



Bay Harbor Islands



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Welcome back ... again. Post Hurricane Irma has shown that Bay Harbor Islands was well prepared. Within days our streets were clean, power was on and, yes, even cable came back. A quick drive through South Florida gives one a glimpse of how we might have fared if not for the effective and coordinated team we have here in Bay Harbor Islands. A huge thank you to the dozens of men and women that make up the Town's staff, from management to finance, from police to public works. Everyone helped bring our Town back. Thank you again.

Not only were we prepared, we were also truly blessed. We escaped a direct hit, sustained no deaths, no major injuries and not even one case of looting. Many of our fellow Floridians, Americans and friends from other countries were not so lucky. We must not forget that this storm caused the deaths of 75 souls in Florida alone. Combined with the destruction caused by Hurricanes Harvey and Maria, I ask anyone that can, please donate to the American Red Cross at ... www.redcross.org/donate/donation

There are several individuals that worked with us before, during and after the storm - and continue today to make sure BHI has the resources we need. They are: Addys Kuryla, Aletha Player and Miguel Perea from FPL; County Commissioner Sally Heyman and her staff ... specifically Bonnie and Mary; Laurie Flink from Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz's Office; Bal Harbour Mayor Gabriel Groisman; Surfside Mayor Daniel Deitch; and Sunny Isles Beach Mayor Bud Scholl. The Mayors of our neighboring municipalities and I were in constant contact, working together to ensure that resources were coordinated and our borders were made safe. A special thank you to Governor Rick Scott who held daily calls for all the Florida Mayors during which we were able to ask questions and get our issues heard by the right people and who made his entire senior staff available to us at any time. On behalf of everyone in BHI, thank you.



I also must thank the residents that heeded our calls to evacuate. Over 70% of you chose to do the right thing to protect lives first. For those that waited, please remember the limited flights and congested highways you were met with. Next time a mandatory evacuation order is issued, please find safety off the Islands as soon as possible.

Finally, I need to thank the one person who helped me the most; who stepped up during those few days that being a volunteer Mayor became what seemed a full time job - my wife, Meytal. She helped me countless times when I needed to make sure that another senior had transportation before the storm, had to get on what seemed like the 100th conference call, or when I needed to take your call or answer a text at literally all hours of the day and night. She took care of our three children, Josh, Bella and Max every time I needed to focus on helping BHI. From sleeping on the floor at Atlanta's airport the first night to losing our hotel room on the third, she dealt with it all knowing that we are truly blessed because we have each other. Meytal...thank you.

On to non-hurricane news. I am proud to report that our Council unanimously voted to pass a balanced budget with a reduced millage rate of 3.995 mills, which is the lowest in nine years. A belated congrats also goes out to Councilman Isaac Salver, who was recently elected to the Executive Board of the Florida League of Cities, which is a first in the history of Bay Harbor Islands.

Sincerely,

TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE

Mayor Leonard Named to Florida League of Cities Board of Directors

Bay Harbor Islands Mayor Jordan W. Leonard was recently appointed to the Board of Directors for the Florida League of Cities (at right). Below the Board reviews the Florida League of Cities annual budget.



Finance Director Recognized for 2017-18 Budget & Achievements

Long-time Bay Harbor Islands Finance Director Alan Short was recently honored at the September Council meeting for completing the Town's 2017-18 Annual Budget, the last he will oversee with his upcoming retirement. The Town also received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association, the highest form of recognition in government accounting and financial reporting.



(L-R) Assistant Town Manager JC Jimenez, Finance Director Alan Short and Town Manager Ronald Wasson.

Medicare Open Enrollment Period is Oct. 15-Dec. 7

Do you receive Medicare services? Now is the time to evaluate your Medicare Plan. The Medicare Annual Enrollment Period is from October 15 – December 7 each year.

Serving Health Insurance Needs of the Elderly (SHINE) is part of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs. SHINE is operated locally through Alliance for Aging. Specially trained volunteers are available to help Medicare beneficiaries, their families and caregivers to understand their health care options. SHINE volunteers offer free, unbiased and confidential information and counseling concerning Medicare.

To receive help, schedule an appointment at designated SHINE counseling sites, attend enrollment events or arrange to speak with a trained SHINE counselor at 305-671-6356 or 1-800-96-ELDER (1-800-963-5337). For a listing of SHINE counseling sites and events, visit www.floridashine.org.

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 October 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.



DID YOU KNOW?

71% of young people say they have sent a text while driving.

Reaching for a phone, dialing and texting increase your crash risk by three times.



Texting and driving is ILLEGAL in Florida



www.fdotmiamidade.com/putitdown

Bay Harbor Islands Bounces Back from Damaging Storm



Before Category 4 Hurricane Irma made landfall in the Florida Keys on September 10, it had been 12 years since a hurricane had hit South Florida. Many leaders and government officials feared that municipalities and their residents had become too complacent and would not

be adequately prepared for such a massive storm.

But Bay Harbor Islands was ready and the preparation was proven in the wake of Hurricane Irma. The Town has received tremendous acknowledgment for the professionalism and rapid response during the post-storm period.

The Town Administrators, Public Works Department and Police Department efficiently performed their duties and in many instances, went above and beyond to serve the residents and the Town's property. Some examples include:

- Town staff and emergency debris removal specialists were on-site throughout the storm.
- As soon as the winds subsided, staff and contractors hit the streets, clearing roadways and performing damage assessments.
- Debris clearing and removal began 24 hours after tropical storm-force winds subsided.
- 6,000 cubic yards of vegetation and debris was removed in less than two weeks.
- The debris was chipped into mulch and hauled to the Miami-Dade County landfill.
- Staff is currently working with FEMA for disaster assistance to offset the cost of the cleanup efforts for Hurricane Irma.



A mountain of mulch resulted from chipping the storm debris collected throughout the Town.



Town Manager Ronald Wasson and Mayor Jordan W. Leonard meet with FPL representative to restore power.





MORRIS N. BROAD COMMUNITY CENTER

NEW HOURS BEGIN IN OCTOBER

Take note of our new hours: Monday - Friday: 8 am - 8 pm; Saturday & Sunday: 10 am - 6 pm

EXPLORE OUR NEW PROGRAMS

The BHI Afterschool Program has added **Musical Theater** for children ages 7 and up. Is your child interested in acting, singing or dancing? The new Musical Theater program is designed to inspire your child and help them grow and explore their creative self. No experience necessary.

Check out the exciting new programs at the Community Center: **The Kind Club Afterschool Club, Teen Zumba, Children's Piano Class, Music Appreciation Lecture Series, Chair Aerobics** and more.

CONTINUING CENTER PROGRAMS

Starting in the second week of October will be a new sessions of **Adult/Senior Yoga and Zumba, Tai-chi, Computer Class and children's Zumba**. Register early to secure your spot!

ACTIVE SENIORS

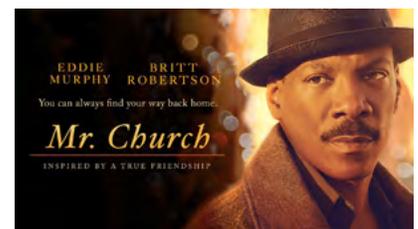
Book Club is a new free program for adults and seniors. The first meeting will be Thursday, October 26 at 6:30 pm. Enjoy coffee and conversation as the club discusses the classic story *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. Follow Santiago on his odyssey across the desert and where he finds the alchemist and learns the secrets of life.

Game Day and Social • Wednesday, October 4 and 18 at 10 am

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.

Senior Matinée Movie • Friday, October 27 at 1:30 p.m.

Join us for a free viewing of *Mr. Church*. It is the story of a unique friendship that develops when a young girl and her dying mother hire a cook. The arrangement leads to a life-long bond. Starring Eddie Murphy. Please arrive early for seating.



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.

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!

OPEN HOUSE!

Residents Explore Programs & Activities at Community Center

The Morris N. Broad Community Center won the hearts and smiles of Town residents as it showed off its many programs and activities at a successful open house. Visitors of all ages took the opportunity to “test drive” programs such as yoga, Zumba classes, music, art, soccer, games and afterschool activities.

Entertainment included face and body painting, a juggler, popcorn and refreshments throughout the afternoon. The library was also open to check out books and DVDs. Congratulations to the Community Services Department staff for hosting the event.



(L-R) Assistant Town Manager JC Jimenez, Council member Robert Yaffe, Mayor Jordan W. Leonard, Council member Elizabeth Tricoche, Council member Josh Fuller, Town Manager Ron Wasson, Community Services Director Regine Choute and Shauna Damon.



Volunteers Lend a Hand in Broad Causeway Clean-up

Residents and Town staff volunteered to clean up the Broad Causeway during two weekends in September. High water levels, wind and waves from Hurricane Irma resulted in piles of debris, while grass and vegetation were damaged by the salt water. Thanks goes out to all who helped bring the causeway back into shape.





BHI SPECIAL EVENTS

ACTIVE SENIORS ON THE GO

OCTOBER: MORIKAMI MUSEUM AND JAPANESE GARDENS

Join us as we explore the many pleasures offered by the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens. A docent led tour will help us navigate the ins and outs of the Gardens. Enjoy lunch at their café (not included).

Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 Cost: \$13.50
Departing at 9 am Returning by 4 p.m.



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

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



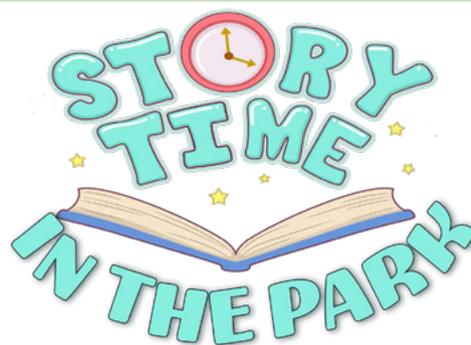
STORYTIME

FIRST & THIRD FRIDAY AT TOT LOT

Merlina the Magical Storyteller at 4 p.m.

- Friday, October 6
- Friday, October 20

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



Still haven't registered your child for the Afterschool Programs? There's still time! Come to the Morris N. Broad Community and register today! If you have questions, please call the Morris N. Broad Community Center at 786-646-9970



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.

Fourth Annual Halloween Parade & Carnival



Bay Harbor Islands and the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce will host the 4th Annual Halloween Parade & Carnival on Tuesday, October 31. Children and families are invited to wear their costumes and meet at 95 Street by the Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center Athletic Field at 3 p.m. to begin the parade. The parade will continue through the Business District along Kane Concourse and finish on Bay Harbor Terrace at Town Hall for games, music and more! All children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call Town Hall at (305) 866-6241.

BAY HARBOR ISLANDS REMEMBERS

VETERANS



DAY

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, NOV. 11 AT 1 PM

BAY HARBOR FARMERS MARKET RETURNS ON OCT. 29

The Bay Harbor Farmers Market will be reopening on Sunday, October 29 from 9 am - 2 pm and will be a Halloween-themed Grand Opening with bounce house and face painting for the kids. 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>





POLICE BEAT

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



with the

*Wed., November 1st at 7:00 pm
at the Morris N. Broad Community Center*

For more info call the BHI Police Dept. 305.866.6242




Police Explorers Serve At-Risk Residents Post-Irma

At-risk BHI residents were happy to have Police Explorers knocking on their door to make sure they were safe in the days after the hurricane. The Explorers were on-hand to check on the residents and provide water, ice and other needed supplies.





Share a cup of coffee with BHI's Police Officers

Take this opportunity to ask questions and learn about keeping yourself and your loved ones safe.

Tuesday, October 17 at 10 AM - 12 PM
at the Morris N. Broad Community Center, 1175 95th St

MULTI-AGENCY SHRED-A-THON & PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP OFF

The Bay Harbor Islands Police Department will join with four other local agencies to host a shred-a-thon and prescription drug drop off on Saturday, October 28 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Bill Bird Marina in Haulover Park. By safely shredding personal papers and correspondence you can reduce your exposure to fraud and identify theft. There is a three box limit and no CDs, x-rays, binders or plastic will be accepted.

October 28 is also National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. Bring your unused or expired medications for safe and proper disposal. For more information, contact Analily Perez at (305) 866-6242 or aperez@bayharborislands-fl.gov



Jordan W. Leonard <i>Mayor</i>	Ronald J. Wasson <i>Town Manager</i>
Stephanie Bruder <i>Vice Mayor</i>	Marlene M. Siegel <i>Town Clerk</i>
Joshua D. Fuller <i>Council member</i>	Craig B. Sherman <i>Town Attorney</i>
Kelly Reid <i>Council member</i>	Sean Hemingway <i>Chief of Police</i>
Isaac Salver <i>Council member</i>	Alan Short <i>Finance Director</i>
Elizabeth Tricoche <i>Council member</i>	
Robert Yaffe <i>Council member</i>	



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www.bayharborislands-fl.gov

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, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting – Monday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Board – Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m.
- Special Council Meeting, Town Hall Facilities –
Tuesday, Oct. 24 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:
November 13, 2017
- Planning & Zoning Board Meetings:
November 7 & 21, 2017; December 5, 2017

ALL MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Action on Sept. 18, 2017 Public Hearing and Special Council Meeting

- **Approval** of a resolution establishing a temporary moratorium on medical Marijuana dispensing facilities within Town of Bay Harbor Islands.
- **Approval** of award of contract to Brightview Landscaping Services for landscaping and irrigation maintenance in the amount of \$356,018.15
- **Approval** of an expenditure in the amount of \$19,820.77 to underground the overhead telephone facilities for the west end bridge.

Discussion Items for Oct. 16, 2017 Council Meeting

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

- **Consideration** and **Approval** of an ordinance on **second** reading amending Section 5-5 of the Town Code regarding the current parking plan for construction sites.
- **Consideration** for appointment to fill a vacancy to the Planning & Zoning Board.