



# Bay Harbor Islands



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Welcome back. I hope everyone had a fun and safe summer. September is budget time for Bay Harbor Islands and your Town Staff and Council have tentatively approved a budget that shall allow the highest quality of service to be provided at the lowest cost to taxpayers.

This year's proposed millage rate of 4.100 mills is significantly lower than the current tax rate of 4.400 mills. It is my intent to lower the millage further to 3.995 mills, the lowest in almost a decade. With Bay Harbor Islands receiving the largest increase in existing property values of any municipality in Miami-Dade and Broward, I hope my colleagues will concur with such a change during the budget process. The proposed budget provides a balanced budget with full funding for long-time events such as our annual Town Picnic, Movies on the Green and Storytelling in the park. Also included are our fourth annual Snow Day, Halloween Parade, September 11th Ceremony, Veteran's Day Celebration, and third annual Spring Egg Hunt. In addition, this budget would allow our Community Center to open seven days a week, in order to accommodate more of our residents of all ages.

We encourage you to participate in the budget process by attending either or both of the two Town Budget Hearings scheduled for Monday, September 11 at 7 pm and Monday, September 18 at 7 pm at Town Hall in the Council Chambers.

I also hope you will attend this year's September 11 Remembrance Ceremony to be held at 9:30 am, Monday, September 11, in front of the Morris N. Broad Community Center on 95th Street.

I have called for a Special Council Meeting on September 18th, at 7:15 pm, to discuss the results of a study on options for rehabbing or building a new Government Center. While I think we all agree that our Town Hall offices and police headquarters are currently inadequate, such an important and expensive decision warrants its own meeting.

September is also National Suicide Prevention Month. Anyone who struggles with suicide, or knows someone who does, can get assistance from the Switchboard of Miami by calling 211. Help is available there, anytime, 24/7.

Lastly, please remember to be alert and drive slowly during school drop off and pickup. Thank you for making the safety of those who walk and attend school within the Town a top priority.



Sincerely,

# TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

You are invited to attend a Special Council Meeting being held to discuss all options for the renovation or reconstruction of a Town Hall facility. The meeting will be held Monday, September 18, 2017 at approximately 7:20 PM. Town Hall is located at 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace, and the meeting will be held in the Council Chambers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Your attendance and participation is encouraged.

The Town Council will be discussing at least four options as follows:

- Option 1: Existing interior/exterior building renovations plus a 6,000-square-foot addition
- Option 2: New 3-story 20,000-square-foot building
- Option 3: Existing interior building renovation with enclosing the open lobby area
- Option 4: Existing interior building renovation without enclosing the open lobby area

For more information on this item, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 305-866-6241 or email: [msiegel@bayharborislands-fl.gov](mailto:msiegel@bayharborislands-fl.gov)



# YOU CAN HELP



## Volunteers Needed For New Committee

The Town Council at the August meeting approved the creation of a new citizen's committee called the Sustainability and Resiliency Committee. This new committee has combined the Environmental Impact and Disaster Preparedness Committee. If you are interested in volunteering to serve, please submit a letter of interest and resume to the Town Clerk Marlene Siegel. For more information contact Town Hall at 305-866-6241 or by e-mail to: [msiegel@bayharborislands-fl.gov](mailto:msiegel@bayharborislands-fl.gov)

## 2017-18 Budget Hearings Set for September

Bay Harbor Islands residents are encouraged to attend the upcoming budget hearings and provide input as the Town plans for the year ahead.

- First Budget Hearing-Monday, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m.
- Second Budget Hearing-Monday, Sept. 18 at 6 p.m.

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





**Monday, September 11, 2017 • 9:45-10:30 a.m.**

**In front the Morris N. Broad Community Center 1175 95th Street • Bay Harbor Islands**

The Bay Harbor Islands Police Department & the Town of Bay Harbor Islands invite you to join us in commemorating the 16th Anniversary of September 11, 2001. Join us as we honor the victims and survivors of that fateful day, and pay homage to those brave men and women who rose up in service in response to the attacks.

**For additional information, call the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department at (305) 866-6242**

## Donuts, Coffee and Back To School Information

With less than a week before the start of school, residents took the opportunity to meet with Bay Harbor Island's Police Department to hear the latest information on traffic control, safety measures, parking, school zones and more. In addition to Police Department leaders, Town officials were also available to answer questions.

A special guest was the new principal of Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center Scott Saperstein who discussed enrollment, teachers and upcoming projects at the school. The popular Coffee with the Cops was held at the Morris N. Broad Community Center.





## MORRIS N. BROAD COMMUNITY CENTER

### NEW IN OCTOBER

Check out the exciting new programs at the Community Center. The Kind Club Afterschool Club, Teen Zumba, Children’s Piano Class, Adult and Senior Dance classes, Music Appreciation Lecture Series, Chair Aerobics and Mat Pilates!

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.

### CONTINUING CENTER PROGRAMS

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

### ACTIVE SENIORS

#### Game Day and Social • Wednesday, September 6 and 20 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 and board games. We have classics such as mahjong, chess, rummy and checkers. Refreshments will be available.



#### Senior Matinée Movie • Friday, September 22 at 1:30 p.m.

Join us for a free viewing of this popular film, *The Help*. An aspiring author during the civil rights movement of the 1960s decides to write a book detailing the African American maids’ point of view on the white families for which they work, and the hardships they go through on a daily basis. 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. Join us on Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. for Kids Game Day 8 years to 12 years. Join us on Fridays from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. for Teen Game Day for those 13 - 17 years.



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!



## **BHI SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **ACTIVE SENIORS ON THE GO**

#### **SEPTEMBER: GULFSTREAM PARK**

Horse racing! Casino! Join us for the day at Gulfstream Park  
Date: Thursday, September 21, 2017  
Cost: Free  
Departing at 10 am                      Returning by 3 pm



#### **OCTOBER: MORIKAMI MUSEUM AND JAPANESE GARDENS**

Join us as we explore the many pleasures of the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens has to offer. 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.**

## **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**



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! Want to know what is happening now at the Morris N. Broad Community Center? Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for @BHICommunityServices. Get access to Community Events, Youth Athletic Highlights and New Updates for what's happening.

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

# We have an app for that! BHI Connect

Pay your Water Bill

Get info on local  
businesses

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Make a Public  
Records Request

Report a Code Violation

Email the Council



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



Alert. Inform. Affect Lives.



Residents are encouraged to sign up for the Town’s Community Notification System, CodeRed. Both general and emergency notifications are sent through this system via telephone, text and/or email. It is a free service for all residents and businesses. Sign up online on the Town’s website, [www.bayharborislands-fl.gov](http://www.bayharborislands-fl.gov) or by visiting Town Hall. For more information go to the CodeRED website:

<https://public.coderedweb.com/cne/en-US/364AC9D726AA>

- MISSING PERSONS/CHILDREN
- EVACUATION NOTICES
- NATURAL DISASTERS
- BOIL WATER ADVISORIES
- INCLEMENT WEATHER WARNINGS
- CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES
- ROAD CLOSURES/TRAFFIC ALERTS
- BRIDGE DELAYS

# Community Center Room Named For Wallaces



On July 27th, a plaque was unveiled officially naming, "The Mayor Ileene Wallace and Charles "Chuck" Wallace Community Room" at the Morris N. Broad Community Center.

Many longtime residents and officials were in attendance, including Ann Bussell, Anita Broad and Miami-Dade County Commissioner Sally Heyman. Former Mayor Wallace and her late husband, Chuck, were recognized for their many decades of volunteer service to the Town, including ceaseless efforts to make the Community Center a reality for residents of Bay Harbor Islands.



Mayor Jordan W. Leonard addresses the attendees.



(L-R) Former Vice Mayor Albert Ruder, Council Member Robert Yaffe, former Mayor Ileene Wallace, Mayor Jordan W. Leonard and Town Manager Ron Wasson.

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

# Community Center Open House



Visit Bay Harbor Island's Morris N. Broad Community Center on Sunday, October 1 from 1-4 p.m. and explore the new fall programs at a special open house. If you sign up for a class or any afterschool program during the Open House, all registration fees will be waived.\* Attendees can join in a free class, meet the Center's skilled instructors and even have your face painted. Don't miss the fun. All ages are welcome to attend.

*\*Registration fees will be waved for classes paid for on October 1, 2017. All other associated costs will apply.*

# 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 Anally Perez at (305) 866-6242 or aperez@bayharborislands-fl.gov



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**[www.bayharborislands-fl.gov](http://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, Sept. 5, at 7 p.m.
- First Budget Hearing – Monday, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting – Monday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m.
- Second Budget Hearing – Monday, Sept. 18 at 6 p.m.
- Special Council Meeting – Monday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Board – Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m.

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

- Regular Council Meeting:  
October 16 and November 13, 2017
- Planning & Zoning Board Meetings:  
October 3 & 17, 2017, November 7 & 21, 2017

**ALL MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

## Council Action on Aug. 14, 2017 Meeting

- **Approval** of a resolution establishing supplementary rules for the Parks & Recreation Committee.
- **Approval** of a three (3) year contract between the Town of Bay Harbor Islands and the Dade County Police Benevolent Association (PBA)
- **Approval** to create a Sustainability & Resiliency Committee. The new committee will address task/objectives from the Environmental Impact & Disaster Preparedness Committee.

## Discussion Items for Sept. 11, 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.