



The Beautiful VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK

October 2011



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“It Takes A Village”

A motto to embrace as we come together for a better Biscayne Park!

These past twelve months have been very special and we have accomplished many things. Our Public Works team moved in to their new “home”, and the Ed Burke Recreation Center renovations were completed just prior to our Winter Fest event! Our outstanding Police team placed first in the state in the “Click it or Ticket” competition for the second year in a row, earning a combined \$70,000 in much needed equipment and supplies, and continued bragging rights as the place where you **“Don’t Even Think About Speeding”**! There are also the statistics we are so proud of such as the 62 percent decrease in crime, and the increase of participants involved in our parks and recreation programs!

While many cities faced major budgetary challenges, Biscayne Park balanced its budget and lowered the millage rate. We have managed to do more with less, think outside the box, and simply made the necessary adjustments and

sacrifices, because raising taxes in our Village was **not** an option!

While we are proud of all these things, it was the community, our Village residents coming together to make so many things happen, that was the key to our success. To elevate Crime Watch to the next level and being honored by the Citizen’s Crime Watch organization with Crime Watch Coordinator of the Year; our Biscayne Park Foundation organizing several special events such as Food and Tunes Night where our community enjoyed what home town is all about; and the many volunteer beautification projects that witnessed the transformation of sixth avenue at the entrance to our Village as well as lovely landscaping at the entrance to our central park. Our residents, our volunteer board members, our village employees, and dedicated elected officials contributed so much to a banner year in the Village of Biscayne Park! It’s amazing how much can be accomplished when we come together for there is so much more that can be done as a group, as a team, and as a community. As I said in the beginning, it truly **“takes a Village”**!

As we begin our “new year” (fiscal year 2011-2012), we look **within** to perfect our programs and enhance the services we provide, but we can’t do it **without** you and your support. Your involvement is priceless! I am honored to serve as your Village Manager and I look forward to getting to know more of you! Email me at agarcia@biscayneparkfl.gov, or call me at 305-899-8000. It would be my pleasure to chat with you.

Ana M. Garcia
“Your” Village Manager

Please mark your calendar for these important dates and events in Biscayne Park:

Thursday, October 27, 2011 – 121st Median Closure Workshop for Residents at the Ed Burke Recreation Center starting at 6:30pm.

Saturday, October 29, 2011 – Halloween Fun House at the Ed Burke Recreation Center from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.

Tuesday, November 1, 2011 – Regular Commission Meeting at the Ed Burke Recreation Center starting at 7:00pm.

Saturday, November 19, 2011 – Village Market at the Ed Burke Recreation Center from 8:00am to 2:00pm.

Saturday, November 19, 2011 - Building Department & Code Enforcement Informational Open House at the Ed Burke Recreation Center from 10:00am to 12:Noon.

Tuesday, December 6, 2011 – Election Day. Polls open from 7:00am to 7:00pm at the Ed Burke Recreation Center.

Saturday, December 17, 2011 – WinterFest at the Ed Burke Recreation Center from 11:00am to 3:00pm.



Save the Date!

First Annual State of the Village Address

“A Better Place to Live”

**Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011
(9:30-11:00am)**

Biscayne Park Foundation

The Biscayne Park Foundation has been hard at work, have you noticed? The Foundation hosted two "Food and Tunes" nights in the Village over the past five months. We had great turnouts and the bands and food trucks were big hits. We've gotten an overwhelming amount of positive feedback from residents and some great ideas for future events. Our next Food and Tunes night will be on December 2nd at the Park. The details are still being finalized so please come out to the Foundation meetings and share your thoughts or email us at foundation@biscayneparkfl.gov.

Resident's attendance and contributions are critical to the success of future events and the sustainability of the Foundation. Many of you have donated generously to the Foundation and your contributions are already making an impact. Utilizing a portion of the proceeds collected from our first event, we were able to make some small improvements to the village. We paid to have the ice machine in the Recreation Center repaired and we also purchased new basketballs and basketball nets for the Recreation Department. We are currently discussing further ideas to improve the Village and are looking to make a bigger impact with our next donation.

Please share your thoughts and ideas on projects you would like us to take on or fundraising events you would like to see implemented. Remember, donations of just \$20 from each household in Biscayne Park would result in over \$26,000 to the Foundation! We hope you've enjoyed the events our volunteer board has coordinated for you and that you see us as a Village asset worth supporting.

Sincerely, Stephen Taylor
President, Biscayne Park Foundation



Stephen Taylor, Victor Romano, Fred Jonas, Supreme Dorvil and Priscilla Blake

Police Beat Report

Thank you for the opportunity to update our community on the activities of your Police Department.

First I would like to mention how proud I am of the hard work and dedication of our team this year for accomplishing great goals while delivering professional and top quality police services in our community.

For the first time in a number of years, we are at full staff in our Police Department. From a fiscal perspective, having a full staff helps us control overtime costs as well as allow our officers adequate rest and vacation leave to spend quality time with their families. More importantly we have the best police officers anyone could hope to have on their team and in the service of their community. As further evidence of this statement, we have concluded our second year without a single complaint against any member of the Biscayne Park Police Department while achieving the highest enforcement levels ever. I will let the official results highlight their outstanding work and achievements:

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) collects official figures on crime from all law enforcement agencies and then forwards those figures to the FBI for their yearly publishing of the Uniform Crime Reports for the nation. The official figures for this report indicate that the Village has had a 62% reduction in crime. This figure is impressive to say the least and quantitative evidence of the accomplishments of our law enforcement team. We are all very proud.

Building a great team and having great success and accomplishment reducing crime requires teamwork and partnerships with the community. Our partnership with the community is embodied in our Crime Watch program led by Chuck Ross. He has brought an already great program to a new high by building an incredible team of residents who call and assist the police in every way. Our resident involvement in Crime Watch has earned the Village and Chuck many well deserved accolades and recognitions including the 2011 Outstanding Crime Watch Chairperson. Also recognized by Crime Watch was Commander Ray Atesiano in his nomination as Officer of the Year.

Finally, while we are proud of these accomplishments, there is much more to do and great opportunities to seize. We look forward to the future with great optimism that your police department will achieve even greater goals for the betterment of our community, so that all residents can enjoy a Village with great quality of life.

Antonio J. Sanchez
Assistant Chief of Police
Biscayne Park Police Dept.



The Village of Biscayne Park Police Department is working with the Parks & Recreation Department during the Halloween Fun House on Saturday, October 29th. The event at the Ed Burke Recreation Center is from 3:00pm to 5:00pm and our police officers will be providing assistance with parking in and around the park and with those walking to the park.

Then on Halloween, Monday, October 31st, our police officers will be out again throughout the entire Village on "pumpkin patrol" giving out candy and keeping a watchful eye on our trick or treaters.

We look forward to having a fun day for the kids on Saturday and a spooktacular Halloween night!



Parks & Recreation



Halloween Fun House

*****NEW DAY AND TIME*****

SATURDAY OCTOBER 29th , 3-5 pm

Our annual Halloween Fun House will take place on Saturday October 29th from 3-5 pm. This event is open to children ages 0-13, featuring games that are all about having fun and everyone is a winner! Resident children get in free and non-resident children are \$2.00. Everyone in attendance is sure to have a blast!

There will also be special awards given out throughout the event for creative and one of a kind costumes. Make sure you tell your ghostly friends and spooky neighbors about our new day and time !

**Have a fun and safe
Halloween.**

**Mark Your Calendar For These
SPECIAL EVENTS**

Village Market - November 19, 2011 8am- 2pm

Winter Fest - December 17, 2011 11am- 3pm

Movie Night - January 2012

NOTES

*For Info
(305)893-3711
recreation@
biscayneparkfl.gov*

Recreation Advisory Board

Got a great idea, concern or question regarding the Parks & Recreation Department? Come sit down with our Recreation Advisory Board, meetings are the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM inside the Ed Burke Recreation Center.

Facebook Page

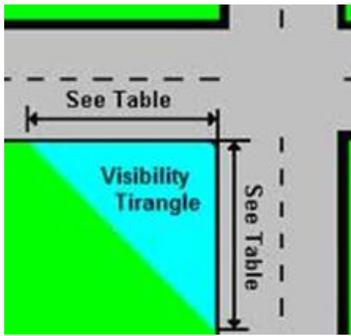
Make sure you visit our Facebook page and press the LIKE button so you can stay updated about all upcoming events, classes and programs. *(Village of Biscayne Park/ Parks & Recreation Department)*



We are excited to announce art classes for children and adults beginning this fall at our Ed Burke Recreation Center. Classes are open to all skill levels and all needed supplies will be provided. Details to be posted soon.

ATHLETICS

Our Youth Flag Football and Soccer programs our underway and participation is higher then ever. It is not too late to register your little athletes, with some of our players as young as four years old .



An Important Message from the Building & Code Enforcement Departments

Greetings from your Building and Code Enforcement Departments! As we welcome the arrival of the fall season we also welcome the realization that our lawns and hedges will not need to be cut as often. However, there are some areas in our Village that will continue to require year round maintenance, and those areas are the **Clear Visibility Triangles**.

For those who are wondering what a Visibility Triangle is, it's simple. Pedestrians and motorists passing through intersections, or backing out of driveways, must be able to see clearly around corners or both sides of the road, in order to avoid collisions. The ability to see around corners, or both sides of the road can be impaired by the growth of trees, plants, hedges and vehicle parking. Visibility triangle rules require that certain areas of the private property and the abutting Village right of way be maintained clear of visibility obstructions. Clear visibility at intersections and on the roads are a matter of life safety.

Section 5.4.1 of the Village's Code of Ordinances details the requirements that property owners must adhere to in regards to the visibility triangle.

Step outside and take a look around. Do you have any shrubbery or plants too close to the stop sign that is obstructing the motorist's view of the stop sign? Or of the oncoming traffic? Or perhaps you have a tree or bush that might need pruning? If so, now is the time to bring your property into compliance. Our Code Enforcement Department will be enforcing the visibility triangle regulations and courtesy notices will be issued accordingly.

If you are not sure if you fall into this category please do not hesitate to contact our Code Enforcement Department by e-mail at code@biscayneparkfl.gov, or by phone at 305-899-8000 to schedule an on-site inspection. We are grateful to all our residents for their cooperation and compliance. We wish all of you a happy autumn!

Sign Pollution – Not in Our Village!

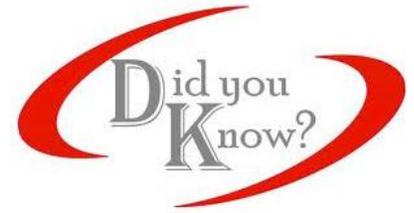
You've seen it everywhere throughout Miami Dade and Broward counties – signs selling products or services posted on every corner and on every traffic sign. ***But not in our Village!***

Both our Code Enforcement Division and our Police Department make sure that these types of signs are not posted anywhere in our Village. If one is found, they are immediately taken down. Just recently the Police Department contacted someone who "buys junk cars" in a reverse sting operation and that person walked away with nine vehicular citations. We're pretty sure he won't be posting any more signs here.

It is a violation of our Code of Ordinances to post any type of sign* on our medians, right of ways, traffic signs, utility poles, trees, etc. As a resident, you can help by notifying our Code Enforcement Department if you see any signs illegally posted. Send an e-mail to code@biscayneparkfl.gov, or call 305 899 8000. You can also help by NOT posting any types of signs such as for garage sales or lost pets. Help keep Biscayne Park ***"sign-pollution free"***



* Campaign signs are allowed, but must follow the requirements of our Code of Ordinances.



Miami-Dade County launched a new program to help residents deal with the high cost of prescription medications. Through a partnership with the National Association of Counties (NACo), the free Prescription Discount Card program provides area residents with a card that offers an average of 24 percent savings off the retail price of prescription medications.

The card can be used by those who do not have insurance or by those who have prescriptions not covered by insurance. The card can also be used on some pet medications and is accepted at 9 out of 10 pharmacies throughout the region.

The free discount cards may be used by all Miami-Dade residents, regardless of age, income or existing health coverage. The Miami-Dade Prescription Discount Cards are available at various County facilities and can also be printed from the Internet at www.caremark.com/naco. Residents can locate the nearest participating pharmacy from the same website or call toll-free at 1.877.321.2652 for assistance with the program.



Congratulations to Roscoe Tillman from our Public Works Department who celebrated his 37th anniversary working for the Village of Biscayne Park. Thank you Roscoe for your dedication and service to our residents!





From Your Public Works Department

Please be a responsible home owner and good neighbor by observing the following:

- ✔ Place your garbage and trash out on your scheduled days only and no earlier than 24 hours before pick up.
- ✔ Garbage must be bagged and placed in containers up to 36 gallons in size.
- ✔ Recycling is Wednesday only. Refer to the informative insert with this newsletter and know what materials can be recycled.
- ✔ Pick up empty garbage/trash cans promptly and store them out of sight.
- ✔ Lawn services or landscaping companies are to haul away all yard clippings.
- ✔ Call Public Works ahead of time for special pick ups (oversized or non-scheduled day) at 305 893 4346.
- ✘ Do not place a trash/yard debris pile greater than 2 cubic yards (3' x 3' x 6')
- ✘ Do not use a garbage or trash container larger than 36 gallons.
- ✘ Do not leave empty garbage or trash containers more than 24 hours after being serviced or out in plain view.
- ✘ Do not place building materials or hazardous materials in your trash pile for pick up.



Thank you!



North Miami Foundation Provides Services to Elderly Residents of Biscayne Park

Opening in 1974, the North Miami Foundation for Senior Citizens' Services started with "seniors helping seniors" and evolved into the multi-service agency it is today. The goal of the agency remains the same: **to help older people remain independent by providing the supportive services they need.** Services provided include:

- Home delivered meals for those who are not able to prepare a nutritionally balanced meal.
- Friendly visits and telephone calls by screened agency volunteers to increase social interaction.
- A weekly bus trip to the grocery store for those who no longer drive.
- Caregiver support services to help overburdened caregivers.
- Referrals to outside agencies for other needed services.

The minimum requirement is that someone must be at least 60 years of age and live within our area. If you are having trouble or are concerned about someone else who lives in the area, call (305) 893-1450 or send an email to info@nmf620.org. Also visit the agency's website at www.nmf620.org

Thanks again,
Debbie Kleinberg
North Miami Foundation
for Senior Citizens' Services, Inc.

A component of Crime Watch is the Biscayne Park Neighborhood Network that provides resources for our special needs and elderly neighbors. Please contact our Crime Watch Coordinator, Chuck Ross, if you or someone you know can benefit from these services, or if you would like to volunteer. E-mail to: biscaynepark_crimewatch@yahoo.com



To join Crime Watch, please e-mail: biscaynepark_crimewatch@yahoo.com



Top: Chuck Ross, Crime Watch Coordinator of the Year (at podium) surrounded by Biscayne Park Crime Watch members and Village Commission.
Bottom: Chief Mitchell Glansberg, Commanders Larry Churchman and Ray Atesiano accepting Click or Ticket trophy from Terrance Schiavone, NHTSA Regional Administrator.



Biscayne Park History

An excerpt from "How our Village Came Into Being", taken from Mayor Ed Burke's Address to the Biscayne Park Civic Club on February 13, 1990

The first town meeting was held on December 31, 1931, and 85 of the people living in the area attended. During that meeting Mr. T.B Baumgartner was selected as town marshal. On March 4, 1941, the Village accepted a North Miami Police agreement to furnish patrol service to 20 miles a day at a cost of \$1,000 per year.

In November 1946, the Village started an auxiliary police force. A Mr. Simmons was in charge and he spent \$7.50 for shirts, \$15.00 for trousers, \$3.00 for caps, \$13.50 for handcuffs and \$2.50 for blackjacks (old style police baton). In December of the same year, the commission authorized the construction of a room for the police on the south side of the log cabin.

In August 1947, the records show that

the police department consisted of two full time men, one man four hours a day. Commissioner Howard asked for permission and was granted to be the acting Chief of Police. Then in June 1949, the Commission met with North Miami and entered into an agreement with them for full police protection with a police car assigned to the Village plus an officer on a bicycle with a walkie talkie to patrol from 10pm to 6am. The annual cost was \$6,000.

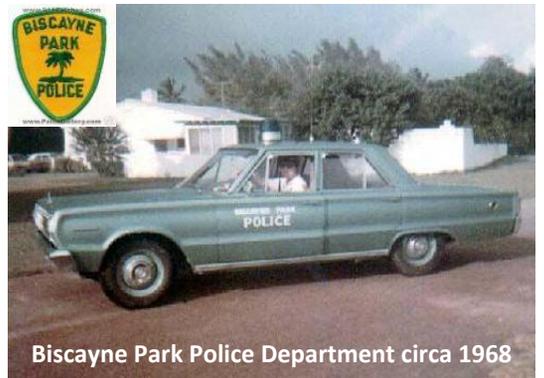
In 1952, the agreement with North Miami was cancelled and Commissioner George Washington was charged with hiring three police officers, a car and uniforms. At the December 2, 1952 meeting, Mr. Boeschell and Mr. Platt were introduced as the first two officers of the Village of Biscayne Park Police Department, with Mr. Boeschell later being appointed as the Chief.

In February 1953, the department made their first police report: 30 calls, all minor in nature, worked four accidents, no summons issued, and 92 cars inspected.

Back then, you would take your car to Village Hall, pay 50 cents and you would blow the horn, turn on the windshield wipers and get an "ok".

In the May 1967 commission meeting, Mayor Burke announced a new edition to the police force. No uniforms needed and he would work real cheap. All that was needed was \$15 to feed him. His name was Warlock, a Doberman Pinscher. Warlock was acquired from K9 Inc. of Hialeah.

Hope you enjoyed the history of our police department. The Village was proud of their force back then as we are of our force today.



This month marks the launch of UPTOWN SOUTH FLORIDA magazine. This three-time per year publication (fall 2011, winter 2011, spring/summer 2012) is a core part of the initiative to brand Northeast Miami-Dade County as Uptown.

Believing that a sum is greater than its parts, Uptown strives to bring together all of the towns, cities, villages and communities that make up Northeast Miami-Dade --

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With a circulation of 20,000, UPTOWN SOUTH FLORIDA magazine will reach both the residents and visitors of Uptown – 10,000 copies will be inserted into the home-delivery copies of *The Miami Herald* in late October; 1,000 will be inserted in Welcome Bags to be distributed at realtors, development/sales offices, government centers and chamber of commerces; the remaining copies will be distributed via quality-controlled circulation at the area's condos, restaurants, spas/salons, gyms and other key locations.

If you are interested in learning more about UPTOWN SOUTH FLORIDA magazine and/or to place an ad in the winter 2011 please contact: Sondra Marcus, Advertising Sales Director, sondra28@bellsouth.net, 954.457.1140.

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Code Enforcement (M-F 9am-5pm)
(305) 899 8000

Public Works (M-F 9am-4pm)
(305) 893 4346

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