



VILLAGE OF

# BISCAYNE PARK

*Florida*

November 2015



**VILLAGE HALL**  
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Commissioner Bob Anderson  
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Heidi Siegel, Village Manager  
Krishan Manners, Public Services Mgr  
Maria C. Camara, Village Clerk  
Cornelius McKenna, Chief of Police  
Shelecia Bartley, Parks & Rec Manager



Thanksgiving is a time to join with family and friends and give thanks for the blessings and freedoms that we enjoy every day. We are thankful for the active and caring citizens who are involved in their community, and we are thankful for the employees who work hard every day to provide service excellence to the residents and visitors to our beautiful Village.

*We wish you and your family a safe and happy Thanksgiving!*



*Back row left to right: Early McWilliams, Claude Charles, Cpl. Nicholas Wollschlager, Krishan Manners, Cesar Hernandez, Shanesa Mykoo. Front row left to right: Derrick Murray, John Jenkins, Cmdr. Roy Camara, Maria Camara, Mayor David Coviello, Heidi Siegel, Mailan Nguyen, Reginald White, Chief Cornelius "Rusty" McKenna, Shelecia Bartley, and James "Tony" Thomas.*

**On August 24, 2015, the Village of Biscayne Park formally dedicated the newly constructed VILLAGE HALL and Public Safety Annex which serves as the Village's central location to provide municipal services for its residents.**

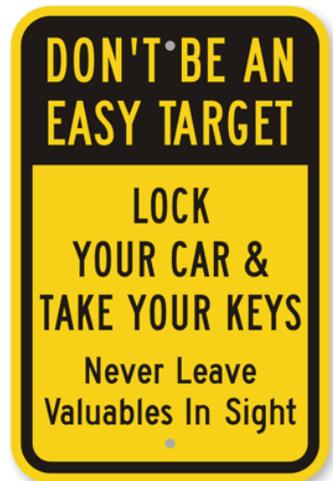
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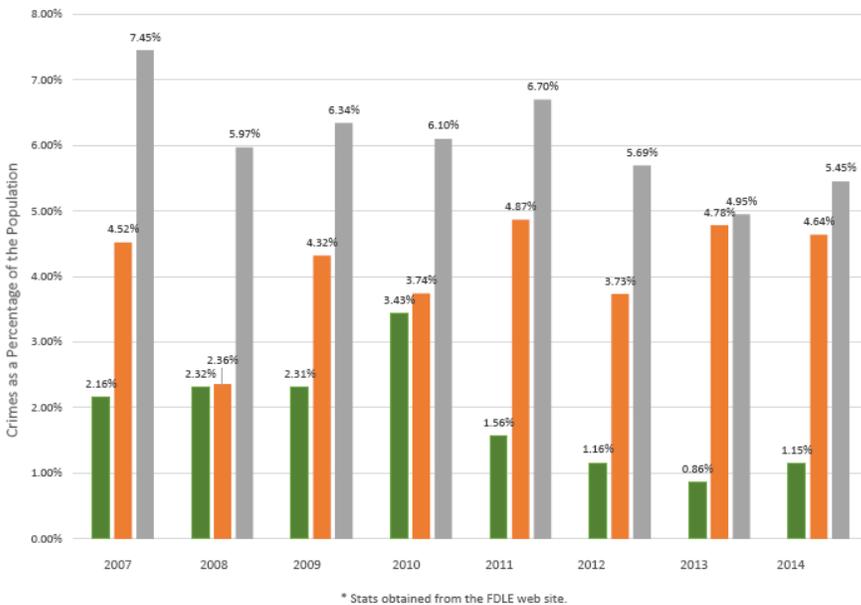


## An Important Message from Biscayne Park Citizens' Crime Watch

An important reminder during the holiday season and **EVERY DAY**. Remove purses, cash (coins), laptops, tablets, cell phones / charges, GPS, and firearms from your car. **Do not leave valuables in plain view**. Place shopping bags in the trunk. Help reduce this PREVENTABLE crime: **LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS**.



SUMMARY OF ANNUAL CRIME STATS\* FROM 2007 TO 2014  
FOR  
BISCAYNE PARK, EL PORTAL AND MIAMI SHORES



The **Biscayne Park Citizens Crime Watch** is an email-based network supporting public safety by knowing your neighbors, observing and reporting irregular activities to the police.

To the left are the crime stats for our area as provided by Crime Watch. The information is based on crimes as a percentage of the population.

**Green Bar – Village of Biscayne Park**  
**Orange Bar – El Portal Village**  
**Gray Bar – Miami Shores Village**

As always, be a good neighbor – **IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING**. To report suspicious activity:

**Call 911 for an emergency or life threatening situation. For a non-emergency situation that you feel needs to be reported, call 305-4-POLICE (305-476-5423).**

When you call, please provide as much information and details as possible in regards to a person's description (clothing, hair, skin color and any distinguishing marks), or vehicle (make, model, color and tag number).

To join the Biscayne Park Citizens' Crime Watch group, please contact the coordinator at: [chairperson@biscayneparkcitizenscrimewatch.com](mailto:chairperson@biscayneparkcitizenscrimewatch.com)

## Stormwater Master Plan – Your input is needed! Have you filled out your FLOOD SURVEY form?

At the close of the State of Florida Legislative Session the Village received great news – we were awarded up to \$150,000 to complete a Village-wide Stormwater Master Plan. This will allow the Village Engineer to collect data and propose a long-term plan to address flooding and drainage throughout the Village.

The Master Plan also provides the Village the ability to be in a better position to solicit funding from the State and County for the work that is needed as identified by the plan.

A part of collecting data is to get input from the residents on the level of flooding experienced or observed at each property. You can provide that by filling out a **FLOOD SURVEY** form. These forms are available on our website or at Village Hall. **Please, everyone's participation is important!**

**FLOOD SURVEY**

We would appreciate your assistance in developing the Village of Biscayne Park's Stormwater Master Plan by completing the following survey and returning it to:

Village of Biscayne Park  
240 NE 114th Street  
Biscayne Park, FL 33161  
Attention: Village Manager  
(305) 476-5400

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Years at Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Please check (✓) all levels of flooding experienced or observed at the above address:

NO FLOODING	SHALLOW FLOODING	DEEP FLOODING	WATER OVER ROOF	WATER OVER DRIVE
( )	( )	( )	( )	( )
( )	( )	( )	( )	( )
( )	( )	( )	( )	( )
( )	( )	( )	( )	( )

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have copies of photographs depicting the flooding in your neighborhood that you would like to provide, please enclose them with your completed survey. Thank you for your participation!

CONTACT INFORMATION for YOUR Village Officials & Staff



Mayor David Coviello – [dcoviello@biscayneparkfl.gov](mailto:dcoviello@biscayneparkfl.gov)  
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Building Permit Coordinator Shanesa Mykoo – [building@biscayneparkfl.gov](mailto:building@biscayneparkfl.gov)  
Code Compliance Officer Reginald White – [code@biscayneparkfl.gov](mailto:code@biscayneparkfl.gov)

Telephone Number: 305 899 8000      Facsimile: 305 891 7241  
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Village website: [www.biscayneparkfl.gov](http://www.biscayneparkfl.gov)

# Save the Date!



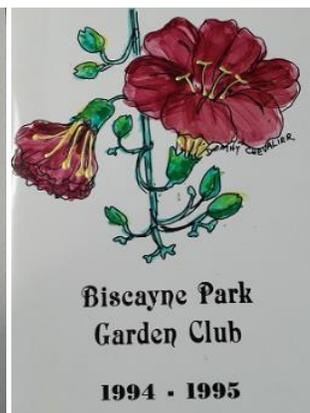
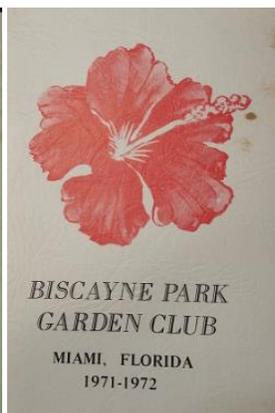
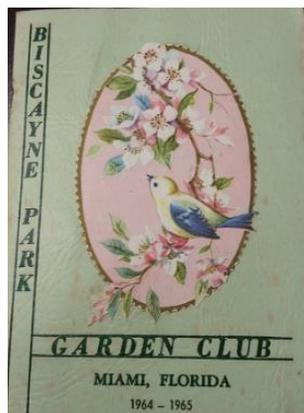
Preparations are underway for the unveiling and ribbon cutting ceremony for the historically restored LOG CABIN.

According to Village records, on the evening of January 24<sup>th</sup>, 1935, appropriate dedicatory ceremonies were held, during which Mr. W.H. Green, Regional Administrator of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration (F.E.R.A.) for Dade County, Florida, officially turned the building over to the Village of Biscayne Park. Mayor Earl W. Thomas accepted the property on behalf of the Village Commission.

We look to dedicate the newly restored building on **January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. Please look for upcoming announcements to confirm the date!

## The Biscayne Park Garden Club – a treasured history of our community!

Dating back to the mid 1950's, the Village of Biscayne Park had a very active and celebrated Garden Club. From the "year books" that were handcrafted by club members, we learn that their objectives were to promote an interest in home gardens, to participate in civic beautification, to study Florida horticulture, to cooperate in the protection of native plants and natural resources, and to promote the artistic use of plant material. Some of their recognized projects included working with the Village in community beautification, garden therapy at the South Florida State Hospital, as well as the comprehensive study of conservation, parliamentary law and horticulture at each of their meetings. Based on several newspaper clippings, the Biscayne Park Garden Club were participants and award winners at several State and County Flower Shows. Here below are a few of the handcrafted year books that we are fortunate to still have as part of the Village's historical records dating back to the early 1960's.



Many of the articles on the Biscayne Park Garden Club featured in local newspapers during the 1950's, 1960's and 1970's can be found through a Google News search at [news.google.com/newspapers](http://news.google.com/newspapers), then click on The Miami News and enter Biscayne Park Garden Club in the search block.

## Get involved! Board members needed!



### The following Village Boards are in need of members:

**Biscayne Park Foundation:** Considered the fund raising arm of the Village, this 501(c)(3) organization fosters and promotes community wide interest and concern for the history and preservation of the Village of Biscayne Park. The Foundation meets once a month and is currently looking for one member to complete the five-member board.

**Recreation Advisory Board:** The primary objective of this Board is to be receptive to the ideas and desires of the residents of the Village as to the beauty and quality of life in the Village, and to make recommendations concerning the operation of the Village parks, playgrounds, and undeveloped parklands and recreational programs to the Village Commission. The Board meets once a month and is currently looking for two members, a voting member and alternate.

Application forms are available at Village Hall or on our website. Submitted applications will be forwarded to the Village Commission for their consideration and appointment.

Additional information regarding the Biscayne Park Foundation and the Recreation Advisory Board, as well as the minutes of all their meetings are also available on our website at [www.biscayneparkfl.gov](http://www.biscayneparkfl.gov).

## COMMISSION IN THE COMMUNITY

“Commission in the Community” is an opportunity to have a type of meeting where residents have a chance to ask questions or share their concerns and suggestions with all the members of the Village Commission in a less formal setting than a regular Village Commission meeting.

Date: Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Time Details: Meet and greet with light refreshments from 10:00 to 10:30am. Open forum with the Mayor and Commissioners will start at 10:30am.

Address: Log Cabin, 640 NE 114<sup>th</sup> Street, Biscayne Park, FL

Contact: (305) 899 8000

*Join us!*

### Upcoming 2016 Biscayne Park Foundation FOOD & TUNE Events!



February 6th



March 26th



May 7th



October 15th

Saturday, January 9  
8:30-11:00 a.m.  
Miami Shores  
Community Center  
Pre-register at  
[miamishores.com](http://miamishores.com)



Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

You and your family are welcome to join the inaugural "Three Villages Bike Ride" which begins at the Miami Shores Community Center, loops through both Biscayne Park and El Portal, with a stop at Biscayne Bay! This is not a race, so kids and seniors are welcomed. Two levels of riders.

No training wheels, skateboards or rollerbladers. Must have helmet. Prizes will be awarded for best decorated bike, oldest finisher, youngest finisher. Free refreshments en route and at ride conclusion. DJ.

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# Calls for Artists

The **Public Art Advisory Board** is sponsoring a Call for Artists for outdoor public art for the Village of Biscayne Park. This will be a welcome addition to the sculptures already located throughout our Village!

The Call for Artists is seeking artists to participate in the Village's 2016 Public Art Project where the theme is **ART IS IN OUR NATURE**.

If you are interested in finding out more, please e-mail [publicart@biscayneparkfl.gov](mailto:publicart@biscayneparkfl.gov). The deadline for submissions is February 15, 2016.



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E-mail: [villagehall@biscayneparkfl.gov](mailto:villagehall@biscayneparkfl.gov)

The Village of Biscayne Park reserves the right to reject a request to place an ad in our newsletter on a case by case basis and does not endorse or guarantee any product, service or company represented.

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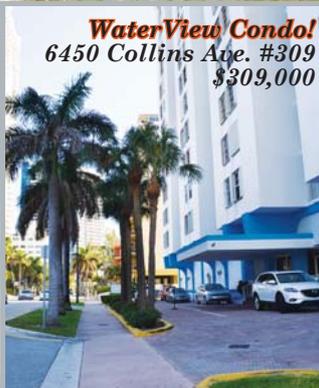
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## Winterfest 2015

Before you know it, Santa Claus and his entourage will be parading through the streets of our Village to make a stop at our annual Winterfest celebration.

This year's event is scheduled to take place on **Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**. There will be plenty to do and enjoy besides giving Santa your list! Keep the date marked on your calendar and be on the look out for more information.

### Village of Biscayne Park Holiday Schedule

Thursday, November 26 – All Village departments are closed.

Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> – All Village departments are closed.

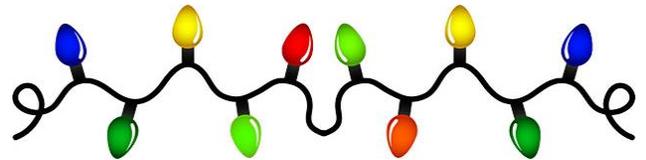
**Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> – Regular GARBAGE and RECYCLING will be provided.**

Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – All Village departments are closed.

**Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – GARBAGE and RECYCLING will NOT be provided. Next service day is Tuesday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>.**

Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – All Village departments are closed.

**Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – Regular GARBAGE and RECYCLING will be provided.**



**Show off your holiday spirit and enter our Holiday House Decorating Contest!**

*The Recreation Advisory Board will be judging on four categories:*

- ❖ **BEST THEME**
- ❖ **BEST USE OF LIGHTS AND COLOR**
- ❖ **MOST ORIGINAL**
- ❖ **MOST FESTIVE**

**Deadline for entries is Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm.** Judging will take place between December 6<sup>th</sup> through December 13<sup>th</sup>. Winners will be announced during Winterfest on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**To enter please e-mail [recreation@biscayneparkfl.gov](mailto:recreation@biscayneparkfl.gov)**