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Nationally, we endured a bitter Presidential Election. Even in Bay Harbor we had mixed feelings on who should lead our Nation. Residents voted 2 to 1 in favor of former Secretary Hillary Clinton (66%) over President-Elect Donald J. Trump (31%) with 3% choosing other candidates. The civil transition of power occurring now is a testament to our strength as a nation and the power of the US Constitution. Whether you approve of the results or not, no party or person is above our democratic system of government.

I ask you to remember that December comes a time to give; a time for joy. It is the one time universally amongst Jews, Christians, Muslims and other faiths that we come together to be thankful for what we have and care for our fellow neighbor.

One opportunity to give back is to support Officer Kathy Sullivan, who is ill. Serving Bay Harbor since 2008, she is the Town's first recipient of the prestigious LEO Award and is also a former Officer of the Year for saving the life of another. Donations to help support her and her two children during this time of need can be made to the non-profit Love Fund, Inc. c/o Kathy Sullivan.

One opportunity for joy is to come out to the grand opening and dedication of the Morris N. Broad Community Center and County Library at 10:00 AM on Sunday, December 4th. A second opportunity is our annual Snow Day on Sunday, December 18th from 2-5 PM at the open field on Kane Concourse.

All three are opportunities for our entire Town; Democrats, Republicans, Independents, Jews, Christians, Muslims, African-Americans, Whites, Hispanics, those that are LGBT and most important; all those that we can agree and disagree with here in Town. At the end of the day, we are all neighbors; we drive down the same streets and our children play in the same parks. Enjoy our new amenities and cherish what we have in common.

For me, I wish to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve our Town. You have entrusted me, and our Council, with improving our quality of life, protecting our families, businesses and interests. I am most thankful for my wife Meytal and children Josh, Bella and Max. I wish you and your family a happy and healthy holiday season and a prosperous and safe New Year.

Sincerely,



TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE

Park Event Fees Reduced for Residents



At the suggestion of Mayor Jordan W. Leonard, and unanimously agreed to by the rest of the Town Council, Park rental fees have been reduced to their original \$25 for Bay Harbor Islands residents only, effective immediately. The deposit will remain at \$100. For information on park rentals and availability, call Alo at Town Hall, 305-866-6241.

Isaac Salver Presents Award to Miami Mayor



Bay Harbor Islands Council member and former Mayor Isaac Salver presented a “Years of Service Award” on November 17 to The Honorable Tomas Regalado, Mayor of the City of Miami. The Mayor was recognized by the Florida League of Cities for more than twenty years of elected service with the City of Miami. Council member Salver is a long term Board member with the Miami-Dade County League of Cities and the Florida League of Cities.

Council Members Join MDCLC for Turkey Give-away



Mayor Jordan W. Leonard and Council member Isaac Salver hand over bags containing holiday turkeys as part of the annual distribution effort put on by the Miami-Dade County League of Cities.

Parking Fees to Increase January 1 in Municipal Lots and Garage

The cost of a monthly parking-pass for most Town lots will increase, effective January 1, 2017. The new fees are reflected in the table at right. This will be the first parking fee increase for the parking garage since 2010 and the first for the other lots since 2003. There will also be an increase in the hourly rate that varies depending on location. These fee increases are necessary to properly maintain the lots and to create more parking for future needs. For your convenience, the Town has added Pay-by-Phone to most metered lots and will be adding Master Meters & Pay-by-Phone to those lots that do not currently have these payment options, in addition to the monthly decals.

LOCATION	MONTHLY DECAL FEE (STARTING JAN 2017)	HOURLY RATE PARKING METERS
	INCREASED FEES ARE IN RED	
Municipal Garage—1065—95 Street	\$75	\$1
95 Street and East Bay Harbor Drive	\$65	\$1
North Service Alley—Bay Harbor Terrace	\$107	\$1
103 Street	\$25	\$.50
100 Street and East Bay Harbor Drive	\$25	\$.50
92 Street and East Bay Harbor Drive	\$25	\$.50
97 Street and West Bay Harbor Drive	\$65	\$1
Kane Concourse Meters	None	\$1.25

Please join us for a special celebration
Grand Opening



Morris N. Broad
COMMUNITY CENTER

Sunday, December 4th
 at 10:00 am

1175 95th Street
 Bay Harbor Islands, FL



Bay Harbor Islands Hosts Veterans Day Block Party



(L-R) Council member Isaac Salver, Town Manager Ron Wasson, Mayor Jordan W. Leonard and Rabbi Zalman Lipskar.

With an escort that included a line of flashing police and fire-rescue vehicles, Bay Harbor Islands Veterans Day keynote speaker Irving Greene arrived at Town Hall to tell his incredible story of flying bombing missions over Europe during World War II. Also featured in the program was an inspired reading on the American flag by Amvets Post Commander Allyn Mckinney. The afternoon event included an old fashioned cook-out of hot dogs, hamburgers and pizza. Special thanks goes out to the BHI Police Department and its Honor Guard, Post 4 Police

Explorers, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department and the Town Managers office and staff. Also thanks to Mayor Leonard and the BHI Council for whom such events would not be possible. Thank you veterans for your service.



First responders gather around WWII veteran and BHI resident Irving Greene.

BHI Hosts 3rd Annual Snow Day!

Sunday, Dec. 18, 2016, 2 to 5 p.m.
In the lot at 1177 Kane Concourse

Children and families are invited to attend the 3rd Bay Harbor Islands Snow Day. The fun-filled event will include rides, refreshments, a giant slide, games and, of course, SNOW! For more information, email bmorin@bayharborislands-fl.gov



WINTER CAMP!

Join us to celebrate winter break Florida-style as we learn about fishing and water safety, explore animals that call the tropics home and ring in the New Year with a Beach Towel Bash!

Camp will start December 27, 2016 - January 6, 2017 (closed on January 2, 2017) Camp hours will be 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (Morning care and aftercare options are available at no cost)

	Residents	Non-Residents
One week	\$128	\$154
Two weeks	\$225	\$270

There is a \$20 registration fee per child. Two Field Trips are included. Limited to the first 50 participants.

For more information, please contact the Community Services Department (305) 866-6241 or email Regine Choute at rchoute@bayharborislands-fl.gov.

Green Path for Biking & Walking Coming to East Island

At the November 14 Regular Council Meeting, the BHI Town Council approved the installation of a "Green Path" bicycle/walking lane on the East Island. The new Green Paths will be on East & West Bay Harbor Drives. These paths will more clearly delineate vehicular traffic lanes from cycling/pedestrian lanes and create safer conditions for motorists and our residents using these areas.



Story Time In the Park

Merlina the Magical Storyteller at 4 p.m.

- Friday, December 2
- Friday, December 9
- Friday, December 16

At the Town Tot Lot, located north of Kane Concourse on West Broadview Drive

For more information, email bmorin@bayharborislands-fl.gov.

New Pee-Wee Soccer Session on Jan. 9

A new session of Pee-Wee Soccer will begin Jan. 9, 2017. Look for information in the January newsletter. For more information, please contact the Community Services Department (305) 866-6241 or email Shanika Augustin at saugustin@bayharborislands-fl.gov.



Holiday Toy Drive!

Bay Harbor Islands is holding its Annual Toy Drive to benefit the Miami Children's Health Foundation and Nicklaus Children's Hospital. Bring a new, unwrapped toy to Town Hall, 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace, and brighten the life of a young patient this holiday season. **Toys will be collected until Thursday, December 22nd.**

Cooking Class on Dec. 12

On Monday, December 12, a Holiday edition of the "Taste of the Town" event will take place at Nichi's Sweet Confections, from 4-5:30 p.m. The event will feature cheese and risotto tastings, wine and a gluten-free cake making demonstration. The cost is \$20 per person and will be strictly limited to 12 persons. For tickets, please contact Bridget at (305) 866-6241.



Get Your Miami-Dade Library Card at the Community Center

Residents who would like to obtain a Miami-Dade Public Library System card may do so by visiting any branch Library, including the BHI Branch at the Community Center or by visiting <http://www.mdpls.org/library-card/library-card.html>. You will need to provide a photo identification and proof of your Bay Harbor Islands residency to obtain a library card.

Valid Forms of ID

Persons (age 18 and older) applying for a library card are required to present valid photo identification. The following items will be accepted by Library staff as valid forms of identification:

- Photo Identification (defined as an item containing a photo and the first and last name of applicant)
- Valid Driver License
- State Identification Card
- Student Identification Card
- Military Identification Card
- Passport

Proof of your Bay Harbor Islands Residency

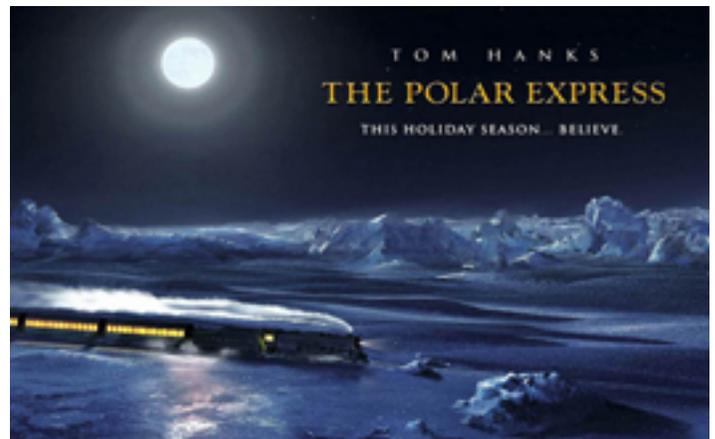
- Current Year's Property Tax Receipt
- Current Month's Utility Bill (Cell phone bills are not accepted)
- Current Lease Agreement
- Current Insurance Card

Permits Waived for Impact Windows

The Town is now waiving permit fees to existing property owners for the replacement of windows and doors for impact resisting products. Because it is in the best interest of all property owners to upgrade windows and doors to hurricane impact resistant products, the Bay Harbor Islands Town Council is offering an incentive program to encourage property owners to change out their existing windows and doors prior to hurricane season. Please note that only existing structures will qualify for this opportunity. New construction is excluded and the permit application must have been received on or after November 14, 2016.

Hop Aboard the Polar Express for a Night of Adventure

On Saturday, December 17, 2016 Bay Harbor Islands will host Outdoor Movie Night at 7 p.m., featuring the holiday classic *Polar Express*. The movie and parking are free and take place at the vacant lot at 1177 Kane Concourse. Join the excitement when a doubting young boy takes an extraordinary train ride to the North Pole that shows him that the wonder of life never fades for those who believe. Remember to bring your blanket or chair. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information email Shauna Damon at sdamon@bayharborislands-fl.gov.



BHI PARADE & CARNIVAL IS A HALLOWEEN TREAT!

It was all fun and no frights as hundreds of costumed children and parents paraded through the Kane Concourse business district to trick-or-treat at stores and businesses. The popular parade started at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center and ended at a rousing Halloween Carnival that included games, rides, photos, a DJ playing music and a visit from some famous super heroes. Thanks to all those who made this successful event possible.



BAY HARBOR ISLANDS **ACTIVE SENIORS**



Tai-Chi

A new session course is a healthy and therapeutic exercise program for seniors. New session of classes will held January 10 - March 2, 2017 at the Morris N. Broad Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10-11 a.m. Resident fee is \$30 and non-residents fee \$80.



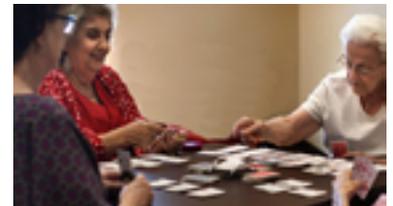
Yoga

Stretch out into Yoga classes beginning December 5, 2016 to February 1, 2017 on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 10-11 a.m. at the Morris N. Broad Community Center (no classes between Dec. 26-Jan 2). The cost is \$30 for Bay Harbor Islands residents and \$80 for non-residents.



Game Day

Seniors Game Day will take place on the first and third Wednesdays, December 5 and 21 at the new Morris N. Broad Community Center, from 10 a.m.– noon. Come with your friends to play Mahjong, checkers, cards and board games. Refreshments will be available.



Seniors on the Go - December

Join us Thursday, December 1, 2016 to see the opera *Carmen*. Set in Seville around the year 1830, the opera deals with the love and jealousy of Don José, who is lured away from his duty as a soldier and his beloved Micaëla by the gypsy factory-girl Carmen, whom he allows to escape from custody.

The bus will leave at 6 p.m. sharp and will return once the show is concluded. This is Bay Harbor Islands Annual Free event so please contact Town Hall to add your name to the list.

For the latest updates, check the Community Services Department's webpage, www.bayharborislands-fl.gov/parks-and-recreation, for events that are happening in Town.

For more information, contact Regine or Shauna at (305) 866-6421 or by email rchoute@bayharborislands-fl.gov



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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, Dec. 6, 2016 at 7 p.m.
- **No Meeting in December**
- Planning & Zoning Board – Tuesday, Dec. 20 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, Jan. 9, 2017
- Planning & Zoning Board Meetings: January 2 & 16, 2017

ALL MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Council Action at the November 14 Meeting

- **Approval** of an ordinance on **second** reading to amend Section 17-20 (o) of the Town Code to allow religious institutions to have exterior signs.
- **Approval** of an ordinance on **second** reading to amend Section 23-5(8.1) of the Town Code to eliminate the requirement that religious institutions have a public hearing in connection with their approved use.
- **Approval** of an ordinance on **second** reading to amend Section 23 of the Town Code entitled zoning and planning to regulate vacation rentals on the East Island.
- **Approval** of an ordinance on **second** reading to amend Section 23 of the Town Code to prohibit licensed professionals from engaging in counseling efforts, practices, or treatments with the goal to change a minor's sexual orientation or gender identify.

Discussion Item for January 9, 2017 Council Meeting

All items are subject to change

- **Consideration and Approval** of an ordinance on **second** reading amending Section 5-5 of the Town Code to clarify the provisions of the construction fence requirements.
- **Consideration and approval of an ordinance on second reading** regarding the requirements to have construction trailer come before Council for approval.