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On Monday, August 22nd students will be back at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center and our other surrounding schools.

Please remember to drive with caution throughout the Town in the morning and afternoon and not just in school zones. Many of our children walk to and from school and, with our active Parks & Recreation program, many more will be spending their free time within the Town's borders. If you drive your child or live near the school, please be aware of the traffic pattern for picking up and dropping off children. Parents should never use parking spaces of neighboring buildings or let their children jaywalk. The combined efforts of our crossing guards and the Bay Harbor Islands, Surfside and Bal Harbour Police Departments will be on hand every morning and afternoon to make certain that we all follow the rules to ensure that safety is our first priority. In addition, you can download a copy of the Bobcat Safe Zone Map at ...

rkbbayharbor.dadeschools.net/pta/Docs/Bobcat_Safe_Zone.pdf

As a Bobcat, I am proud again to announce that Ruth K .Broad K-8 Center was ranked an "A" school for the 16th consecutive year. Congratulations to Dr. Rodriguez, her staff, our PTA parents, School Board Member Dr. Martin Karp and everyone that helps make our school an "A" every day.

As promised, Bay Harbor Islands, Bal Harbour Village, Town of Surfside and City of Sunny Isles Beach are collectively working together to improve the quality of life for our communities. Already our mutual support has helped the approval and current building of a skate park in Miami-Dade County owned Haulover Park for all residents. My request for a shower at the 96th Street Beach Entrance recently became a reality, due to the mutual collaboration of Bal Harbour, Surfside and Bay Harbor Islands, by our evenly sharing the cost of its construction even though it's placement lies on the borders of Bal Harbour and Surfside.

In our upcoming 2016-2017 fiscal budget, I have proposed sharing the cost of a study originally proposed by Surfside to be performed by FIU to create a better synergy of our Town bus schedule with Bal Harbour and Surfside, who have already approved their funds. None of this could have happened without my colleagues, Sunny Isles Beach Mayor George 'Bud' Scholl, Bal Harbour Mayor Martin Packer and Surfside Mayor Daniel Dietch. Since I have served as our Mayor, I have seen first-hand that these individuals have worked hard not just for their individual municipalities, but regionally; consistently thinking as to how we can all work together. With a new skate park, beach shower and the continued effort to share our transit buses, I can just say that this is a great start for many ideas to come for all of our benefit. I look forward to proposing additional opportunities in the near future to our Council and staff that will continue to collaborate with our neighboring communities.





Mayor Leonard Speaks at Annual Breakfast

On Wednesday July 20, Mayor Jordan W. Leonard represented the Town of Bay Harbor Islands at the Annual Aventura Marketing Council's "Meet The Mayors" Breakfast. Mayor Leonard joined the mayors from the Aventura, Miami Gardens, Miami Shores, North Miami, North Miami Beach, Sunny Isles Beach and Surfside to discuss issues facing municipalities in northeast Miami-Dade County.

Candidates Forum for State Senate District 38 Election



The League of Women Voters of Miami Dade County is hosting and moderating a Democratic Candidates Forum at the Surfside Town Hall for the upcoming State Senate District 38 Primary Election.

It will be on Thursday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, 9293 Harding Avenue in Surfside. The Forum provides an opportunity to address a wide range of issues impacting Florida and our community's future.

All qualified Democratic candidates for State Senate District 38 have been invited. The following qualified candidates will be participating: Anis Blemur, Kevin Burns, Daphne Campbell, Don Festge, Michael Gongora and Jason Pizzo. Residents may submit questions for the candidates up to 30 minutes prior to the forum.

September 11 Remembrance Ceremony

The Bay Harbor Islands Police Department will be hosting a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony in front of the Mayor Joseph J. Gardner Government Center, 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace, on **Sunday, September 11, 2016**. Opening ceremony will begin at 9:30 AM, sharp. Please join us as we honor the victims from September 11, 2001. We recommend parking inside the Municipal Parking Garage or along Kane Concourse, as Bay Harbor Terrace will be closed to traffic between 96 and 97th Streets. Look for more details in the September NewsWaves or at www.bayharborislands.org.



Public Works - WORKS



The Public Works team, (L-R) Grant Grimsley, Yusnielkys Ruiz, Doug Armstrong, Randy Daniel, Guadalupe Davila, Erroll Stewart, Conroy Kearson, Kerly Derisma, Camilo Gonzalez, Terrence Taylor, Sergey Koretko

Meet your Bay Harbor Islands Public Works Department Team. Headed up by our Town Engineer/Director of Public Works, Randy Daniel, P.E. and Assistant Public Works Director, Doug Armstrong, these are the folks who keep things flowing - above and below ground.

The operation of a municipal public works is crucial to a community's health and safety, as well as the continued improvement of quality of life. The Town's public buildings, bridges, roads and sidewalks, parking lots, parkways and parks, storm drains, water and sewer lines are all within the domain of public works and all essential to the well-being of our Town.

Our infrastructure and assets are monitored, maintained, and improved by our Public Works team. Whether it be locating,

identifying, inspecting, and mapping our underground assets using GIS, GPS & CCTV technologies, to clearing storm drains of debris, to exercising valves and flushing hydrants, to making sure the parks are opened on time, your Public Works team is on the job. Public works is also on the front lines in helping to plan for, respond to, and recover from natural disasters like hurricanes and floods, doing what they can to make certain that the things you expect to work – WORK.



Park To Close For New Turf Installation

Officer Scott Winters Park on 98th Street will be closed from August 8 – September 9, 2016 to allow for the installation of new synthetic turf. The new turf was approved at the June 13th council meeting and will afford much better conditions for play, year round, compared to the existing natural surface. The Dog Park will remain open. We look forward to seeing our residents enjoying the park even more when it reopens in September.

Feeling the sting of mosquitoes?
Then it's time to **drain and cover.**



Drain standing water.

Drain water from garbage cans, house gutters, pool covers, coolers, toys, flower pots or any other containers where sprinkler or rain water has collected.

DISCARD:

old tires, drums, bottles, cans, pots and pans, broken appliances and other items that aren't being used.

EMPTY AND CLEAN:

birdbaths and pets' water bowls at least once or twice a week.

PROTECT:

boats and vehicles from rain with tarps that don't accumulate water.

MAINTAIN:

the water balance (pool chemistry) of swimming pools. Empty plastic swimming pools when not in use.

Future Law Enforcement Professionals Enjoy Explorer Academy

The Bay Harbor Islands Police Department hosted their first Explorer Academy last month, inviting Explorer posts from Police Departments all over South Florida. The Academy proved to be a huge success, being interactive, challenging, innovative and fun - all at the same time and was attended by Police Explorers from North Miami Beach, North Miami, Medley, Miami Beach and Bay Harbor Islands.





Bay Harbor Islands Community Services 2016-17 After School Program

Students are heading back to school and Bay Harbor Islands Community Services Department will be offering their popular After School Programs.

Don't forget to register! For more information, visit Town Hall or call (305) 866-6241.

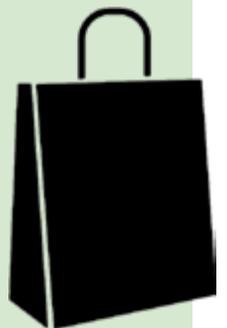


Seniors Game Day in August

Come and enjoy Seniors Game Day on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. The next events will be on Wednesday **August 3 and 17** at the Council Chambers in Town Hall, from 10 a.m.–noon. Come with your friends to play Mahjong, checkers, cards and board games. Refreshments will be available. Please contact Town Hall for more information, (305) 866-6241.

Shop on August 5-7 and Save

The State of Florida's Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday will take place on the weekend of August 5 - 7, 2016. For details and a list of eligible items that will not be charged sales tax, such as clothing and school supplies, see Current Topics at www.dor.myflorida.com/



Having Fun in the Summertime!



More than 100 children found fun, fitness and friendship at the 2016 Bay Harbor Islands Community Services Summer Camp. The annual camp was from June 13 - August 5 and provided campers with a variety of sports, crafts, guest speakers, games, movies and field trips. See you next summer!



Crazy shirt day!



A visit from the Nutty Scientist



Field trip to Miami Seaquarium



Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center Again Named an 'A' School

As the doors are opening for a new school year, Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center has announced that it has been ranked as an "A" school for the 16th consecutive year. Congratulations to Principal Dr. Maria Rodriguez, her staff, our PTA parents, Miami-Dade County School Board member Dr. Martin Karp and all those who have worked to keep RKBH K-8 Center at the top among schools in South Florida and across the State.

IMPORTANT BACK TO SCHOOL DATES:

Friday, August 19

Orientation and Welcome Back

- 9 a.m. PK/K in elementary cafeteria
- 11 a.m. Grades 1-2 in the elementary cafeteria
- 1 p.m. Grades 3-5 in the elementary cafeteria
Grades 6-8 in the middle school cafeteria.

Monday August 22

First day of School



Back to School Safety Tips from the Chief

As we prepare for an exciting new school year, I ask that you take a moment and review the information below that the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department has provided for a safe and orderly school year.

- Parents, please pick up/drop off your children in the drop-off loop, located on 93 Street in front of the school. School staff is there to safely assist with your child. Please do not pick up your children on 95 Street.
- Please inform your children not to loiter around the businesses on 95 Street (Orlando's Pizza, Open Kitchen, Mini Mart, Unico Café, or the Cleaners) unless they are customers. We have had many complaints of rude children, littering and blocking patron access to stores. Additionally, the traffic congestion and large number of pedestrians creates a safety risk and slows the flow of traffic eastbound from the 1100 block.
- Parents, abstain from parking in the roadway of the 1100 block of 95 Street or in West Bay Harbor Drive roadway to drop off/pick up your children as this is a child safety issue. Do not park in residential spaces marked RESERVED. These spaces are for the use of the buildings' tenants only and you will be cited. The parking garage is available to you at no charge for the first hour of drop off and the last hour of dismissal.
- Always obey the Crossing Guards, they are there for your safety. Many parents have been observed crossing without the use of the guard. This encourages children to follow this practice. We will begin issuing warnings and ultimately pedestrian citations this year for illegal crossings.
- Be a courteous driver and pedestrian. Do not walk through private property or park in a private or dedicated parking area. THIS IS TRESPASSING and could result in charges being filed by the property owners.

- Obey all speed zones (15 mph) or slower, as the traffic dictates. Do not enter an intersection unless you have the room to clear "the box." Do not block crosswalks. Before making turns, always look for pedestrians.

On behalf of all of the members of the BHIPD, please have a great new school year and remember to report any suspicious person, activity, or problem to us! If you see something, say something. We are here to help and keep everyone safe!

- Sean Hemingway, Chief of Police

Sunpass Annual Pass Plans Expire on Sept. 30

For residents who purchased Annual Pass Plans for the causeway toll, the Plans will expire on September 30, 2016 at midnight. They may be renewed online at www.BayharborIslands.org beginning September 1. Renew early. Don't wait until the last minute.



Jordan W. Leonard
Mayor

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Robert Yaffe
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Building Department: (305) 993-1786

Police: (305) 866-6242

Emergency: 911

www.bayharborislands.org

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, Aug. 2, 2016 at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting - Monday, Aug. 8 at 7 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Board –
Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2016 at 7 p.m.

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

- Regular Council Meetings: September 12, October 17, 2016
- Planning & Zoning Board Meetings: September 6 & 20; October 5 & 19 and November 1 & 16, 2016

All meetings are subject to change

Council Action at the June 13 Meeting (No July Council meeting)

- **Consideration** and **approval** of an ordinance on **first** regarding the General Employees benefits under the Retirement Plan.
- **Approval** of proposal from Field Turf USA to replace the grass field at the Officer Scott Winters Park (98th Street) with field turf in the amount of \$156,694.87
- **Approval** of a contract to R&D Electric in the amount of \$363,596 to supply and install the lighting fixtures for the Shepard Broad Causeway Bridge

Discussion Items for August 8, 2016 Council Meeting *All items are subject to change*

- Approval of an ordinance on **second** reading amending section 23-12 related to the allowable height of docks.
- Approval of an ordinance on **second** reading amending Section 24-16 amending the landscape requirements for compliance by nonconforming properties.
- Approval of an ordinance on **second** reading amending Chapter 16 providing for a renewed eligibility window for the participation of the Town Manager to the Employees Retirement System.
- Approval of an ordinance on **second** reading amending Chapter 16, entitled Employees Retirement System providing for compliance requirements for prior military and police service.