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Electronic Newsletter

"To Provide a Safe, Quality Community Environment for all Islanders through Responsible Government"

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Winterfest Eve

Date: Dec. 4, 2010
Time: 6:00-10:00 pm
Place: Village Green

Winterfest

Date: Dec. 5, 2010
Time: 4:00-7:30 pm
Place: Village Green

Village Council Meeting

Date: Dec. 7, 2010
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Council Chamber

Winterfest Boat Parade

Date: Dec. 11, 2010
Time: 6:00-8:30 pm
Place: No Name Harbor, Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park

Dec. Bulky Waste

December 2010



Village Council Election Results

The Village would like to thank our three outgoing elected officials: Mayor Robert L. Vernon, Councilman Jorge E. Mendia, and Councilman Thomas Thornton for their dedication and support to bettering our Community.



Congratulations to: Councilman Michael Davey re-elected on November 2; Mayra Pena Lindsay and James Taintor who were newly elected to four-year terms. Seven candidates competed for three seats. Two seats were open due to former Councilmembers Jorge Mendia and Thomas Thornton reaching their term limits. Franklin H. Caplan ran unopposed for Mayor and will succeed Robert Vernon for a two-year term. The new members were sworn in at the Council Installation Ceremony on November 10, 2010, and attended their first Council meeting on November 16.

Stay Prepared During Hurricane Season

The Atlantic hurricane season has been quiet so far for South Florida; however, storms continue to form, especially in the Caribbean Basin. Residents and property owners are encouraged to remain vigilant through the end



Pick-up Week

Dates: Dec. 13-17, 2010

Season's Greetings Luncheon for Village Residents

Date: Dec. 16, 2010

Time: 12:00 noon

Place: Community Center

Movies on the Green

Date: Dec. 17, 2010

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Village Green

Christmas Eve: Village Offices Closed, Community Center Open 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Date: Dec. 24, 2010

Christmas Day: Community Center Closed

Date: Dec. 25, 2010

New Year's Eve: Village Offices Closed, Community Center Open 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Date: Dec. 31, 2010

New Year's Day: Community Center Closed

Date: Jan. 1, 2011

Village Council Meeting

Date: Jan. 11, 2011

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Council Chamber

January Bulky Waste & Christmas Tree Pick-up Week

of season on November 30. Visit the [Village website's Hurricane and Flood Information section](#) for updated material for the 2010 season. Key Biscayne is in a "Special Flood Hazard Area" owing to its island setting and low elevation, flooding from storm surges and rainfall is a major threat. By knowing your vulnerability and what actions you should take, you can reduce the effects of a storm on your property and yourself. These reminders are especially important since we have not experienced a significant flood event in several years.

Sign-Up for a Babysitter's Training Course

The American Red Cross will offer Key Biscayne youth a Babysitter's Training Course on Saturday, December 11 at the Community Center. The course will provide young people who are planning to babysit with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly give care for children and infants. This training will help participants to develop leadership skills, learn how to develop a babysitting business, keep themselves and others safe, help children behave and learn about basic child care and first aid. Space is limited and pre-registration is required by Friday, December 3. More information is available at www.activeislander.org.

Hook-up Guidelines to New Sewer System Online

Almost all property owners are able to hook up to the new sewer system as of June 30, 2010. Water service to all homes is from new ductile iron pipes. For maps of the Zones, sewer hook-up guidelines, requirements for mandatory connections and contact information should you have questions, visit the [WSR News article at the Village website](#).

West Wood Traffic Calming Project Underway

Construction on this project began on Monday, October 25, 2010. Two speed tables and two traffic circles were designed at different intersections to increase public safety in the area. All have been completely installed and are functioning according to design. The project is 98% complete; ahead of schedule and within budget. The contractor demobilized on Wednesday, 11/24/2010, in time for the Thanksgiving Weekend. Landscaping will follow shortly.

KBPD Launches Golf Cart Safety Campaign

On October 18, 2010, The Key Biscayne Police Department initiated an education and enforcement campaign to ensure the safety of all

Dates: Jan. 10-14, 2011

Village Council Meeting (Zoning)

Date: Jan. 25, 2011

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Council Chamber

Pension Board Meeting

Date: Jan. 27, 2010

Time: 5:30 pm

Place: Council Chamber

More information on these events is available at the Village website Event Calendar

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citizens who are currently operating golf carts within the community. The initiative includes an effort to reduce the number of golf carts traveling on Crandon Boulevard. Access from Fernwood Road to commercial properties at 200, 240 and 348 Crandon is now available due to efforts by the Village in cooperation with the property owners.

The first phase of the campaign aims to educate golf cart users on the Village Golf Cart Ordinance, and encourage them to use the Fernwood access points. Warnings are being issued to violators of the Ordinance. At the end of November, the second phase will begin. Success of the first phase will be evaluated to determine whether more education is needed or if enforcement will begin. Data on the number of warnings issued in October are available at the related [Village website news article](#).

Plans for 530 Crandon Park Moving Forward

After an extensive review of consultants who applied to be the planners for the proposed park at 530 Crandon, the Village Council selected Savino Miller Design Studio. Their recommendations will likely be submitted to Council in March 2011. The consultants were tasked with designing a park that achieves the following vision statement. "Civic Center Park is the gateway to the Civic Center."

As such, the use, appearance and design of this park will form the first impression of the Civic Center and a lasting impression of the Village. The overall objective for Civic Center Park is to achieve a creative, innovative design that produces a unique experience for our residents and visitors. The design of the park should be timeless and relate to surrounding functions of government, recreation, and open space. Consideration should be given to day and evening functions, shade, minimizing sound coming from the traffic on Crandon Boulevard, safety, and the ability of visitors in the park to sit and view the surrounding activities in this urban environment, and still maintain a feeling of tranquility and Key Biscayne's laid back island environment. The design should be aesthetically integrated into the Civic Center while serving as an upscale urban park. It should embrace the vibrancy of the Civic Center, energy, and spirit of the Village."

Village Department News You Can Use

Administration/Finance:

The [Village Capital Improvements Plan \(CIP\) for FY 2011-15 is now available online](#) (at the Document Center) as an Excel spreadsheet. Projects are listed for each fiscal year in the 5-Year Schedule that

was approved by Council on September 29, 2010.

Building, Zoning and Planning:

The Department is glad to report that Code Enforcement has received fewer complaints about abandoned or vacant lots and overgrown sites compared to prior years. Improved maintenance of construction sites improved by 75%. Should you notice any hazardous or unsightly conditions at properties within the Village, please call (305) 365-7563.

Parks and Recreation:

Kick-off the holiday season at two luncheons sponsored by the Village and the A.S.K. Club! Both the "Give Thanks" Luncheon on November 18 and the "Season's Greetings" Luncheon on December 16 will take place at 12:00 noon in the 2nd Floor Island Room of the Community Center. Enjoy food, fun, music, and much more for a suggested donation of \$5. All proceeds will go to local charities.

Police:

Residents and visitor's are reminded to please drive carefully, especially in school zones and construction zones. The speed limit on Village streets is 20 mph except for Crandon Boulevard and Harbor Drive where vehicles may drive up to 30 mph. Infants, toddlers, and young children must be properly restrained in car seats and booster seats, as described here. Florida law also requires that drivers wear seatbelts. Child restraint and seatbelt safety tips can be found [here](#).

Public Works:

Christmas tree pick-up in single-family residential areas will be the week of January 10-14, 2011. Please remove all decorations! As in past years, Public Works will pick-up trees from the swales in front of multi-family buildings as a courtesy to residents. Please contact the Department at (305) 365-8945 in December for updates.

Comments? Questions? Suggestions? Send an email to jmedina@keybiscayne.fl.gov

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