



# Bay Harbor Islands

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## *A Message from the Mayor*

### Running Towards a Better Community

On January 20th we held the 7th Annual Bay Harbor Islands 5k/10K Run and Walk. The weather was perfect for the 150 participants, which was the highest participation count since 2006. The course went through the west island, over the causeway and back to Town Hall. Runners ranged in age from 8 to 80 and everyone was a winner (see page 3). Thanks to our volunteers, Boy Scout Troop 320 for their help in setting up. Thanks to BHI police for helping direct traffic during the race. Thanks to Regine Choute for coordinating the event, as well as the office staff and public works who worked overtime to make sure the event was a success.

As an update to last month's message, I would like to share the latest news relating to security at Ruth K Broad K-8. Acting Police Chief Allan Sjoberg attended the Joint Roundtable on Youth Safety. Representatives from Miami Dade County Public Schools, Miami Dade County Mayor's office, and Police Chiefs from several municipalities participated in the development of a countywide plan to bolster safety in our schools and parks. The goal of this Roundtable is to ensure the strongest safety protocols are in place. Through these discussions, we can identify ways to leverage our collective resources, increase community engagement, and create an envelope of safety around our schools and children.

Locally, our Police Department has launched a security program for our school involving the entire police department from the patrol officers to the Chief. Visits will be made frequently to the school a few times per day where the police officer will park their vehicle in front of the school, and walk through the entire campus performing a "security sweep." We are the lead agency in this detail, and discussions are under way to engage police departments from our surrounding communities to participate as well.

As we plan the future of our Town, there are a few important projects to inform you about. We have preliminary plans to underground utilities around the waterway bridge (the bridge that links the East Island to the West Island). The project will rid the town of about six light poles along Kane Concourse. Work will soon begin on the replacement of the walkway of the intracoastal drawbridge. Lastly, we received a letter from the Florida Department of Transportation informing us that by Mid-2014 they will begin a comprehensive renovation of Kane Concourse (SR-922), which will include roads, crosswalks and other enhancements. FDOT will hold an informational meeting to discuss the project on February 13th at our Town Hall.

Happy Valentines Day!

*Isaac*

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# BAY HARBOR ISLANDS OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

## Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Featured on Feb. 16



*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* starring Johnny Depp, will be shown on Saturday, Feb. 16 at the BHI Outdoor Movie Night. The movie will be shown at 7 p.m. at the vacant lot at 1177 Kane Concourse. Remember to bring your blanket or chair for a fun evening under the stars.

Admission and parking is free and children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, contact Town Hall at (305) 866-6241 or visit the Town

website: [www.bayharborislands.org](http://www.bayharborislands.org).



## BHI Hosts Pee Wee Soccer

The new Pee Wee Soccer Program is underway at the 98th Street Park. The eight week course is for children ages 1-4 years old and will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays.

This age specific curriculum focuses on teaching children ages 12 months to 4 years old soccer fundamentals. Super Soccer Stars uses the soccer ball as the vehicle to help children not only improve their soccer skills, but also develop self confidence, improve gross motor skills, hone socialization skills in a fun, non-competitive environment. The cost is \$175 for residents and \$250 for non-residents with a \$10 registration fee per family.

**Mondays**

12 to 24 months: 3:30- 4:30 pm

2 year olds: 4:30-5:30 pm

**Wednesdays**

3-4 year olds: 3:30-4:30 pm

4-5 year olds: 4:30-5:30 pm

## Seniors on the Go

In the coming months, the Seniors on the Go program is planning a series of exciting trips. **For more information, contact Town Hall at (305) 866-6241.**

- **Sunday February 17**

Yi-Yang Chen, Piano, 3 pm at the Granada Presbyterian Church, 950 University Drive, Coral Gables. Bus leaves at 2 p.m. – *Free Event.*

- **Thursday, March 14**

Seniors Trip to Aventura Mall, 11 am. Bus leaves at 10:30 a.m. and returns at 4 p.m. – *Free Event*

- **Wednesday, April 3rd**

The Metropolitan Opera Live HD performance of *Francesca da Rimini* at 6:30 pm \$18 (Surf-Bal- Bay JCS Program). For more information please contact SBB Club (305) 403-6515. Residents must come in to pay or register three days before the event date.



## Storytime at the Park

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands invites you to enjoy an afternoon at the Park

**February 1: Stories with Nancy**

**February 15: Merlina**

1st & 3rd Friday at 4 p.m. at the  
Bay Harbor Islands Tot Lot

North of Kane Concourse on West Broadview Drive



FREE/Bring your blanket or chair. For more info please call Town Hall at 305-866-6241 or visit the Town's website at [www.bayharborislands.org](http://www.bayharborislands.org).



# Everyone is a Winner at BHI's 7th Annual Race

Children, families, seniors and even babies ran, walked and strolled through the scenic streets and bridges of Bay Harbor Islands during the Town's 7th Annual 5k/10K Run and Walk. The weather was perfect, the participants energetic and the Town never looked better!

The overall winners of the 5K were Alcides De Quesada and Estea Ortiz. The 10K winners were Alcin Diallo and Lisa Dorfman.

Congratulations to all who made the event a success including traffic control by the BHI Police Department, Public Works Department, Rotary Club of Bal Harbour, race coordinator Regine Choute and volunteers from Miami Beach Senior High School.



*Its a mad rush down Kane Concourse at the start of the 5K race*



*10K female winner  
Lisa Dorfman*

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*Medal winners included Mayor Isaac Salver and Commissioner Bob Yaffe.*



*(L-R) Mayor Isaac Salver and wife Bahee, Councilwoman Solange Rousselot and children Brando and Delia, Councilman Robert H. Yaffe, Assistant Town Manager J.C. Jimenez, Assistant to the Town Manager Regine Choute, Town Manager Ronald Wasson and Councilman Francisco Temprano*

# Information on Town Council Election

Our annual municipal election will take place on Tuesday, April 16th. If you are not already properly registered to vote with a residential address in Bay Harbor Islands, you may obtain a registration form at Town Hall or at any state Driver's License office. Under state law, the books close to new registrations 29 days prior to the election (March 18th). If you already have a current Miami-Dade County voter's registration card with the proper address, you need not re-register. If you are not sure your registration is current, call Miami-Dade County Elections Department at 305-499-8683.

For new voter registration, a resident must be at least 18 years of age and be a citizen of the United States. There is no minimum residency requirement for registration. If you will be unable to go to the polls on the day of the Town election, absentee ballots may be requested by calling the Miami-Dade County Elections Department at 305-499-8444. Absentee ballots must be returned no later than 7:00 p.m. the day of the election.

Two seats on the Town Council will come up for vote in the April 16th election (Stephanie Bruder and Alberto Ruder). If you wish to become a candidate for a Town Council seat, you can announce your candidacy by filing with the Town Clerk any time during regular business hours. Due to changes to the Town Charter, which were approved at the special election held Nov. 6th, 2012, qualifying deadlines have changed. A person wishing to qualify to run for office must do so after 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 7th and before 5 p.m. on Friday, March 15th. To qualify you must be a registered voter and have been a Bay Harbor resident for at least one year. For more information, contact Marlene Marante, Town Clerk at 305-866-6241.

Each Town Council member is elected by the voters of the Town for a 4-year term of office. These terms of office are staggered so that only two Council members run for office each year (with only one seat open each fourth year). This system provides for stability and continuity in our Town Government. Each Council member receives a salary of \$1 per year, which is traditionally donated to a charitable cause.

The Town Council meets on a regular basis, on the second Monday at least ten (10) times per year. In addition, the Council members spend many hours at various committee, board, workshops, and special meetings. By state law, all meetings are open to the public, and members of the community are encouraged to attend meetings to be informed on issues concerning our community.

## Join Us in Thanking Our 2013 Sponsors

### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K/10K Run and Walk Race

Bay Harbor Islands would like to thank this year's 7th Annual 5K/10K Run and Walk sponsors. A total of \$17,936 for the Surf-Bal-Bay PAL program was collected from generous donors.

Melissa Lazarus MD Dermatology

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Dade County Police Benevolent Association

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American Benefits Partners

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Michael Miller Planning Associate

"In Memory of Celia Rosenfeld"

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*Thanks!*



# Tai-Chi For Seniors

Try Tai-Chi for Seniors, a healthy and therapeutic exercise program!

8 Week Course: \$30

Tuesdays and Thursdays,  
Beginning Tuesday Feb. 12 through  
Tuesday April 2, 2013

5-6 p.m. at Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center

For more information and to register, please contact  
Regine Choute at (305) 866-6241



## Volunteer for the Shoreline Clean-up on Feb. 16

The next “Big Clean” event will be Saturday, February 16 from 11 am to 3 pm. Three seventh-graders at Bay Harbor Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center are leading the community service project to benefit our shorelines and the waters of Biscayne Bay. Volunteers are welcome to participate in the events and help keep are shorelines clean.



## Upcoming Meetings

The Town Council welcomes your attendance at meetings. Regular Council meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of the month at 7 pm and the regular scheduled Planning & Zoning Board meetings are scheduled for the first and third Tuesday at 6 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 and Zoning Board - Tuesday Feb. 5, at 6 pm
- Regular Council Meeting - Tuesday Feb. 11 at 7 pm
- Town Hall closed - in observation of President’s Day, Monday, Feb. 19.
- Planning and Zoning Board - Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 6 pm

The following future meeting dates are tentative and subject to change. Please check the Town’s website, [www.bayharborislands.org](http://www.bayharborislands.org).

- Regular Council Meetings: Monday, March 11, Monday, April 8 and Monday May 13, 2013
- Planning & Zoning Board Meetings: March 5 & 19 April 2 (one meeting in April) and May 7 & 21, 2013.

**Committee meeting dates and times to be announced**

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## ENVIRONMENTAL TIP

### Adjust Settings on Your Refrigerator



Of all household appliances, refrigerators consume the most electricity, accounting for 9% of the average home’s total energy consumption in America. To save money and energy, keep your refrigerator thermostat between 38 and 40 degrees.

Isaac Salver  
*Mayor*

Jordan W. Leonard  
*Vice Mayor*

Stephanie Bruder  
*Councilwoman*

Solange Rousselot  
*Councilwoman*

Alberto Ruder  
*Councilman*

Francisco Temprano  
*Councilman*

Robert H. Yaffe  
*Councilman*

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*Town Clerk*

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**Police: (305) 866-6242**

**Emergency: 911**

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## Council Highlights of the January 14 Council Meeting

- Denial of appeal for projects located at 9261 E. Bay Harbor Drive and 1025-36 92nd Street.
- Approval of a Resolution creating the Clean Energy Coastal Corridor Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) District.
- Approval of a Resolution increasing the local parks and recreation impact fee.
- Approval of an ordinance of first reading creating an additional homestead exemption for qualifying senior citizens.
- Approval of continuing the Tai Chi Program for seniors for another 8 week session.
- Approval of support of the Seniors on the Go Program for 4 trips in the 2013 Program.
- Approval of a ballroom dance studio to be located at 1055 Kane Concourse in the near future.

## Discussion Items for the February 11, 2013 Council Meeting

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

- **Second** reading of an ordinance creating an additional homestead exemption for qualifying senior citizens.
- **Second** reading of an ordinance amending the Retirement System for general employees and Police officers
- **Discussion** regarding creation of a Historic Preservation Board.
- **Discussion** regarding above grade parking garage designs and screening code amendment.
- **Discussion** regarding guest parking on new multi-family developments.
- **Discussion** regarding proposing an ordinance to allow domestic partnership benefits.