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Community Background Report

Village of Biscayne Park

County

Miami-Dade

Boundaries

North: 121st Street

South: 107th Street

West: Biscayne Canal/ Griffin Boulevard

East: 11th Place

Community Type

Municipality

History

Before its incorporation, Biscayne Park was mainly tomato farms. The land was first subdivided by Arthur Griffing in 1921, which became a plat called Griffing Biscayne Park Estates. The first official meeting of the town council was held on January 7, 1932. At this meeting it declared the corporate limits of Biscayne Park to be a bird sanctuary making it unlawful to shoot, trap, or in any manner destroy birds. The Village of Biscayne Park was incorporated in 1933 and adopted its slogan "A village of homes".

Biscayne Park Village continues to remain completely residential and is dedicated to its residents. Biscayne Park's mission statement states: To provide the most efficient public services to our community and to work to the heritage, charm, and way of life that has been the identity of Biscayne Park since its inception. The city's village hall was constructed in 1933 and currently serves as the town hall and police station.

Community Dynamics

In the early years of the communities' existence, Biscayne Park was segregated into regular quarters for the majority and the "black" quarters for its Black and Hispanic population. Since

then Biscayne Park has become one of the more well-blended municipalities in Miami-Dade County with regards to citizen interaction among different ethnicities.

Although 12% percent of Biscayne Parks' population is below the poverty line, Biscayne Park is statistically one of the safest municipalities in Miami-Dade County. The community has dedicated a tremendous amount of time to the completion of their new recreation center and ensuring that it positively contributes to the vision of Biscayne Park's founders. The community has also taken an extra step to preserve its green space as well as offering citizens a variety of recreation opportunities.

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