



# Bay Harbor Islands

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**NewsWaves**

## A Message from the Mayor

### Do Your Shopping In BHI for the Holidays

The annual hustle-and-bustle of the year-end holidays is upon us. We are encouraging residents to make our business district “merry and bright” by shopping first in Bay Harbor Islands. Before taking a trip to a crowded mall, visit the stores along Kane Concourse and discover the variety of products and services that are available: clothes, apparel and accessories; pet products and services; jewelry, cigars, beauty and cosmetic gifts, children’s items, gift certificates for personal services, and more. As an extra incentive, Bay Harbor Islands will be providing free parking on Kane Concourse from Monday, December 15th until Saturday, January 3, 2015.

If you work up an appetite while shopping, stop into one of the restaurants in Town and enjoy a meal with family and friends during the holidays.

While shopping, remember that the Town is collecting Toys for Tots this season. Please drop off your unwrapped gift in the box at Town Hall by Friday, December 19th.

In the January edition of the newsletter, we will provide a general review of the Town’s activities and accomplishments in 2014. Until then, here are a few updates of interest for residents. While the Town has completed the conversion of our toll system to SunPass, there is still a lot of activity on the Broad Causeway and bridge. All of the lanes will be repaved and opened, once the former toll building and parking lot are removed. The area will be replaced with landscaping and grass. Further to the east, refurbishing and maintenance work on the drawbridge will soon begin. This project was funded, in part, by a \$1 million state grant.

Watch for information, in the near future, on the opening of our new multi-use park on 98th Street. Just two blocks from Town Hall, this facility is sure to become a popular meeting point for families, children, and their pet dogs.

On behalf of the staff and elected officials of Bay Harbor Islands, I wish residents happy holidays, and a joyous, productive 2015.

*-Bob*



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### Free Parking on Kane Concourse, From Dec. 15th - Jan. 3rd

It is a Bay Harbor Islands tradition to promote holiday shopping by offering free parking on Kane Concourse. This season, the tradition continues. From **December 15 through January 3, 2015** residents are encouraged to enjoy free parking on Kane Concourse.

*Happy Holidays!*  
- Bay Harbor Islands

# First Annual Halloween Parade and Carnival a Treat for BHI

Hundreds of children and their parents enjoyed a fun-filled Halloween afternoon, that included a costume parade through the business district and a free carnival at the grassy lot at 1177 Kane Concourse. With a police escort, the parade started at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center and continued on both sides of Kane Concourse. Employees and business owners were out on the sidewalks to give candy to the passing crowd. The parade

ended at the carnival, which included games, photos, music, refreshments, and arts and crafts. The event was hosted by the Town of Bay Harbor Islands, together with the BHI Business District, and the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce.



## Apply for Beautification Award in December



The Bay Harbor Islands Environmental Committee has established the First Annual Bay Harbor Islands Beautification Award with honors going to both single family homes and multi-unit properties. Winners will receive a trophy and a plaque and will be recognized on the BHI town website and in the newsletter. The application period is December 1-31, 2014. Applications are available at Town Hall, 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace.

The winners will be selected by the Environmental Impact Committee, at their February 2015 meeting, and the awards presented at the BHI Town Picnic in April 2015.

Thank you for making BHI more beautiful!

## SunPass Tips For Traveling the Broad Causeway

Residents should follow these tips for use of the SunPass while crossing the Broad Causeway:

- Make sure you have an active SunPass account, with a minimum balance of \$10, and a functioning transponder. Older, battery-operated SunPass units should be replaced by new ones.
- SunPass Transponders must be properly installed on the windshield, or the SunPass in-lane equipment may not read it. Handholding or placing the SunPass Portable transponder on the dashboard may work sometimes, but will not work all the time.
- You may use your SunPass Portable transponder (the ones with suction cups) on multiple vehicles, as long as the vehicle and license plate are listed on your SunPass account. The SunPass Mini Sticker transponder needs to be permanently affixed to the inside of the windshield of just one vehicle to function.

For more information on SunPass, visit [www.sunpass.com/faq](http://www.sunpass.com/faq) or call 888-TOLLFLA. To purchase an Annual Pass Plan for Broad Causeway, call (305) 866-6241.



# Toys for Tots!

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands is collecting new unwrapped toys to be distributed to needy children during the holiday season. Please bring your toys to Town Hall by Friday, December 19, 2014.

## Bay Harbor Islands Hosts First Annual Snow Day

Children and families are invited to attend the first annual Bay Harbor Islands Snow Day. The fun-filled event will include food, games, rides and, of course, SNOW!

Sunday, January 11, 2015  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
1177 Kane Concourse



For more information, contact Town Hall at (305) 866-6241.

## OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

Watch Elf at the Dec. 13 Outdoor Movie

Just in time for the holidays, the comedy *Elf* will be presented at the Outdoor Movie Night, 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 13th at the vacant lot at 1177 Kane Concourse. Remember to bring your blanket or chair for a fun evening under the stars.

Admission and parking is free and children must be accompanied by an adult. *Plan now to attend!* For more information, contact Town Hall at (305) 866-6241 or visit the Town website: [www.bayharborislands.org](http://www.bayharborislands.org).



## Computer Class for Seniors

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands will, once again, host Computer Classes for Seniors at Town Hall. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Town Hall at (305) 866-6241.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**2015 Bay Harbor Islands 9th Annual 5K/10 Run & Walk**  
**SUNDAY, FEB. 1, 2015**  
 Look for information in the January newsletter

## A Night of Comedy



## with Chasing Tales

Jan. 31, 2015  
8:30 PM  
Tickets: \$15.00

Chasing Tales Comedy Improv Troupe returns to Bay Harbor Islands on January 31st, with their newest piece, *La Enriqueta!* Miami's second-oldest improv troupe, Chasing Tales, will be bringing their newest piece, *La Enriqueta*, an homage to Miami's diversity with a decidedly Latin flavor, to the Bay Harbor Islands Town Council Chambers on Saturday, January 31st. Enjoy a pre-show dinner at one of the restaurants in Town, then come on over for the show! Tickets are very limited, so secure your ticket now at <http://tickets.chasingtalesonline.com> or at Town Hall, 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace. For more information, call (305) 866-6241.

## Storytime at the Park

December 5: Stories & Magic with Merlina  
December 19: Stories with Miss Nancy  
1st and 3rd Fridays at 4 p.m. at the Bay Harbor Islands Tot Lot (north of Kane Concourse on West Broadview Drive)



Free. Bring your blanket or chair. Call Town Hall (305) 866-6241 or visit the Town's website: [www.bayharborislands.org](http://www.bayharborislands.org)

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## Upcoming Meetings

The Town Council welcomes your attendance at meetings. Regular Council meetings are scheduled for the second Monday of the month at 7 pm and the regular scheduled Planning & Zoning Board meetings are scheduled for the first and third Tuesday at 6 pm. To confirm all dates and times, contact the Town Clerk's Office at 305-866-6241. All meetings, unless regarding topics specifically exempt by state law, are open to the public.

- Planning & Zoning Board – Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m.
- **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WILL NOT BE HELD IN DECEMBER**
- Planning & Zoning Board – Monday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m.

The following future meeting dates are tentative and subject to change. Please check the Town's website, [www.bayharborislands.org](http://www.bayharborislands.org).

- Regular Council Meetings: January 12, 2015, February 9, 2015 and March 9, 2015.
- Planning & Zoning Board Meetings: January 6 & 20, 2015; and February 3 & 17, 2015.

**Committee meeting dates and times to be announced**

**ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

## Highlights from Nov. 10th Council Meeting

- Approval of an ordinance on **second reading** amending the RM-3 Multiple-Family District to change the definition to delete balconies from being calculated as part of the building coverage.
- Approval of an ordinance on **first reading** removing the commercial component from the RM-3 Multi-Family District.
- Approval of a resolution by Council Member Leonard urging the Board of County Commission of Miami-Dade County to amend the Miami-Dade County Historic Preservation ordinance to allow municipalities the opportunity to enact their own historic preservation ordinances at any time.
- Approval of a resolution requested by Council Member Fuller opposing the proposed development of approximately 88 acres of Pine Rockland generally located along SW 152 Street and SW 127 Avenue.
- Approval of contract extension BC 128 to LMP Pipe renewal, LLC for repairs to the sewer laterals clay hubs.
- Approval to "piggy back" off a contract from the City of Miami for a design build agreement for the completion of BHI Community Center.
- Approval to award cleaning contract for Town Hall and other public buildings to SunCity Cleaning Services, Inc. for a total amount of \$17,806.42
- Approval to extend the Waste Management Contract for two more years.