



## *The Village of Biscayne Park*

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**DATE:** September 22, 2017  
**TO:** Mayor and Commissioners  
**FROM:** Krishan Manners, Village Manager  
**RE:** Village Update

Mayor and Commissioners:

Following is an update of items underway this week in the Village.

- **Hurricane Irma Recovery:** To our knowledge, all residents have electricity Village-wide. If anyone still does not have electricity, please report it to the Village and we will work to get FPL to respond as quickly as possible. If you know of someone elderly or disabled who may not have power, please call us so we can assist them. There is no Boil Water order in effect at this time. Comcast and ATT are repairing lines and it is best for residents to contact them directly. We are also reaching out to them to repair downed lines. Residents who have hurricane damage which may be reimbursable by FEMA, please make sure to register immediately at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov) or call 1-800-621-3362.

Debris removal continues. Grubbs, our disaster recovery contractor, is making a sweep through the village this week collecting all debris currently out from the storm. Once this initial sweep is completed, Grubbs will go street by street and look for tree limbs that are hanging or damaged in medians, cut them and pile them in the medians. A second sweep for debris removal will follow. Please do not add new trimmings/yard waste to the medians – those should be piled separately on your swale area for collection by Waste Pro. Please do not put anything in medians that is not vegetation from the storm. Absolutely nothing in plastic bags or any household items should go on medians – a separate pile on your swale should be created for Waste Pro to remove on Monday.

As our staging area next to Village Hall fills up, we will be opening a second staging area on 114<sup>th</sup> Street in the median between 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Avenues. Our thanks to all of the residents for working with us during this time of recovery and enduring the noise and dust created by this debris. Please be extraordinarily cautious around these debris piles with anything that could generate a spark. We have reached out to the local fire departments requesting a truck come by periodically and wet the piles just as a precaution, however, they are in emergency status right now as well and unable to do this. Public Works will wet the pile if it does not rain and we are doing all we can to mitigate any risk.

All Village Departments are running on normal schedules.

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- **Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR):** The Request for Proposal (RFP) closing date was Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. The selection team has reviewed the responses to the RFP and will make a recommendation to the Commission at the October 3 meeting. Hurricane Irma has delayed the start of the 2016 audit, but we are ready to go as soon as approved at Commission and the contract is signed. We continue to communicate with and have relayed projected timelines with the State and look forward to starting the 2016 CAFR immediately when the new Audit firm is in place.
- **FINANCE:** The first Budget Hearing for the FY17-18 Budget was held on September 21 at the Log Cabin. The second Budget Hearing will be held on September 28 at 6:30PM at the Log Cabin. FMIT, FRS and CITT audits are underway.
- **POLICE:**  
Extra police have been on duty throughout the hurricane and the subsequent recovery.

### **Police Department's Statistics for the Period**

**Total Cases: 50**

#### Total Cases by Category

Alarms: 10

Assists to Police Agencies: 3

Sick/Injured Person: 6

Suspicious Person/Vehicle: 3

Identity Theft: 1

Information/Non-Criminal Investigation: 19

Burglary: 1 (Generator)

Vehicle Crash: 4

Dog Complaint: 1 (Lost, Found, Loose, Barking)

Loud Music: 2

### **Significant Activity: 1**

In the 800 block of NE 117<sup>th</sup> Street, unknown subject(s) entered a backyard and removed a generator within a twenty-four hour time frame. This case is currently under investigation.



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- **PUBLIC WORKS:** Public Works staff have worked throughout the Village this week doing their routine maintenance and repairing hurricane damage. In addition, one employee has been directing traffic for Grubbs as they collect debris piles. The old flatbed truck will be surplussed once approved at the October Commission Meeting. Repairs to medians will begin as soon as all debris is removed.
- **PARKS & REC:**  
The rec center has been used this week as a cooling station for residents without electricity. It returns to normal hours today. Regular classes and programming are back in effect. Trees over the Tot Lot will be trimmed in the next couple of weeks after which the sunshade will be reinstalled.
- **ADMINISTRATION:** Along with the Mayor and Commissioners, the Manager has worked this week contacting FPL to get power restored to residents. In addition, the Manager and Finance Director have worked to prepare and present the FY 17/18 Budget.

I would just like to take a moment to thank our residents for working together tirelessly during the clean-up from the storm. Many of you reached out to me with offers of help and, if help was not needed by the Village, returned home to assist your neighbors. Many of you brought food to staff to keep us eating while we worked. Thank you all for reminding us that the worst of times can bring out the best in people.

Wishing you all a great weekend!