



# Bay Harbor Islands

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September is budget time for our local government. This year your Town Staff and Council have created and tentatively approved a budget that again provides the highest quality service for the lowest cost to our taxpayers. This year's proposed millage rate of 4.550 mills is 7.14% lower than the current tax rate of 4.900 mills. This year's tentative budget includes an additional administrative coordinator for the Police Department, recording secretary in the Clerk's Office and Parks & Recreation Athletic Coordinator.

Many programs/events are also budgeted for residents. Original events such as our Annual Town Picnic, movies on the green and Storytime in the park are continued for another year. Our second annual Snow Day, Halloween Parade and first annual Spring Egg Hunt are events that I am proud to have proposed that made the tentative budget along with our first annual Veteran's Day and second annual September 11th Ceremonies. Also budgeted is our new \$1.5 million Community Center, which is slated to open early next year. Thank you to our senior Town Staff for their continued hard work to make this year's budget a good medium between services offered and taxes levied.

Residents are encouraged to participate in the budget process by attending the two September Budget Hearings on Wednesday, September 16th at 7:00 PM and Thursday, September 24th at 5:00 PM.

Congratulations are in order to Chief Hemingway, Sergeant Detective Noel, Detective Murado, the entire Bay Harbor Islands Police Department, and the Officers, Detectives, agents and Prosecutors from the 11 local, state and federal agencies that made up a Special Task Force our Chief created to solve condominium burglaries. The efforts of the task force resulted in the apprehension of an international burglary ring that preyed on homes throughout South Florida and stole over \$3 million in property. As I said last month, if you come to Bay Harbor to commit a crime, we will catch you.

On a more serious note, September is also National Suicide Prevention Month. In the past five years alone our Town has lost seven residents to suicide. I encourage anyone who struggles with suicide to get help from the Switchboard of Miami by calling 211 anytime. They are available 24/7. According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, 90% of people who die by suicide have a diagnosable and treatable psychiatric disorder at the time of their death.

To end on a high note, please turn to page 5 to see the many events and activities planned in Bay Harbor for the coming months.



Sincerely,

# Remember to Renew Your Annual SunPass



## Renew your Broad Causeway Annual Pass Plan now!

All Broad Causeway Annual Pass Plans expire on September 30, 2015. To allow time for the renewal process, please come to Town Hall to renew no later than September 15th. With the Annual SunPass Pass Plan, the registered SunPass transponder receives unlimited trips across the Broad Causeway for the flat rate for the fiscal year, 2-axle passenger vehicles only. Additional restrictions apply. For more information, email [bmorin@bayharborislands.net](mailto:bmorin@bayharborislands.net) or visit the Town's website at [www.bayharborislands.org](http://www.bayharborislands.org) to download an application.

## Surf Bal Bay Shuttle Map & Schedule

Stop by Town Hall and pick up your intralocal shuttle bus schedule and map. The publication includes the schedules and routes of the shuttles for Bay Harbor Islands, Surfside and Bal Harbour Village so that residents can take advantage of all three bus routes, which connect at various locations.



## 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, Sept. 1 at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting – Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 7 p.m.
- Second Budget Hearing – Thursday, Sept. 24 at 5 p.m.

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

- Regular Council Meetings: October 13 & November 9
- Planning & Zoning Board Meetings: October 6 & 20; November 4 & 17 and December 1 & 15, 2015.

**COMMITTEE MEETING DATES AND TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED.  
ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**



## September 11th Ceremony to be at Fire Station

The Bay Harbor Islands Police Department, in conjunction with the Miami-Dade Fire-Rescue, will be hosting a 9/11 ceremony at 9-10 a.m. on Friday, September 11, 2015. This event will take place at the Miami-Dade Fire-Rescue Station, located at 1165 95 Street in Bay Harbor Islands. The ceremony will include honor guards from both agencies, an essay and art contest and music prepared by the students of the Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center. Please join the Town staff and elected officials as we honor the victims from September 11, 2001.

## Register for Bay Harbor Islands After-School Programs

The Bay Harbor Islands Community Services Department is proud to present the schedule of after school activities and classes to be held at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center.



Numerous sports and classes with top-notch coaches and instructors will be offered both seasonally and throughout the 2015-16 school year. Sports include cheerleading, basketball, flag football, dance, soccer, volleyball and martial arts. Classes include music, art, languages and technology. Applications can be downloaded from the Town website, [www.bayharborislands.org](http://www.bayharborislands.org).

For more information and registration, contact or visit Town Hall, 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace, (305) 866-6241.

## BE PROUD OF YOUR TOWN! Pick Up Your Free Bay Harbor Islands Decorative Auto Tag

Bay Harbor Islands is a very special place for Morris Broad, the son of Bay Harbor Islands founder Shepard Broad. His pride in the Town led to him donate decorative auto plates for

all residents. The tags are available in blue and white. Residents can pick them up for free at Town Hall, 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace.



# Police Teamwork Leads to Arrest of Condo Burglary Ring



(L-R) BHI Police Chief Sean Hemingway, Lt. Luis Hormilla, Det. Lindsley Noel.



Media from throughout South Florida covered the press conference, including seven television outlets.

After more than a year of investigation, surveillance and intense detective work by multiple law enforcement agencies, the Bay Harbor Islands and Fort Lauderdale Police Departments recently arrested members of an international luxury condominium burglary ring. In March of 2015, members of the gang struck a sixth floor condominium in Bay Harbor Islands.

The announcement of the arrests was made at press conference in the BHI Council Chambers on August 24. Bay Harbor Islands Police staff joined an ad hoc task force that included police departments in three counties as well as federal and state agencies. The task force members apprehended a group of Venezuelan nationals who are suspected of committing more than 30 burglaries from northern Palm Beach to Key Biscayne. Property losses are estimated to be more than \$3 million.

When the task force discovered the suspects were returning to South Florida, they were put under 24-hour surveillance. Two were nabbed in the act of committing a burglary in Key Biscayne. Three more were arrested the following day, two of which were attempting to return to Venezuela.

Bay Harbor Islands Police Chief Sean Hemingway praised the collaboration and diligent police work by the many agencies involved. The Bay Harbor Islands victims also spoke at the press conference, expressing relief that the suspects were off the streets and gratitude to the Chief and staff of the BHIPD for their perseverance in making the arrests.

## BHI Garbage and Recycling Reminders

### Garbage & Trash

- Household garbage should be bagged and placed inside your 95-gallon container. Containers should not be overfilled and lids should be kept closed.
- Ordinary trash and yard clippings are also to be placed in containers. Do not place these items curbside. You may be assessed a fee for violating the Town's ordinances. Lawn maintenance companies are required to remove all yard debris.
- Special pick-ups of bulk trash such as furniture or large boxes are only done on Thursday. Place these items curbside on Wednesday. You must call Town Hall to schedule the pick up of large home appliances such as refrigerators. The Town will not pick-up construction debris.

**If you currently do not have or need to replace your recycling bin, call (305) 866-6241.**

### Recycling

- All recyclable materials are now co-mingled, so may be placed together in the recycling bin. Items that should be recycled are office paper, paper bags, newspaper, magazines, junk mail, cardboard, food & beverage cans, plastic containers with a 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 7 on the bottom, glass food and beverage containers, milk and juice cartons, drink boxes and "gable top" type cartons. All food containers should be clean and dry.
- Items that should NOT be recycled are plastic bags, foam materials, bubble wrap, foil, pie tins, paint or aerosol cans, chemical containers, needles, medical waste, wire hangers, ceramic, mirrors, light bulbs or ovenware. **For a complete list please visit the "Residents" area on our website at [www.bayharborislands.org](http://www.bayharborislands.org)**
- Bring your household batteries, printer toner & ink cartridges to Town Hall for recycling.
- Phone books are collected from August to November ONLY. For disposal of paint and other chemicals, call (305) 594-1500.

### Garbage and Trash Pick-up Days

East Island: Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
West Island: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday  
Bulk trash items: Thursdays only (Both Islands)

### Recycling Pick-up Days

East Island – Monday & Thursday  
West Island – Tuesday & Friday

# Newsletter Advertising Information and Rates

The Town newsletter is now accepting advertising, offering an affordable option for merchants and service providers to reach BHI residents and promote their services and products. Advertising is only available to businesses having current Bay Harbor Islands business tax receipts and with a physical address in the BHI business district.

Contracts are now available for one-quarter page (\$150), half-page (\$300) and full page ads (\$600). Advertisement fees must be paid prior to publication. Ads must be high-resolution, digital format. The Town reserves the right to refuse any advertising for any reason. Political ads will not be accepted.

- Deadlines for insertion are the 15th of each month.
- Advertisers must have proof of current business tax receipts and proof of physical location in Bay Harbor Islands.
- The Town of Bay Harbor Islands in no way endorses advertisers, their products or services.
- Advertising payments may be made by check, cash, Visa or Mastercard.

For more information on rates and specifications, email [bmorin@bayharborislands.net](mailto:bmorin@bayharborislands.net) or visit [www.bayharborislands.org](http://www.bayharborislands.org).

## WHAT MATTERS MOST TO YOU, MATTERS TO ME.

- Financial Planning
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I live and work in Bay Harbor Islands. As a financial professional for over 30 years I continue to share my knowledge and experience with my clients.



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matters to you.

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# Bay Harbor Islands Announces a New Season of Activities

## Mark Your Calendar for these Coming Events!

### Seniors on the Go

New and exciting trips coming in October!  
Call 305-866-6241 for more information.

### Computer Classes

Bay Harbor Islands will host Computer Classes for Seniors at Town Hall. Minimum four persons (4-week course) Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays (10 a.m – 12 p.m.) Fee is \$40. If you are interested in attending, contact the Town Hall at (305) 866-6241.



### Tai-Chi for Seniors

The eight-week course is a healthy and therapeutic exercise program for seniors. Classes are held at the Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center on Tuesdays & Thursdays (5 – 6 p.m.) Resident fee \$30 and non-residents fee \$60.



### Super Soccer Stars



A new season of Pee-Wee Soccer will start on Monday, October 5 at the 92nd Street Park. The program classes will be: Mondays at 4 p.m. for 1-2 year olds and 4:45 for 2-3 year olds. Wednesdays at 4:10 p.m. for 3-4 year-olds and 5 p.m. for 4-5 year-olds.

The eight-week session is \$160 for residents and \$200 for non-residents, plus a \$10 registration fee per family for residents and \$20 for non-residents There is a multiple child discount of 25%. For more information, please contact Regine Choute at (305) 866 - 6241 or visit Town Hall.

## OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

Join your neighbors and friends for a fun family event under the stars in Bay Harbor Islands from October to April. The free outdoor movie night takes place on the 3rd Saturday of the month, October through April, at the vacant lot at 1177 Kane Concourse. Remember to bring your blanket or chair. Admission and parking are free and children must be accompanied by an adult.

## It's Story TIME at the Park!

Returns on Friday, Oct. 2nd and 16th at 4 p.m. at the Bay Harbor Islands Tot Lot, featuring  
*Stories and Magic with Miss Merlina*  
*Stories with Miss Nancy*  
On the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month.  
North of Kane Concourse on West Broadview Drive

## Halloween Parade & Carnival

Bay Harbor Islands will join with the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce to host the 2nd Halloween Parade and Carnival on Friday, October 30. Look for more information in the October newsletter.



Jordan W. Leonard <i>Mayor</i>	Ronald J. Wasson <i>Town Manager</i>
Stephanie Bruder <i>Vice Mayor</i>	Marlene M. Seigel <i>Town Clerk</i>
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Doris Marano <i>Council member</i>	Sean Hemingway <i>Chief of Police</i>
Kelly Reid <i>Council member</i>	Alan Short <i>Finance Director</i>
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**[www.bayharborislands.org](http://www.bayharborislands.org)**

## Council Action of the August 10, 2015 Meeting

- **Approval** of a Resolution authorizing the Town Manager to enter into an Inter local Agreement with Miami Dade County for the use of the County's Solid Waste Management System.
- **Approval** of Change Orders # 6 & #7 in the amount of \$191,867.01 and \$5,182 associated with the Intercoastal Bridge repairs for Project BC 142.
- **Approval** of a proposal by Elevator Service, Repair, and Modernization, Inc. for emergency elevator upgrades in the amount of \$150,000.
- **Approval** of a proposal from Hardesty and Hanover for Engineering Services, Construction permits and Environmental surveys associated with scour countermeasures for the Indian Creek and Waterway Bridges in the amount of \$54,587.84.
- **Approval** of a proposal from Plant Professionals, Inc. for the new holiday lights display on Kane Concourse, 96<sup>th</sup> Street and the Shepard Broad Causeway in the amount of \$40,000.

## Discussion Items for Wednesday, September 16 Council Meeting

*At the time of printing. The topics listed below are anticipated for discussion or possible action. All items are subject to change.*

- **Public Hearing** to approve the proposed 2015-16 Town Budget
- **Public Hearing** to consider an application for a PUD/Gateway project to be located at 9601 East Bay Harbor Drive.
- **Consideration** and Approval of an ordinance on first reading amending Section 5-19.2 of the Town Code regarding driveways in the Single Family District.