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For the past three years I have had the honor and privilege to serve as your Mayor. In May I will be sworn in as the President of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, representing all 34 municipalities in the County. I want to take this month's Mayor's message to thank those who have helped me and made me proud to be your Mayor.

Since the organizational meeting at which our Mayor and Vice Mayor are selected takes place in April, this might be my last newsletter as Mayor. Therefore, I want to thank my current and former colleagues for their support on the initiatives I have proposed, and more importantly, for their friendship. As Mayor, I frequently get all the credit for the good that we've accomplished but it's a collective effort that has taken years, often past the terms of individuals who no longer serve or even live in Bay Harbor Islands. Thank you.

To the Town's staff for making me and my colleagues look good - thank you. Your Council votes to hire the Manager, Town Clerk and attorney to pass ordinances, resolutions and a balanced budget, but it is the staff that runs the day-to-day operations. Thank you to all of the employees who work for our Town every day.

A special thank you to Ron Wasson, who survived 9/11 and has now spent 11 years as our Town Manager; his Assistant Town Manager, JC Jimenez, who has made Bay Harbor Islands not just a job, but a career; and to our Chief of Police, Sean Hemingway, and all of the Officers that make our Town safe. A special thank you to Marlene Siegel, our Town Clerk and former Code Enforcement Director, who has not only served our Town but also has helped me become a better public servant.

To all of the residents, thank you. Many people see Bay Harbor Islands as a beautiful and safe place to live, and it is, but the real treasure is the people. We are all neighbors. Whether you are a retired senior, a working person or a Bobcat, your collective kindness, empathy and goodwill towards your neighbors will always be what makes Bay Harbor Islands the best. This could not have been better illustrated than in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma last year. Thank you.

I also want to thank the select few who have allowed me to provide comfort during their greatest times of need. While we have blessed to have not have had a murder in over forty years, we are not immune to the other social problems that plague our Country, namely drug use and mental illness. Those calls are the toughest thing I have dealt with in elected office, still I heartfully thank those that have allowed me the privilege to be there for them. Thank you.

Lastly, I wish to thank my family, the most important people in my life: My beautiful wife, Meytal and our three children, Josh, Bella and Max. They have sacrificed a great deal in order for me to serve and it does not go unnoticed by me. You have my gratitude and my love.



TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE

2018 ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

One seat up for vote on April 10th

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands will hold its annual municipal election on Tuesday, April 10th, to fill one seat on the Town Council. Council Member Jordan W. Leonard is seeking re-election. Resident Victor J. Maya is also seeking election. All residents who are registered voters are urged to come to **Town Hall** on Election Day between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. to cast votes to fill the elective seat.

The Town's two precincts are combined in one location for our municipal election. **The polling place is located in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Town Hall at 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace. Remember to bring your voter's card and official photo identification with your name, address and signature (such as a driver's license).**



The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will take their oath of office at the Council Meeting to be held Monday April 16, 2018.

Volunteers Needed To Serve Bay Harbor Islands

The Town is looking for volunteers to fill a vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Committee. The Committee is very active and meets once a month. 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

Also, if you are interested in serving on the Town's Planning & Zoning Board and are either a professional and/or a resident of Bay Harbor Islands, please contact Town Clerk Marlene Siegel at 305-866-6241.

Professionals need not be residents of Bay Harbor Islands, but must be presently employed full time or were employed full time in the field of engineering, architecture, land use and zoning law, city planning, construction, or any other field which substantially relates to the planning and development of real estate.



Congresswoman Ros-Lehtinen Honored For Service

Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Florida's most senior U.S. Representative, recently received the Inaugural 2018 Trailblazer Award for Women in Public Service. It was presented by the Miami-Dade County Management Association and the Miami-Dade County League of Cities at the Ritz-Carlton in Bal Harbour.



(L-R) Assistant Town Manager JC Jimenez, Mayor Jordan W. Leonard, Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen and Council member Isaac Salver.



Gun Violence Discussed at Temple Beth Shalom

Mayor Jordan W. Leonard, along with Surfside Mayor Daniel Dietch and Miami Beach Mayor Dan Gelber, attended and spoke at the Gun Violence Prevention Town Hall Meeting at Temple Beth Shalom. Mayor Leonard was invited by Rabbi Gayle Pomerantz and Bay Harbor Islands resident Myra Spindel.

2018 TOWN ELECTION CANDIDATES

JORDAN W. LEONARD



Age: 40 **Spouse:** Meytal (Married 10 years) **Children:** Josh, 8; Bella, 5; Max, 3

Educational Background: B.S., Florida State University with a double major in Political Science & History; graduated from Miami Beach Senior High, Nautilus Middle & Bay Harbor Elementary

Professional/Occupational Information: Co-Owner & President of Pediatric Therapy Center, Inc., which provides speech-language, occupational & physical therapy for children. Previously served in multiple government positions such as an Assistant City Manager, Village Clerk, State Legislative Aide & Executive Director of a Community Redevelopment Agency with over a decade of professional public service. Currently serving as Mayor of Bay Harbor Islands, previously served as Vice Mayor and Council Member. Current Vice-Chair of the Town Litigation Committee and former Chair of the Charter & Ordinance Review Committee and the Parks & Recreation Committee. Currently the Incoming President of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities and also serve on the Board of Directors of the Florida League of Cities. Currently volunteer on the PTA Board for Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center. Former

Board of Director's & President of the Bay Harbor Islands Citizens Coalition and the Coral Sea Towers Cooperative Board.

Resident of South Florida since: Born & raised

Resident of Bay Harbor Islands since: Family has resided in Bay Harbor for four generations since 1954.

Hobbies and Interests: I enjoy spending time with my family and taking our children to the park.

Future Goals for Bay Harbor Islands: It will always be a goal of mine to support maintaining the highest quality of life at the lowest possible cost to residents and business owners. Continuing to provide the necessary resources for the public safety, investing in our long-term future in terms of infrastructure and becoming a more sustainable community. In addition, I want to continue to be sensitive to the needs of current residents, whether it be community programming, Town features such as parks, the success of the business district and the need to have growth that does not impede on the quality of life of neighbors.

Any Comments about Bay Harbor Islands: Becoming the first and only "Bobcat" to become Town Mayor, I have been both blessed and thankful for the privilege. I truly love Bay Harbor and want to continue our family tradition of raising another generation here. Over the years, I have gotten to know many of you as well as you have seen my family grow. I cannot think of a better place or collective group of neighbors to enjoy our life, share our struggles and raise our families with. Bay Harbor will always be the one thing that brings us together.

VICTOR J. MAYA



Age: 53, Single

Educational Background: Juris Doctor, University of Florida – 1990; Bachelor of Arts, Duke University - 1987; and graduate of Miami Beach High School.

Professional / Occupational Information: In 2013, I retired to care for my parents who lived in Bay Harbor during the final years of their lives. My legal career included serving as the regional human resources director for Wal-Mart Stores – Florida, responsible for improving associate engagement, talent recruitment, labor law compliance and other legal matters for 214 retail stores, 67,000 associates and 20 human resources managers. I also worked as director of labor relations and employment law for Albertson's, covering two states. I managed litigation, developed human resources policies, ensured compliance, negotiated and supervised the administration of 60 labor agreements, and served as a trustee on health and welfare and pension plans for 128 retail stores, a distribution center and an e-commerce operation. I am a former partner at an Atlanta labor and employment law firm where I represented

municipal governments throughout Georgia.

Resident of South Florida since: Resident for 33 years,

Resident of Bay Harbor Islands since: Five years

Hobbies and Interests: Observing and providing analysis of and making recommendations to improve Bay Harbor's government, reading, following sports teams, and enjoying sitting on the dock by the bay.

Future Goals for Bay Harbor Islands • The protection and safety of Bay Harbor Island's children is of the utmost priority. I will support measures and expenditures by Bay Harbor Island's government to ensure that they are safe. • Develop and implement more structured accountability at all levels and departments of Bay Harbor's government. • Our town needs to improve traffic planning and implement ways to reduce congestion, particularly from non-resident drivers. • The town's recent bridge repair, which was enormously costly, may not last more than 10 years. We need a long-term solution. • Strategic land use planning for our town's future must start today: Sea level rise must be accounted for in all future developments. While it will be another generation before our community experiences impact of higher tides, storm surges and flooding, our town can no longer ignore the inevitable and the multi-million dollar impact this will have on our residents and businesses. We must prepare for this through zoning, building codes, and hardening of our water and sewer systems. • Our town's elected and appointed officials must adhere to a culture of ethical compliance.

Comments about Bay Harbor Islands: We are blessed to live in a beautiful community that truly is a jewel on the bay. With effort and involvement by our residents, landowners and businesses, we can continue to make our home an outstanding and highly desirable place to work, live and play.



MORRIS N. BROAD COMMUNITY CENTER

Monday - Friday: 8 am - 8 pm; Saturday & Sunday: 10 am - 6 pm. Phone (786) 646-9970.

NEW PROGRAMS

Starting Wednesday April 4. 2:30-3:30 pm

The KIND Club (Kids In Nature's Defense) will host an 8-week after school program focusing on environmental issues that affect South Florida. The goal is to promote and inspire respect, compassionate practices and a thoughtful approach to problem solving. Each uniquely presented class will feature a different topic. The group is encouraged to use creativity to develop solutions to the challenge. The program is designed for children grades, 2-5. Call the Community Center for more information.

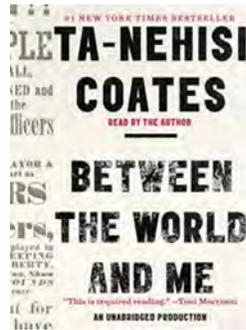
SPECIAL PROGRAM: STARTING MONDAY, APRIL 9 FROM 10:30 am-12:30 pm

The High Baroque: Favorite Representative Works

This six-lecture series focuses on favorite representative works from the first half of the 18th century, known as the High Baroque. This includes the concertos by Corelli, Vivaldi (*Four Seasons*), J.S. Bach (*Brandenburg Concertos*), Handel's oratorios (The Messiah) and excerpts from J.S. Bach's well-known keyboard and vocal music. For more information, call (786) 646-9970.

BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the BHI Book Club will discuss *Between the World and Me*, by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Published in 2015, the book is written as a letter to the author's teenage son about the feelings, symbolism and realities of being black in the United States. Join us on Thursday, April 26th from 6:30-7:30 pm for light refreshments and an interesting discussion. Call (786) 646-9970 for more information.



SENIOR MATINEE: A TOUCH OF CLASS

Friday, April 27 at 1:30

This requested film is a romantic comedy about a pair of clandestine lovers in a London-Spain tryst. Join us for a free viewing of this film. Please arrive early for seating.



GAME DAY AND BRIDGE

Wednesday, April 4 and 18 at 10 am

Join us at the Morris N. Broad Community Center on the first and third 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.

YOUTH

Note our Game Room hours: 3:30-5 pm and Saturday and Sunday 12- 4 pm.

LEGO Club: first and third Sunday 12 -4 pm. Try your hand at building and creating something incredible. Test your skills as you create the challenge of the week.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

If you have not registered your child for our Afterschool Programs, come to the Morris N. Broad Community Center and learn about the many program options for your child. Call (786) 646-9970.

**Third Annual Bay Harbor Islands
SPRING EGG HUNT**
Sunday, April 8, 2018 • 11a.m. – 1 p.m.
Officer Scott A. Winters Park on 98th Street
Bring your basket!

Valley Gutter Replacement Project Underway

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands has hired C&I Construction to remove and replace cracked and broken valley-gutters in preparation for asphalt removal and resurfacing throughout the 1200 & 1300 blocks of 97th through 103rd Streets.

Work began on March 20, 2018 and will continue, weather permitting, until the work is completed. The gutter project, together with the asphalt overlay, is designed to improve the overall appearance of our Town.

For more information, please visit the Town's website, www.bayharborislands-fl.gov and click on "News"



PIZZA with the

**Wednesday, April 11th
at 7:00 PM at the
Morris N. Broad Community Center
1175 95th Street**

For more info call 305.866.6242

earth day 2018



Invite your friends & your neighbors and let's work together to make our world a more beautiful place.

Join us for the 2018 Bay Harbor Islands Shoreline Clean-up April 22 @ 8:30 AM.

email bmorin@bayharborislands-fi.gov or call 305-866-6241 for more info.

SHRED-A-THON & PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISPOSAL ON SATURDAY, APRIL 28



Bay Harbor Islands Police Department will join four other local agencies to host a Shred-A-Thon and Prescription Drug Drop Off on Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bill Bird Marina in Haulover Park. There is a three box limit and no CDs, x-rays, binders or plastic will be accepted. Bring your unused or expired medications for safe and proper disposal.

For more information, contact Analily Perez at 305-866-6242, or email to aperez@bayharborislands.net



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ACTIVE SENIORS

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018

This trip will leave Morris N. Broad Community Center at 10 am and return at 4 pm. Enjoy this famous shopping destination in Broward County. There is no cost, but it is limited only to residents. Proof of residency will be required. Residents may bring guests but must register for the event. Call the Morris N. Broad Community Center at (786) 646-9970



BHI OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

Join the fun on Saturday, April 21, 2018 as Bay Harbor Islands celebrates Earth Day at the Outdoor Movie Night at 8 pm in front of Town Hall, 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace. **This month will be the popular film *The Lorax*.** The movie and parking are FREE. Remember to bring your blanket or chair. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Rated: PG 1 hr 35 min



THIRD ANNUAL SPRING EGG HUNT

Join the fun on Sunday, April 8, 2018. Bay Harbor Islands presents its third annual Spring Egg Hunt at Officer Scott A. Winters Park on 98th Street, from 11 am - 1 pm. Bring your basket and join us for springtime fun! Egg hunt, face painting and lots of fun activities. This event is exclusively for Bay Harbor Islands residents. Proof of residency will be required. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



STORYTIME

FIRST & THIRD FRIDAY AT THE TOT LOT

Merlina the Magical Storyteller at 4 p.m.

• FRIDAY, APRIL 6 & FRIDAY, APRIL 20

At the Town Tot Lot, at the corner of 96th Street and West Broadview Drive



PLAN NOW FOR SUMMER CAMP 2018!

Be a part of the fun and excitement at the Bay Harbor Islands Summer Camp at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center. Campers will enjoy plenty of sports, field trips and other fun activities.

Look for details in the May newsletter.

BAY HARBOR ISLANDS SHINES AT SPRING PICNIC

The Bay Harbor Terrace location for the Morris & Anita Broad Community Picnic was new but the enthusiasm and enjoyment from Town residents was as strong as ever. Attendees poured into the picnic venue to have fun, celebrate Earth Day and share an afternoon picnic meal with family, friends and neighbors. Residents were encouraged to bring electronic items and batteries for recycling and proper disposal. New for this year was the Miami-Dade Animal Shelter's HOPE Express. Activities for children included slides, rock climbing, bungee bouncing, face painting, train rides, a juggler, cotton candy and sno-cones. Picnic goers again were impressed by the talent of the Miami Beach High School Rock Ensemble.

Thanks to all who made the event a success, including the Community Services Department, Town Hall staff, Public Works, Police Department, Police Explorers, School Crossing Guards and volunteers.



POLICE BEAT

Pedal Power on Display at BHI's Bike Rodeo

The Bay Harbor Islands' annual Bike Rodeo rolled into Town on a beautiful Saturday, March 3, with children of all ages spending a morning learning about bike safety, getting tune-ups for their bikes, giving the obstacle course a try and participating in Chief Hemingway's bike ride through the streets of BHI. Held at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center, the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department was assisted by officers from Bal Harbour, Surfside and Indian Creek. Thanks also goes out to Miami Bicycles for providing free tune-ups.



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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.

- Regular Council Meeting – Monday, April 16, at 7 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Board – Tuesday, April 17, 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, May 14; Monday, June 11 and August 13
- Planning & Zoning Board Meetings:
Tuesday, May 1 & May 15; June 5 and 19, 2018

ALL MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Council Action at the March 12 Council Meeting

- **Approval** of a resolution continuing and extending a temporary moratorium on medical marijuana dispensing facilities with the Town of Bay Harbor Islands for an additional period of one hundred and eighty (180) days.
- **Approval** of contract award BHI-192 to Arrow Asphalt Inc. in the amount of \$83,725.50 for resurfacing and re-striping the Municipal Parking Lot on 95th Street.
- **Approval** of a proposal from Chen Moore and Associates in the amount of \$96,250.00 to perform an inspection and assessment report of the seawalls around the East and West Islands.

Anticipated Discussion Items for April 16, 2018 Council Meeting

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

- **Consideration and Approval** of an ordinance on **second** reading requested by Mayor Leonard relating to bicycle parking on sidewalks, streets, right of way and public property in the Town.
- **Consideration and Approval** of an ordinance on first reading regarding mechanical parking lifts for new developments.