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A Message from the Mayor

Volunteering Improves the Life of Our Community

According to the Corporation for National and Community Service, more than 65 million Americans contributed 8 billion hours of volunteerism last year. The economic value was about \$162 billion U.S. dollars, but the real value was the huge difference volunteers made in the lives of others.

Here in Bay Harbor Islands, volunteers play an important role in the day-to-day operation of our Town. Young volunteers assist the Town during our annual 5K/10K Run. We regularly have volunteer groups who help keep the causeway shoreline clean. Your seven-member governing Council are all volunteer elected officials who preside over the major decisions concerning the Town's services, finances and development.

The Town's Citizen Committees oversee the Town's interests in a variety of areas: Planning & Zoning, Environmental Impact, Parks & Recreation, and Emergency Preparedness. These last three committees are currently seeking new members. This is your opportunity to both strengthen and give back to your community. You will gain valuable experience, work closely with fellow residents and make a difference in the lives of others. Contact Town Hall at 305-866-6241 or e-mail mmarante@bayharborislands.net, if you are interested (See Page 3).

Speaking of serving the community, on behalf of the Council and staff, I would like to thank former Council member Solange Rousselot for her dedicated service to Bay Harbor Islands. She stepped down from the Council in January after her family relocated outside the Town. She was elected in April 2012 served on the Council for almost three years.

I'm pleased to report that the roadway work on the Broad Causeway is nearly complete. We should soon have a smooth ride with all the lanes open for traffic in February.

Take care and have a great tropical winter!



- Bob

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Join the Relay For Life on March 14

Relay for Life, the annual event to support cancer patients, will take place on the beach at 96 street on **Saturday, March 14** and will include the communities of Surfside, Bal Harbour and Bay Harbor Islands. Organizers hope to raise \$25,000 for the American Cancer Society.

The event is a time for family and friends to honor cancer survivors, remember those lost to this disease and raise funds and awareness to help end cancer forever.



Small Businesses Can Apply for County Grants

Small business owners in Miami-Dade's District 4 are invited to apply for Commissioner Sally Heyman's Annual Mom and Pop Small Business Grant Program. Applicants may be eligible to receive up to \$5,000 to purchase equipment, supplies, inventory, commercial liability insurance, security systems, advertising and marketing and minor renovations. Applications will be accepted February 2 through February 20, 2015.

To qualify, business owners must have been licensed and operating for at least two years, not employ more than seven employees, not be in default or non-compliance with any County loan or grant program, not affiliated with a national chain, not own more than two businesses and not engage in illegal activity at the stated business location.

Applications must be received no later than 12 noon on February 20, 2015 or they will not be accepted. Completed original applications can be mailed or delivered to: Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, District 4 Office, 1100 NE 163rd Street, #303, North Miami Beach, FL 33162

For more information or to see if your business is located within District 4, call (305) 787-5999. Applications are available at www.miamidade.gov/district04.

Taste of the Town Event on Wednesday, Feb. 11

Join us for our first Bay Harbor Islands Taste of The Town Progressive Dinner, February 11th, at 6:00 PM. Celebrate an early Valentine's while enjoying tasty bites, spirits, and an evening stroll around our beautiful Downtown.

Participating sponsors include Betto's Ristorante Italiano, Emilio's Trattoria, Praschnik Fine Jewelers, Ocean Cadillac, and YaYa Wine.

Cost is \$25 per person and advance purchase is required. Tickets may be purchased at Town Hall, 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace. For more information visit the Town website at bayharborislands.net or call Bridget Morin at 305-866-6241.

The event is cohosted by Councilwoman Stephanie Bruder and longtime resident Kathleen Kennedy. For information on sponsorship, email bmorin@bayharborislands.net.



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Glam Hair Extensions on Kane Concourse

Glam Hair Extensions has moved its popular and well known unisex salon from Miami Beach to 1160 Kane Concourse, Suite 101. Founder and owner Gina Diaz and Parisian-trained stylist and Glam President Gilles Uzan provide a one-stop shop offering hair extensions, wigs, coloring, styling, Keratin treatments, eyelash extensions, make-up and photo shoots. Gina authored a book that is used to train professional hair stylists. The Flat Method is an innovative procedure to attach hair extensions. Both Gina and Gilles train other stylists and have an impressive international clientele that includes famous actors and actresses, models, sports stars, designers and celebrities.

Glam Hair Extensions is committed to delivering extraordinary services in a personal, relaxing environment. With 30 combined years of experience as pioneering stylists, the Glam Hair Extension team is happy to be in Bay Harbor and eager to serve local residents.

Call for an Glam appointment at 888-984-9955.

Commissioner Sally Heyman Sponsors Free Spay & Neuter Surgeries For Cats

In an effort to continue her commitment to control the overpopulation of cats in Miami-Dade County, Commissioner Sally Heyman is again sponsoring a free spay/neuter event in District

4. Commissioner Heyman is joined by Bay Harbor Islands



Council member Kelly Reid, along with Miami-Dade County Animal Services Department, in offering FREE spay/neuter surgeries for cats on **Saturday, March 7, 2015, 7:30 a.m., at the Bay Harbor Islands City Hall, 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace.**

Space is limited, so please call 311 to make an appointment. For additional information, please call 305-787-5999 or visit www.bayharborislands.org. **APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED.**



Town Council Election On April 21

Our annual municipal election will take place on Tuesday, April 21st. 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 23rd). 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. of the day of the election.

Three seats on the Town Council will come up for vote in the April 21st election (Isaac Salver, Robert Yaffe and the vacant seat to be filled at the February Council Meeting). If you wish to become a candidate for a Town Council seat, file with the Town Clerk during regular business hours at Town Hall after 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 12th and

before 5 p.m. on Friday, March 20th. To qualify you must be a registered voter and have been a Bay Harbor resident for at least 12 months.

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. This year would have been a two seat election; however, due to Solange Rousselot's resignation, there will also be a partial term of one year to fill the remainder of Rousselot's term. 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 evening of the month, 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.

More information will be provided in the March issue of the newsletter.

Volunteers Needed for Town Committees

The Town is looking for volunteers to fill several vacancies on town committees. The committees that are looking for new members are: Environmental Impact, Parks and Recreation, and Emergency Preparedness Committees. If you are interested in volunteering to serve, please submit a letter of interest and resume to the Town Clerk. For more information contact Town Hall at 305-866-6241 or by e-mail to mmarante@bayharborislands.net

February Outdoor Movie

The star-studded Disney film *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, Very Bad Day* will be presented at the Outdoor Movie Night, at 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 21st at the lot at 1177 Kane Concourse. It stars Steve Carell and Jennifer Garner.

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. *Plan now to attend!* Call (305) 866-6241 or visit the Town website: www.bayharborislands.org.



Computer Class for Seniors

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands will host a Computer Classes for Seniors at Town Hall. The new class begins on Monday, February 2 and is from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Town Hall at (305) 866-6241.



Tai Chi for Seniors

A Tai Chi for Seniors class is now underway. The eight-week course is a healthy and therapeutic exercise program for seniors. Classes are held at the Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center, twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays 5-6 p.m. The cost is \$30 for residents and \$60 for non-residents. For more information, please contact Regine Choute at (305) 866-6241.



Pee-Wee Soccer



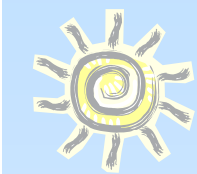
Bay Harbor Islands Pee-Wee Soccer has begun in the 92nd Street Park. The program is on Mondays and Wednesdays (depending on the age category) and caters to children ages 12 months to five years. Children will play and learn the fundamentals of soccer. The eight-week session is \$160 for residents and \$200 for non-residents, plus a \$10 registration fee per family. There is a multiple child discount of 25%.

For more information, please contact Regine Choute at (305) 866 - 6241 or visit Town Hall.

Go Green and RECYCLE!

Town Hall will accept your BayPass transponder, old household batteries and printer cartridges for recycling.

9665 Bay Harbor Terrace



Storytime at the Park

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

February 6: Stories & Magic with Merlina

February 20: Stories with Miss Nancy

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.

PACE Workshop Set for February 25, 2015

Bay Harbor Islands residents will be interested in attending a workshop on **Wednesday, February 25 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers** regarding the town's participation in Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE). This is a local governmental program that allows municipalities to finance private property owners for energy efficiency, renewable energy and hurricane protection improvements to their properties. In 2013, the BHI Town Council voted to create a PACE program and joined with local cities to create the Clean Energy Coastal Corridor

PACE District. Ygrene Energy Fund Florida administers the program on behalf of the cities.

For a project to be eligible, it must be related to energy efficiency or hurricane protection and be something that is affixed to the property. This can include insulation, more efficient air conditioning systems, high impact windows and doors, sea walls and strengthened roofs. To find out if your property may be eligible for the program, visit www.flgreencorridor.com and enter your property's address.

Bay Harbor Islands Officers Attend NYCPD Funerals

On Saturday December 20th, 2014 New York City Police Officers Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu were shot and killed from ambush while sitting in their patrol car eating their lunch. The suspect was a gang member from Baltimore, Maryland, and had traveled to New York City specifically to ambush police officers, simply because he was anti-law enforcement due to recent events. The suspect had published his intentions on social media prior to the shooting.



Many South Florida Police agencies attended the funerals to show our support. It is estimated that approximately 30,000 officers from around the nation and world attended each funeral and the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department (BHIPD) sent five officers. I would personally like to thank the following sponsors who assisted with the funding for this initiative through the Dade County Police Benevolent Association.

- JetBlue
- Bay Harbor Mini Mart
- Gloria Coutore Inc.
- Mr. Mark Hildebrandt
- Home Expo Miami
- Mr. Efrain Jove
- Dr. Dennis and Mrs. Frances Neuhut
- Ocean Cadillac
- Mr. Mark Revitz
- Dr. Wittles

I would also like to thank PBA President John Rivera, Vice President Steadman Stahl and BHIPD PBA member Patrick Munshy for coordinating the donations and helping to organize our trip. Without the support from our PBA and our community this would have not been possible. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Officers' families and the NYPD.

- Chief Sean Hemingway

SCAM ALERT!

Police Department Warns of Diversion and Fraud Crimes

Over the past few months, the BHI Police Department has met with residents and exchanged information regarding common scams in the Miami Beach and intracoastal area. Many of these criminals use diversion tactics at homes occupied by elderly people by representing themselves as a service provider or town employee. The suspect distracts the resident away from the front door by pointing out a broken pipe or overgrown hedge by power lines. Then a second suspect enters the residence while the homeowner is outside. These diversion or distraction crimes can be prevented by never allowing an unknown person into your home unless you have requested their service.

A second common scam involves telephone callers who say they are a government official or a lawyer. In one case, a fictitious lawyer called an elderly woman and stated that her

grandson, whom he named personally, was under arrest in New York City. He said \$1,400 in bail needed to be wired to an account. By the time the victim realized that it was a scam, the money had been transferred to a country in the middle east. In another instance, a suspect represented himself as an IRS agent from Washington DC. The suspect demanded back taxes to be paid to a pre-paid money card or the victim would be arrested. The victim sent \$2,400.

Bay Harbor Islands residents should call the Police Department immediately anytime a person asks to enter your home for an unexpected appointment or requests money transfers for suspicious situations. Remember also, that if a deal sounds too good to be true, more than likely the deal is a scam!

-Chief Sean Hemingway

Seniors on the Go

Fairchild Tropical Gardens, Feb. 11

On Wednesday, February 11, Seniors on the Go will visit Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. The bus will leave from Town Hall at 9:15 a.m. and return at 3:30 p.m. The event is be free.

A special treat is the glasswork sculptures of world-renowned American artist Dale Chihuly, currently displayed at the gardens and shown at right. Please call Regine at Town Hall to put your name on the list (305) 866-6281.



The Musical Wicked, March 18

Make your plans now for the Wednesday, March 18 Seniors on the Go event: a trip to the Adrienne Arsht Center for a performance of the musical *Wicked*.

The cost is \$45 per person. All payments must be made by February 12. Call (305) 866-6281.



Snow Day!



The forecast for January 11 was temperatures in 70s with up to six inches of snow falling in Bay Harbor islands! With that forecast, children put on their boots, caps and gloves and headed to Kane Concourse to make a snowman, toss some snow balls and do some tubing, South Florida style.

Bay Harbor Islands first annual Snow Day was warmly received by residents and families as they enjoyed refreshments, games and sliding down a snow slope.





**TOWN OF BAY HARBOR ISLANDS
2015 BEAUTIFICATION AWARD NOMINATION FORM**

Nominations are being sought for the best examples of beautification efforts made by residents and owners of single-family homes & multi-unit properties in Bay Harbor Islands. Anyone may nominate any residential property in the Town, regardless of ownership, for landscaping, signage, curb appeal, painting and/or other beautification components. The application period is 12/1/14 - 02/27/15 at 5:00 PM.

Date: _____

Address of property being nominated: _____

Name and contact information of property owner if known: _____

Give a brief description of the property attributes. Attach any additional supportive information.

Each application must be accompanied by 2-5 photographs of the nominated property. Applications and photographs may be submitted in hardcopy format (no larger than 8" X 10") or via email. Photos should show the street view of the nominated property/ies, as this is what will be judged. All submitted materials become the property of the Town of Bay Harbor Islands and cannot be returned.

Nominators' name, address, and daytime telephone number: _____

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAIL, EMAIL, OR HAND-DELIVERY BY THE
5:00 PM DEADLINE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2015 AT THE ADDRESS BELOW:**

Town of Bay Harbor Islands
2015 Beautification Award Nominations
9665 Bay Harbor Terrace
Bay Harbor Islands, FL 33154

Email entries to VMotola@bayharborislands.net

305-866-6241
www.bayharborislands.org

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Mayor

Jordan W. Leonard
Vice Mayor

Stephanie Bruder
Council member

Joshua D. Fuller
Council member

Kelly Reid
Council member

Solange Rousselot
Council member

Isaac Salver
Council member

Ronald J. Wasson
Town Manager

Marlene Marante
Town Clerk

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Town Attorney

Sean Hemingway
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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 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 & Zoning Board – Tuesday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting - Monday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Board – Monday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m.

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

- Regular Council Meetings: March 9, 2015, April 13, 2015 and May 11, 2015
- Planning & Zoning Board Meetings: March 2 & 16, 2015, April 7, 2015

Committee meeting dates and times to be announced

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Highlights of the January 12, Council Meeting

- Approval of an ordinance on second reading amending the Town Code removing the commercial component from the Rm-3 Multi-Family District.
- Approval to replace the street lights on the east Island to LED Cobra-head design at a cost of \$206,453.22
- Approval for Hardesty and Hanover, LLP to perform construction engineering inspection services associated with the Bridge Rehabilitation Project (BC 142) at a cost of \$847,755.75
- Approval of scope of work by Recreational Design & Construction, Inc. for design/build services to construct the Bay Harbor Islands Community Center.
- Approval of a proposal from Florida Power and Light in the amount of \$190,070 for a underground conversion plan to eliminate the overhead wood electric poles which connect power from the East to West Islands.
- Approval of a proposal from Federal Signal, Inc. for phase two of the License Plate Reader Program (LPR) for a total of \$69,221

Discussion Items for Feb. 9 Council Meeting

At the time of printing, the topics listed below are anticipated for discussion or possible action. All items are subject to change.

- **Consideration** and Approval of an ordinance on first reading prohibiting the use of Styrofoam containers.
- **Consideration** and Approval of an ordinance on first reading amending the Town Code to prevent new development from using one bedroom units with a den to convert the unit to two bedrooms.