environment maintained by our Public Works employees. We don't perform these tasks ourselves, but we rely on each others' contributions to fund these services.

We owe each other two kinds of consideration, and they are conflicting. On the one hand, we owe each other respect for individuality. Each of us is different, and each has his and her own values and preferences. In a heterogeneous neighborhood, we express different tastes and styles. We don't all want the same things when it comes to type of architecture, color of paint, landscaping, and even level of "openness" and the sense of access.

On the other hand, we want to be careful and considerate not to offend. Each of us may like music, or to watch television, but not loud enough to disturb our neighbors. We use a wide range of paint colors, but in satisfactory condition. We may like landscaping luxurious, or tidy, or spare, but always properly maintained. We all create refuse, but we have rules for when and where it can be presented for removal.

The way we establish the system by which we agree to live together is through our Codes. They set for us a style and a standard for the neighborhood we share. Not everyone agrees with each Code, and the Codes to which we agree can change over time, as the people who live here, and their needs and desires, change. That's why we have a Code Review Committee. Attend their meetings. Communicate with them.

In the meantime, we must rely on the Codes, and live by them. They are the best agreement we have as to how to preserve both our individuality, and our responsibility to each other. But commitment to the Codes creates tension, and we are always balancing our individual rights against our responsibility to our neighbors. This tension creates a problem, and one version of that problem was well-, if provocatively, stated by one of our neighbors in an article she wrote for the Biscayne Times in March, 2014:

"Opponents of code enforcement...may be quick to cite their [own] rights, [but] they're even quicker to disregard the rights of others."

This is what it's all about: we continually struggle to balance our own rights against the rights of, and our obligation to, our neighbors. This balance requires mutual respect and mutual deference. That's our task. Because we really are all in this together.

Commissioner Fred Jonas - fjonas@biscayneparkfl.gov



Unsung Heroes: A Fond Farewell and “Au Revoir” to Our Sanitation Employees (Garbage and Trash)

In recent months, The Village Administration, Commission and many residents have considered the pros and cons of privatizing the Sanitation Division (**Garbage, Trash and Yard-waste pick-up**) of the Public Works Department. At a Special Meeting on May 21st, on the second reading of Ordinance 2014-03, the Commission voted to award Waste Pro of Florida, Inc., the franchise for sanitation services (Mayor Coviello and Commissioners Jonas and Ross, in favor; Commissioner Anderson and myself, opposed). With the outsourcing most of the sanitation services, the Village will decrease its number of employees and it seems that we will lose four men, who have worked here for thirteen to sixteen years. Many of you know them by name, others, just by face. We all, I would venture to say, know their friendly demeanor and willingness to help when help is needed. Their tasks are not pleasant, to say the least; nevertheless, they have served us with grace and good cheer. We are indebted to them for their service and will miss **Antoine Alphonse, Tim Chestnut, Ronald Escarment, and Jean Pierre** and wish them well.

A number of residents are contributing to a severance “bonus” fund to thank these departing employees for their service to our community. Should you like to contribute, please contact me.

Jazzmin Peluchette: Update and Calling all Cooks!

My column in the last newsletter was devoted to Jazzmin Peluchette, the courageous high school senior who was stricken with neuromelitis optica last year. She is making progress, albeit slowly; her vision has improved and with physical therapy she is gaining strength and mobility. The great news: Jazzmin has been accepted by the University of Miami and has been awarded an academic scholarship that will cover most of her expenses. Once again, I am soliciting volunteers to cook for the Peluchette family once or twice a week. If you are planning to prepare a casserole, just double the recipe (and contact me beforehand).

Be informed of Village News and Happenings: Register for Biscayne Park’s E-Mail Updates

Please register for email updates so that you can be apprised of developments in the Village. It’s a simple procedure: On the Biscayne Park website (www.biscayneparkfl.gov) click on the “Sign up for e-mail updates.” link and when Biscayne Park emails you, confirm that you want to register. For more information, you might also check the “Village Manager’s Weekly Updates” which Manager Shafran has added to the “Information for Residents” bar at the top of the page. Previously, these detailed communications went only to the Mayor and Commissioners. Now, they are available to one and all. Finally should you like receive my occasional emails, please contact me: bwatts@biscayneparkfl.gov

Commissioner Barbara Watts



I ♥ DOGS

**The Bark of July
-Dogs In The Park Day**



**Date:
4th of July
Time:
4pm to 7pm**

Come and celebrate our first ever non-fireworks, fun, family friendly event. We will have exciting activities and games for the dogs and owners such as:

**Obstacle Course Costume Contest for Dogs
Little Dog Pool Raffle Tickets and Prizes
Refreshments and Dessert Trucks**

Ed Burke Recreation Center



Effective October 1, 2014

The Village of Biscayne Park has contracted with Waste Pro to collect all Residential and Commercial Trash

Residential Garbage Collection Schedule

- Curbside or side/back yard collection will be Village wide on Tuesday and Friday.
- Residents will continue to use their existing garbage containers.

Residential Bulk Collection Schedule

- Bulk collection (trash and yard waste) will be Village wide on Tuesday.
- Residents will continue to put out their bulk waste the same way (out on the curb).

Residential Recycling Collection Schedule

- Curbside recycling collection will be Village wide on Friday.
- Residents will receive a **brand new recycling cart** with a label on the lid detailing allowable recycling items.

Detailed Public Awareness and Educational Plan utilizing several media outlets to educate residents

- Village newsletter and flyers
- Door hangers
- Village website

Transparent Trac-EZ Customer Service Program

- Web based access for residents and Village staff

If you have any questions, please contact Candido Sosa-Cruz, Public Services Director at 305 899 8000 (Mon-Fri 9:00am to 5:00pm, or csosacruz@biscayneparkfl.gov. Thank you.

Mark your calendars! Saturday, June 21st is the next Yard Debris & Trash Sweep for the entire Village, from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

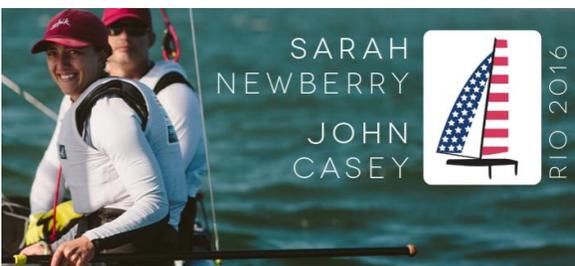


Our Sanitation Department is "sweeping" the Village for the start of hurricane season! So get your rakes and clippers out and get your yard "storm ready" on Saturday morning and place your pile out by 10:00am.

The size of the pile is limited to 2 cubic yards (3 ft x 3 ft x 6 ft).

Please – yard debris ONLY. No building material or appliances.

For more information or if you have a question, please call Village Hall at 305 899 8000 (Mon-Fri 9:00am to 5:00pm)



Sarah Newberry, who lives with her family here in our Village, needs our help! She and sailing partner, John Casey, are fund raising in order to participate in the 2016 Summer Olympic Games to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

For those who don't know, Sara is an expert and talented performance multihull sailor. This past November, Sarah became twice-over national champion and the first-ever female skipper to win the U.S. Multihull Championship. In January, she and John won the North American Championship and last month they qualified for the US Sailing Team and for a spot at the 2014 World Championship in Spain. She and John are top ranked American multihull sailors who are committing the next two years to the pursuit of their passion. It's because of combined decades of sweat, determination, and sacrifice that they have been able to start their campaign for the 2016 Olympics. They have a shared, deep work ethic and strong desire to achieve the highest level of success.

Please help by contributing to their campaign. Check out their website at <http://www.usamultihull2016.com> and join me in supporting their goal.

Linda Dillon, Biscayne Park Resident





“Whooooooooooooo” knew?

The Village of Biscayne Park is home to several eastern screech owls. Here’s an update from one resident.

About 6 weeks ago I saw this eastern screech owl in her box, but I thought she had left. Now she is visible every morning, attentively watching all around her. I think her young have hatched! It’s very late in the year for her to be raising a family. And she has chosen the woodpecker house, ignoring the shaded owl house behind in the oak tree!

It is so exciting to have these special creatures in our neighborhood. If only residents realized that when they spray their yards the insects the owls eat are poisoned, bringing death to the owls. This is our sixth eastern screech owl family! Lynn Fisher, Biscayne Park Resident

Calendar of Events



Stay in touch with all Village happenings through our Calendar of Events & Meetings on the Village website at www.biscayneparkfl.gov. Meetings, special events, recreational programs, and more! Don’t have access to a computer? Just stop by Village Hall or the Recreation Center and pick up a copy of the current month.



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Listed for \$395,000

Buyers are looking for quality homes in Biscayne Park. Let me represent your home in the best possible way to maximize your return. As a 10 + year resident of Biscayne Park and an active volunteer on two Village boards for many years, I am the best qualified to sell "The Park" and all its charm, details and amenities. We don't focus on volume of listings, and our low number of days on the market for all our listings sold proves this. Thinking of selling? Call me for an evaluation.



Our listing in contract in 22 days. Highest price for non-waterfront in Biscayne Park. 11007 Griffing Boulevard. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2,050 sq. ft., large lot built in 2010. **SOLD FOR \$637,000 in December 2013.**



Exciting NEW HOME pre-construction opportunity! 862 NE 119th St., 3,300 sq. ft.; 4/3.5. Please call me for more information. Breaking ground soon! Select your finishes!

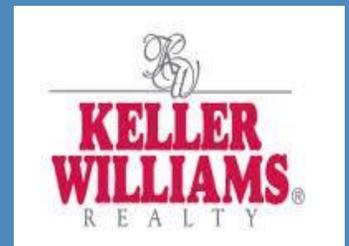


Our listing under contract in one day – Pre MLS located at 10901 Griffing Boulevard. 5 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, pool, 2 car garage, large lot. **SOLD for \$630,000 in June 2013.**



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