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Despite the tragedies and disasters still on the minds of many, I wanted to focus this month mostly on some of the positive things going on in BHI.

I want to first thank Miami Beach Senior High Principal Dr. Maria Rodriguez and her wonderful staff for hosting me during this year's Ethical Governance Day. Every year, I volunteer one day at Beach High to teach seniors about local government and the importance of participating. Coordinated by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics, it matches community leaders with classes throughout the County.

The October Council Meeting was productive. We began a public dialogue with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools on alleviating school overcrowding at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center. We will soon have an agreement to check that all children that enroll are within the schools designated boundary. In addition, your Town Council was diligent in also discussing the new \$9 million addition to be built over the basketball courts and issues with the current school. Thank you to all of the parents that came to hear and support this important issue.

I am also very happy to report that a meeting with the leadership of the Village of Miami Shores was productive and the Town Council has authorized the Manager to begin open discussions with their Council to share their pool, including programming like swimming lessons. While this is not the same as building our own pool, it is a worthy alternative than no community pool at all. Thank you to Miami Shores Mayor Mac Adam Glinn for working with me on this possible partnership.

I want to encourage any resident or business owner that had damage or a loss due to the hurricane to remember to file a claim with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and/or the Small Business Administration (SBA). The first of several deadlines is November 9th for applying for assistance for physical damage with FEMA. The Federal Government may be able to help with grants and low interest loans for homeowners and similar loans for business owners. Though you are not obligated to take any assistance, you will not be allowed to apply after the deadlines have passed. If you had a loss, you can apply online at...

www.disasterassistance.gov

You can also apply over the phone by calling FEMA at 1-800-621-FEMA or SBA at 1-800-659-2955 for their Home/Property Disaster Loan and Business Disaster Loan programs.

Lastly, our deepest condolences go out to the Telesco family on their recent loss. Tom Telesco, who served on the Planning & Zoning Board for the past four years, will be missed. A gifted architect and kind man, Tom touched the lives of many through his own projects and by volunteering to improve the future homes in Bay Harbor Islands.



TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE

9/11 First Responders Honored by Town

Bay Harbor Islands is unusual in that four members of the Town staff were working together as first responders in New York on September 11, 2001. Many of their co-workers lost their lives that day when the World Trade Center towers collapsed in a terrorist attack. BHI Police Officers Jamy Murphy and Michael LaMantia, Director of Code Compliance Patrick Prendergast and Town Manager Ronald Wasson were honored with special plaques for their courage and heroism on that day.



(L-R) Council member Isaac Salver, Council member Elizabeth Tricoche, BHI Police Officer Jamy Murphy, Council member Kelly Reid, BHI Police Officer Michael LaMantia, Director of Code Compliance Patrick Prendergast, Town Manager Ronald Wasson, Vice Mayor Stephanie Bruder, Council member Josh Fuller, Mayor Jordan W. Leonard and Council member Robert Yaffe.

BHI Participates in MDCLC Best Practices Conference

Bay Harbor Islands elected officials and administrative staff recently attended the Miami-Dade County League of Cities annual Best Practices Conference. The event provides an opportunity for municipalities to share ideas and learn from successful programs and projects implemented throughout the County. Mayor Jordan W. Leonard served as Moderator for a panel discussing short term rentals and how they impact neighborhoods. Council member Isaac Salver also served as a panelist on *Communicating the Financial Picture of Local Governments*.



(L-R) Panelists Aaron McKinney, Legislative Analyst, Miami-Dade County Commission, District 1; Mayor Jordan W. Leonard; Francisco J. Garcia, Director of City of Miami's Planning & Zoning Department and John Greco, Deputy City Attorney for the City of Miami.

Long-Time School Principal Recognized

Dr. Maria Rodriguez served as Principal of Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center for 10 years, making a positive impression on thousands of students. Her professionalism, dedication and love for the children helped to make the school one of the best in the County and state. Earlier this year she was promoted to be Principal of Miami Beach Senior High School, where she was reunited with many of her former students. The Town Council recognized Dr. Rodriguez with a plaque and proclamation stating October 16, 2017 as Dr. Maria Rodriguez Day.



Dr. Maria Rodriguez and Mayor Jordan W. Leonard.

VETERANS DAY BLOCK PARTY & BARBEQUE

JOIN US IN HONORING ALL WHO SERVED!
BRING YOUR EARS AND YOUR APPETITES
& COME ON DOWN TO OUR ANNUAL
VETERANS DAY BLOCK PARTY
ON BAY HARBOR TERRACE!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 FROM 1-4 PM

MAYOR JOSEPH J. GARDNER
GOVERNMENT CENTER
9665 BAY HARBOR TERRACE
BAY HARBOR ISLANDS, FL 33154



Council Member Salver Elected 2nd VP of Florida League

At the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference, the general membership of the Florida League of Cities elected Bay Harbor Islands Councilman Isaac Salver as 2nd Vice President for 2017-18. As an executive officer, he will help lead the membership of more than 400 cities, towns and villages across the Sunshine state. The position typically implies a three-year commitment with one year as 2nd Vice President followed by a year as 1st Vice President and then one year at the helm as President of the organization.

Founded in 1922, the Florida League of Cities is the united voice for Florida's municipal governments. The members of this association of municipal governments work together to share best practices, advance professional development and insure that state and national positions promote the vitality of local government. Its goals are to serve the needs of Florida's cities and to promote and protect local self-government, as provided by the Florida Constitution under the Home Rule Powers Act enacted by the Florida Legislature in 1973.



Council member Isaac Salver addresses the attendees at the Florida League of Cities business meeting.



Congratulating Council Member Salver are (L-R) Miami Gardens Councilwoman Felicia Robinson, Miami Gardens Legislative Aide Kevin N. Brown, BHI Council member Isaac Salver, Bal Harbour Vice Mayor Seth Salver, Baby Ana Salver, El Portal Mayor Claudia V. Cubillos, Surfside Commissioner Tina Paul, North Bay Village Mayor Connie Leon-Kreps and Arhlene Ayalin.



The new leaders of the Florida League of Cities are (L-R) First VP Leo Longworth (Vice Mayor, Bartow); President Gil Ziffer (Mayor Pro Tem, Tallahassee) and Second VP Isaac Salver (Council member, Bay Harbor Islands).



MORRIS N. BROAD COMMUNITY CENTER

TAKE NOTE OF OUR NEW HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8 am - 8 pm; Saturday & Sunday: 10 am - 6 pm

ACTIVE SENIORS

Free Book Club is a program for adults and seniors. The next meeting will be Thursday, November 30 at 6:30 pm. Enjoy coffee and conversation as the club discusses *Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton. The iconic novel focuses on Newland Archer and his recent engagement to the beautiful debutante May Welland. However, his world is thrown upside down by the sensational arrival of May's cousin, Countess Ellen Olenska.

Game Day and Social • Wednesday, November 1 and November 18 at 10 am

There has been a lot of interest in playing Bridge lately, so join us at the Morris N. Broad Community Center on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Enjoy conversation, cards and board games. Play bridge, mahjong, chess, rummy and checkers. Refreshments will be available.

Due to the holiday, there will be no Senior Matinée Movie in November

YOUTH

Our game room is OPEN! Come play on our new Ping-Pong table, basketball shooter game and classic board games. Note the new game room hours: Friday 3:30-5 pm; Saturday and Sunday 12-4 pm



A Pee-Wee Soccer session will take place from October 9 to December 2, 2017. The 8-week session will be held on Mondays for ages 12-24 and age 3; on Wednesday for ages 2 and ages 4-5 years. Costs are \$120 residents/\$160 non-residents.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Still haven't registered your child for our Afterschool Programs? It's okay, there is still time! Come to the Morris Broad Community and register today! Any Questions, please called the Morris N. Broad Community Center at: 786-646-9970

Are you interested in what is happening in the Community Center? Call today for more information, (786) 646-9970 or check us out on Facebook at @BHICommunityServices!



On Facebook?

So are we! See what is happening now at the Morris N. Broad Community Center. Go to www.facebook.com and search for @BHICommunityServices. Get access to Community Events, Youth Athletic Highlights and New Updates.

For more information about the Community Services Department, call the Morris N. Broad Community Center at (786) 646-9970.



BHI SPECIAL EVENTS

ACTIVE SENIORS ON THE GO

NOVEMBER: FESTIVAL FLEA MARKET

Tuesday November 28th. We will be leaving the Morris N. Broad Community Center at 10 am and returning by 3:30pm. Festival Marketplace Mall is a unique air conditioned indoor shopping location with hundreds of merchants selling all types of new products. Join us for this fun shopping trip.



Please contact the Morris N. Broad Community Center for more information and to register 786-646-9970.

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

On Saturday November 18, 2017 Bay Harbor Islands will host Outdoor Movie Night at 7pm, featuring the *Lego Batman Movie*. The movie and parking are FREE and take place at the vacant lot at 1177 Kane Concourse. Rated: PG, 100 minutes. Remember to bring your chair or blanket.



NEW PROGRAM

WEEKEND SOCCER STARS

This is the newest addition to the Bay Harbor Islands soccer offerings and is an exciting program to give children an added boost to their soccer performance. The Weekend Soccer Stars program is an 8-week session, once a week.

The costs are \$120 residents/\$160 non-residents.
Saturdays: 2 year-olds, 4-5 year-olds, 3 year-olds and 6-8 year-olds.
Sundays: 3 year olds, 4-5 year olds and 6-8 year olds



STORYTIME

FIRST & THIRD FRIDAY AT TOT LOT

Merlina the Magical Storyteller at 4 p.m.

- Friday, November 3
- Friday, October 18

At the Town Tot Lot, located north of 96th Street on West Broadview Drive



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Email the Council



Search for "BHI Connect" in the Apple App store or "Bay Harbor Islands BHIConnect" in Google Play.

BAY HARBOR FARMERS MARKET COMES TO TOWN ON NOVEMBER 5 AND 19

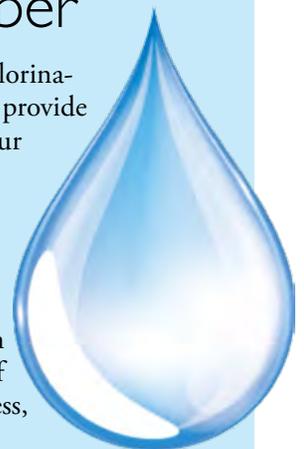
The Bay Harbor Farmers Market will be open on the first and third Sundays, November 5 and 19 from 9 am - 2 pm. The Harbor Market proudly announces Urban Oasis Produce has joined our Markets as our premier produce vendor. There will be organic local grown produce, eggs, chicken, goat milk and more! More information is at Harbor Markets Facebook Page <https://m.facebook.com/harbormarketsllc.org>



Annual County Treatment of Water in November

The Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD) will temporarily change its method of chlorination at each of its regional water treatment facilities. Specifically, free chlorine treatment will be used to provide a somewhat stronger disinfection and bleaching process than the treatment which is normally used at our regional water plants. This change in treatment will occur beginning November 6, 2017 and continue through November 19, 2017. During this period, consumers may experience unusual chlorine taste or odor in the tap water. However, these temporary conditions will not cause adverse health effects. This periodic change in chlorine treatment has taken place annually and will ensure adequate disinfection levels in the water.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience our customers may experience during this period, keeping in mind that this task is part of our ongoing effort to provide a safe, potable water supply to the citizens of Miami-Dade County. If you have any questions regarding the temporary change in the treatment process, please call WASD at 786-522-4713.



POLICE BEAT

Bay Harbor Islands Rated Among Safest Towns in Florida

Bay Harbor Islands and its outstanding Police Department can take a bow!

Based on the 2015 FBI crime report, Bay Harbor Islands has been rated as the **eleventh** safest municipality in Florida according to Safewise, a home security and safety website that compiled and distributed the data. The statistics include property and violent crimes per 1,000 residents. Bay Harbor Islands had less than one violent crime (.49) per 1,000 residents and just over 10 property crimes per 1,000 residents.



While five other South Florida cities made the top 20 for safety, they were in Broward, Palm Beach and Collier Counties. Bay Harbor Islands was the only municipality within Miami-Dade County.

To identify the twenty safest cities in Florida, researchers reviewed the 2015 FBI crime report statistics and population data. Cities with fewer than 3,000 residents were eliminated. The final 20 cities were based on the number of reported violent crimes (aggravated assault, murder, rape, and robbery) and property crimes (burglary, arson, larceny-theft and motor vehicle theft). For more information go to www.safewise.com.

BHI REMEMBERS FORMER POLICE OFFICER

Bay Harbor Islands was saddened to hear of the passing of one of the Town's former Police Officers, Leopoldo C. Morabito. Police Officer Morabito served from June of 1985 to June of 2000. Please keep the Morabito family in your prayers. Members of the BHIPD honor guard traveled to his home in Live Oak, Florida to pay respects for the fallen officer who served Bay Harbor Islands with dedication and distinction.

Drop Off Puerto Rico Relief Items at BHI Community Center

Those wanting to help residents of Puerto Rico after the damages from Hurricane Maria can drop off items at the BHI Community Center on Mondays during the month of November from 10 am to 6 pm at 1175 95th Street. Specific items needed are nonperishable foods, hygiene products, household items, paper products, water, tents, generators and new socks and underwear. No used clothing. Volunteers who can help sort and load trucks any day of the week 10 am to 6 pm are also needed. For more information, contact Lisa Hernandez (786) 459-0787.



BOBCAT CORNER

ACTIVITIES AT RKBBH K-8 CENTER



SCOTT SAPERSTEIN TAKES THE REINS AT RKBBH K-8

Bay Harbor Islands gives a warm welcome to the new Principal of RKBBH K-8 Scott Saperstein. Mr. Saperstein, who previously served as principal of Virginia A. Boone Highlands Oaks Elementary for four years, takes the place of Dr. Maria Rodriguez who is now Principal of Miami Beach Senior High. Principal Saperstein was appointed over the summer and is already working closely with the faculty, students and parents to continue with the school's many years of success.



Drug Free Focus During Red Ribbon Week

Students at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center pledged to support a drug-free community during Red Ribbon Week 2017. The National Red Ribbon Week theme is *Your Future Is Key, So Stay Drug Free*. With a different dress-up theme every day – sports, patriotism, twins, Hawaiian, red ribbons – the students had fun while raising awareness and funds. In 1988, the National Family Partnership sponsored the first National Red Ribbon Celebration. Today, the Red Ribbon serves as a catalyst to mobilize communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities.

Jordan W. Leonard
Mayor

Stephanie Bruder
Vice Mayor

Joshua D. Fuller
Council member

Kelly Reid
Council member

Isaac Salver
Council member

Elizabeth Tricoche
Council member

Robert Yaffe
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Ronald J. Wasson
Town Manager

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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 7 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, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting – Monday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Board – Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m.

The following future meeting dates are tentative and subject to change. Check the Town's website, www.bayharborislands-fl.gov.

- Regular Council Meeting:
Monday, January 8, 2018
- Planning & Zoning Board Meetings:
December 5, 2017

ALL MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Action on Oct. 16, 2017 Council Meeting

- **Approval** of an ordinance on **second** reading amending Section 5-5 of the Town Code regarding the current parking plan for construction sites in Town.

Anticipated Discussion Items for Nov. 13, 2017 Council Meeting

At the time of printing. All items are subject to change.

- **Approval** of an ordinance on **second** reading increasing the base and flow charges for sewer service.
- **Approval** of an ordinance on **second** reading increasing the monthly charge for water service.
- **Consideration** and **Approval** of an ordinance on **first** reading to regarding undergrounding of service lines.