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On Monday, August 21st students will be back at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center and our other surrounding schools.

This new school year also brings a new principal to Town. Congrats to Mr. Scott Saperstein on his appointment as the new principal of RKBBH K-8. Mr. Saperstein, who previously served as principal of Virginia A. Boone Highlands Oaks Elementary, was appointed over the summer and is already working hard to make his own mark.

Congratulations also goes to Dr. Maria Rodriguez on being promoted to principal of Miami Beach Senior High, which is our feeder pattern high school. We owe a huge thank you to Dr. Rodriguez for serving our community for the last decade as our principal. Her constant professionalism, dedication and love for our children helped make RKBBH K-8 one of the best public schools in the County and the State. As sad as I am to see her leave, we are blessed that she is not going far. Good luck Dr. R and know that "Once a Bobcat, Always a Bobcat!"

With the new school year is also a new reminder to drive with caution throughout the Town in the morning and afternoon. The green paths are currently being installed along the perimeter of the East Island in order to promote a safer, and more sustainable, environment. Please use them when walking your children to and from school. 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. Our crossing guards and the collective efforts of the Bay Harbor Islands, Surfside and Bal Harbour Police Department's will be visibly present every morning and afternoon to ensure that we all follow the rules that promote safety as our first priority. In addition, you can download the official Bobcat Safe Zone Map at...

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

Dr. Rodriguez also left us a parting gift when it was announced this past summer that Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center was ranked an "A" school for the 18th consecutive year. Congrats to her and the entire Bobcat staff, parents and students who made this possible.

Finally, condolences to Bay Harbor Islands Council Member Isaac Salver and Bal Harbour Village Assistant Mayor Seth Salver and their families on the recent passing of Isaac's father, David. He was a loving husband and father and will be missed.

Sincerely,



Green Bike & Pedestrian Lanes to be Completed in August

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands is creating green-painted bike/pedestrian lanes on East & West Bay Harbor Drives. The painting began on July 18.

Phase I involves painting the outer lane only and the project should be completed in August. Residents should be aware that parking and driveway access may be affected during the painting, which will take place beginning at 9 a.m.

Vehicles will not be permitted to cross the green areas until the paint is fully dry - which takes up to 6 hours. The Town will provide you with a permit for alternate parking on the day your building is impacted, if needed. Parking lots with multiple access

points will be restricted to one entrance/exit at a time but can be left open allowing you to enter and exit at will. If you are expecting a delivery of any kind, please inform the delivery personnel that they cannot drive, park or walk on or across the coned, taped or barricaded area. The same applies to landscaping companies and other contractors.

We will do our best to give each affected property ample notice as to when to expect the painting, but if a day's operation is rained out, it will need to continue the next possible weekday. Everyone's gracious cooperation is appreciated.

For more information or a parking permit, please call Bridget at Town Hall at 305-866-6241.



Mayor Speaks at Biscayne Bay Summit



On June 28th, Mayor Jordan W. Leonard joined community leaders, scientists, County Commissioner Daniella Cava, representatives from the offices of Congresswoman Wasserman-Schultz and Senators Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio at the Biscayne Bay Marine Health Inaugural Summit held at Florida International University. The purpose of the summit was to create an effective 10-Year Action Plan for reducing marine/estuarine debris and other water pollutants in Biscayne Bay as well as in Miami-Dade's canals, rivers and ocean beaches. Guest speaker Mayor Leonard discussed what we are doing within our own community to protect and preserve the Bay.

Mayor Honored as Home Rule Hero

Each year the Florida League of Cities recognizes legislators and local elected officials who work to promote strong and consistent support of municipal home rule issues by presenting the Defender of Home Rule Award. This tribute is for those officials who support local government authority and always provide a local perspective to an issue.



L-R) Commissioner Anthony DeFillipo of North Miami Beach, MDCLC Second Vice President George Vallejo and Mayor of North Miami Beach, Florida League of Cities Legislative Director Scott Dudley and MDCLC First Vice President Jordan W. Leonard, Mayor of Bay Harbor Islands.



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
AUGUST 1, 2017 6-9 PM

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT BLOCK PARTY IN BAY HARBOR ISLANDS!
9665 BAY HARBOR TERRACE, BAY HARBOR ISLANDS, FL 33154**

National Night Out is a family-friendly event dedicated to promoting crime prevention for safer neighborhoods through police-community partnerships. Join the BHI PD, your neighbors & friends for this fun-filled and informative evening! For more info call 305-866-6242.



**Kenny Walker On-Air Host
from 102.7 The Beach!**



Adult Beach Cruiser Bike Give-away!
Courtesy of Lee's Bike & Locksmith, Hollywood, Fl.

**K-9 Demonstrations
Police Motorcycle Units
Miami-Dade Fire Rescue**

Info. on Local Programs for Residents & Visitors

Free Animal ID Tags & Bicycle Registration

**Police Demonstrations
Police Equipment on Display**

Food Trucks

Face Painting for the Kids!





MORRIS N. BROAD COMMUNITY CENTER

SUMMER SESSION:

Call the Morris Broad Community Center for more information of classes and happenings at the Community Center , 786-646-9970.

ACTIVE SENIORS

Game Day and Social • Wednesday, August 2 and 16 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, August 25, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

Join us for a free viewing of this classic favorite, Ship of Fools. When an eclectic group of passengers boards a cruise ship bound for prewar Germany, they form a microcosm of 1930s society. During their weeks at sea, the group forges bonds and rivalries, and unearths secrets. 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.



SOCIAL MEDIA



On Facebook? So are we! Want to know 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 what's happening.

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



BHI SPECIAL EVENTS

ACTIVE SENIORS ON THE GO

DOLPHIN MALL

Escape the summer heat and join Bay Harbor Islands as we take a trip to Miami's largest outlet shopping and entertainment center on **Thursday, August 24**

Cost: Free Departing at 10 am
Returning by 3 pm

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



SUMMER CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

It has been an exciting summer season! More than 100 campers joined the eight-week Bay Harbor Islands Summer Camp, focusing on sports, science, field trips and plenty of fun for all participants. Check out some of the highlights below, including movie day, playground fun and science experiments.



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

An update for the After School Program will be published in the September issue of the Bay Harbor Islands Newsletter. For any questions, please call the Morris Broad Community Center at: 786-646-9970

How do I pay my water bill?

When is the next council meeting?

I need to message the Mayor!

When is Tai Chi?

What is the phone number for that new restaurant?

I want to report a code violation!

There's an App for that!

BHIConnect*

* Available on Google Play and in the App Store



Get Daily Updates on Facebook and Twitter

Keep informed of the latest happenings in Bay Harbor Islands by following the Town on its Facebook page and Twitter. Receive up-to-the-minute news and information as well as answers to your questions. Go to:

- www.facebook.com/bayharborislands
 - www.Twitter.com/BayHarborIsland
- The BHI Police Department at
- www.twitter.com/BHIPolice
 - www.facebook.com/BHIPolice

Register for Notifications and Emergency Alerts!

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 or by visiting Town Hall.

Sign up for...



Keeping citizens informed.

POLICE BEAT

Share a cup of coffee or two
with BHI's Police officers



Take this opportunity to ask questions and learn about keeping yourself and your loved ones safe. August's focus will be on Back-to-School.

Wednesday, August 16
at 11 AM - 12 PM
at the Morris N. Broad Community
Center, 1175 95th Street.



BOBCAT CORNER

ACTIVITIES AT RKBBH K-8 CENTER

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 18th consecutive year. Congratulations to out-going 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 RKBBH K-8 Center at the top among schools in South Florida and across the State.

Back to School Safety Tips at RKBBH K-8 Center

Amid the excitement of the start of the 2017-18 school year, parents and motorists should take a moment and review the information below regarding safety in and around the Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center.

- 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 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.

Report any suspicious person, activity or problem to the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department.

Back to School Savings on August 3-5

Throughout the weekend of August 3-5, Floridians will be able to purchase specific school supplies, clothing and footwear without paying state and local sales taxes. The tax exemption applies to specific items of clothing and footwear that cost \$75 or less, as well as certain school supplies that cost \$15 or less. Shoppers and retailers can find a list of tax-exempt items by visiting the Florida Department of Revenue's website at <http://dor.myflorida.com/dor/>, in the "Current Topics" box. Economists estimate the tax break will save Florida families approximately \$31.8 million.

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For information or emergencies:

Town Hall: (305) 866-6241

Building Department: (305) 993-1786

Police: (305) 866-6242

Emergency: 911

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, Aug. 1 at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting – Monday, Aug. 14 at 7 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Board – Tuesday, Aug. 15 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:
September 11, October 16 and November 13, 2017
- Planning & Zoning Board Meetings:
September 5 & 19 and October 3 & 17, 2017

ALL MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

No Council Meeting was held in July

Discussion Items for Aug. 14, 2017 Council Meeting

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

- **Consideration and Approval** of an ordinance on **first** reading regarding the installation of fences on vacant lots.
- **Consideration and Approval** of an ordinance on **first** reading amending the parking plan for constructions sites in Town.
- **Discussion** requested Mayor Leonard of possible locations for a community pool.
- **Discussion** and direction on the additions and renovations to Town Hall.