



# Bay Harbor Islands

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Last month, tragedy literally hit our community when a ten year-old child was hit after school by a car in Surfside. Miami-Dade Fire Rescue and our Police Department assisted in moving him to our field, where he was airlifted by Medivac to Jackson Memorial. Luckily, he is ok and will have a great story to tell for years, but for all parents we should heed this as a warning that accidents do happen and ask ourselves the question...can we do more to keep our children safe?

Already, Bay Harbor Islands works with our neighbors in providing Police Officers from all three municipalities at the beginning and end of every school day at key intersections along with our Town crossing guards. The Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 PTA has a Safety Committee that works with the school staff to help with drop off, pickup and other key issues on campus. But after school, after everyone leaves, what do we do together, as a community, from that 2:00-6:00 PM time frame? In my humble opinion, we can, and should, do more. At the next Town Council Meeting I will be asking for permission to start such a conversation on behalf of Bay Harbor Islands.

With our new Community Center on 95th Street coming on line in the near future, I believe that now is the time to start the dialogue with our neighbors, Bal Harbour, Surfside and Indian Creek, to see if we can find common ground in opening our programs, parks and facilities for all of our children. Bay Harbor currently allows anyone to join a Town Parks & Recreation Program. Surfside has a similar, but more limited, policy. I believe that providing safe haven through our Community Centers and making sure that no child is denied due to ability to pay may be the best idea to ensure that no children are walking the streets after school. It may also be the most controversial too. With several separate Towns and Villages, convincing residents and politicians that sharing our resources is in our collective best interests will be hard. But it is not without precedent. For years we have all worked together in regards to our Police Departments. Just like with this accident, our Officers provide backup and vice versa, if needed. So why can't we help each other's children?

That is why I am asking you to contact your friends and neighbors and tell them why this is important. If enough of us speak out in support of such an initiative we may have, for the first time ever, a compact where we will put our children where they belong, as a first priority.



Sincerely,

# TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

## Two seats up for vote on April 5th



The Town of Bay Harbor Islands will hold its annual municipal election Tuesday, April 5th, to fill two seats on the Town Council, Council Members Josh Fuller and Doris Marano. As of the writing of this Newsletter, Council Member Fuller and resident Elizabeth Tricoche have announced their candidacy. All residents who are registered voters are urged to come to Town Hall on Election Day between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. to cast votes to fill the open seats.

The Town's two precincts are combined in one location for our municipal election.

The polling place is located in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Town Hall at 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace. Remember to bring your voter's card and official photo identification with your name, address and signature (such as a driver's license).

The candidates receiving the highest number of votes will take their oath of office at the Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 11, 2016.

## Bridge Construction Update



*Old concrete completely removed down to the bare steel infrastructure.*



*Steel infrastructure was treated and new concrete poured.*

- The estimated completion date is set for this summer.
- The project included three of our Town's bridges (Our fourth bridge – the West Relief Bridge, which connects us to North Miami, was replaced in 2005.)
  - Indian Creek Bridge (Links Bay Harbor Islands to Bal Harbour)
  - Waterway Bridge (Links the East & West Islands)
  - Intracoastal Waterway Bridge (ICW) is our 60-year-old bridge and was in need of structural repairs in order to extend its useful life.
- We have appreciated your patience throughout this project. If you have any further questions about the project, feel free to call Town Hall at 305-866-6241.

## Visit Facebook and Give Us a "Like"



The Town of Bay Harbor Islands continues to expand its social media presence to improve communications with residents. You are encouraged to visit our Facebook page for information and news about upcoming and recent events.

Give us a "Like!" Go to **the Bay Harbor Islands Face-**

**book Page at [www.facebook.com/bayharborislands](http://www.facebook.com/bayharborislands).**

## Members Sought for Business District Committee

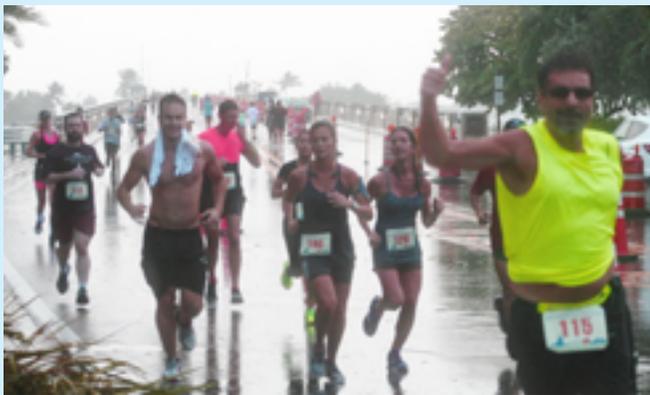
Bay Harbor Islands is seeking members to fill a newly formed Business District Committee. Membership is open to Business Owners with current Bay Harbor Islands Business Tax Receipts and physical business addresses within the Business District.

If you are interested in joining the committee or would like more information, contact Town Clerk Marlene M. Siegel at (305) 866-6241 or email [msiegel@bayharborislands.net](mailto:msiegel@bayharborislands.net).

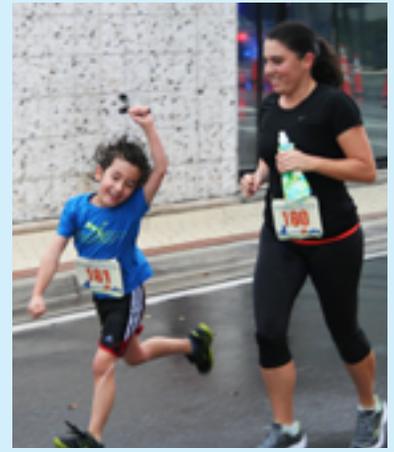
# 10th Annual Bay Harbor Islands 5K/10K Walk Run

Even a brief rain storm couldn't take the smiles off the faces of the runners and walkers who celebrated a memorable 10th Annual BHI 5K/10K race. The blustery downpour struck less than 10 minutes into the race but quickly dissipated into light sprinkles as participants pushed on to the finish line.

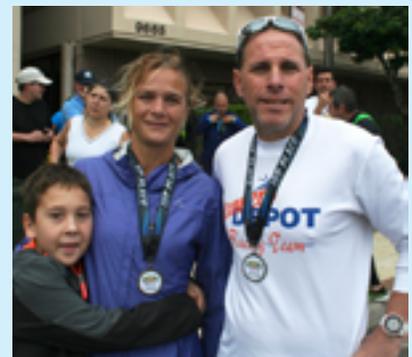
Race history was also set in the 10K with a female runner finishing first in the field overall: 34-year-old Emilie Ney at 40:28, quickly followed by Mike Butler 12 seconds later. Everyone enjoyed post-race refreshments and an award ceremony. Thanks to Town staff, the BHI Police Department, Police Explorers and volunteers who helped coordinate the event in challenging conditions.



*(L-R) Overall 10K winners: First place, Emilie Ney, Third place, Mariana Brandao and Second place, Mike Butler.*



*(L-R) Town Manager Ron Wasson, Council member Robert Yaffe and Assistant Town Manager JC Jimenez.*



*(L-R) Overall 5K winners: Female first place, Nuria Rivera; Male First place Allen Norkin with a finishing time of 22:12.*

# Small Business Grants Available from Miami-Dade

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 for purchasing equipment, supplies, inventory, advertising and making minor renovations. **Applications will be accepted February 1- February 19, 2016.**

Business owners must meet the following criteria: in existence for at least two years, employ no more than seven employees, currently not in default or non-compliance with any County loan or grant program, not affiliated with

a national chain, owns no more than two businesses, not engage in illegal activity at the business location.

Only one application per business. Non-profit agencies are not eligible, but home-based businesses can apply. Previous grant recipients may apply. Recipients must attend a business training workshop. For more information or to confirm what district you are in, call (305) 787-5999.

Applications are available at [www.miamidade.gov/district04](http://www.miamidade.gov/district04). Applications should be sent or delivered to: Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, District 4 Office, 1100 NE 163rd Street, #303 North Miami Beach, FL 33162.

**Save the Date!**  
**2016**  
**Morris & Anita Broad  
Community Picnic &  
Earth Day Celebration**  
**Sunday March 13, 2016**  
**1-5 p.m. 1177 Kane Concourse**  
**Food • Live music • Children's activities**  
**BAY HARBOR ISLANDS RESIDENTS ONLY**

## Pledge Leader Receives Certificate



Joseph Kurtz, winner of the Super Bobcat award at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center, led the Pledge of Allegiance at the January 11 Council meeting. He received a Certificate of Appreciate presented by Mayor Jordan W. Leonard.

**Spring Egg Hunt**  
**Sunday April 3, 2016**  
**Officer Scott Winters Park on 98th Street**  
**11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
**Bring your basket!**

## Smart Driver Safety Program Course

An American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Smart Driver Safety Program Class for those 50 years and older will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace, Bay Harbor Islands. All participants **MUST** pre-register for the Smart Driver Safety Program Class by calling (305) 620-9250. Attendees who complete the course may receive a three-year insurance discount, if eligible. Consult your insurance agent for details. The cost for AARP members is \$15 and for non-AARP members \$20.





## BAY HARBOR ISLANDS **SUNNY SENIORS**

### *Tai-Chi*

The eight-week course is a healthy and therapeutic exercise program for seniors. New session of classes begins March 8 - April 28, 2016 at the Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays (5 – 6 p.m.). Resident fee is \$30 and non-residents fee \$80. Please contact Town Hall for more information, (305) 866-6241.



### *Game Day*

Seniors Game Day will take place on the first and third Wednesdays, February 3 and 17 at the Town Hall, from 10 am –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.



### *Computer Classes*

Bay Harbor Islands will host Computer Classes for seniors at Town Hall with sessions beginning in February on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m – 11 a.m. There must be a minimum of four persons (4-week course). Fee is \$40. If you are interested in reserving a seat for the next class, contact Town Hall at (305) 866-6241.



### *Seniors on the Go - February*

**Seniors on the Go will visit the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens on Thursday, February 18, 2016. The attraction is on National Register of Historic Places.** The bus leaves Town Hall at 9 a.m. sharp and returns no later than 3 p.m. Cost is \$8 and lunch is not included. For more information call Shanika at Town Hall (305) 866-6241.



### *Seniors on the Go - March*

**Seniors on the Go will visit Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden on Wednesday, March 16, 2016.** The bus leaves Town Hall at 9 a.m. sharp and returns no later than 3 p.m. Cost is \$18 and lunch is not included. For more information call Shanika at Town Hall (305) 866-6241.



## Register for Bay Harbor Islands After-School Programs

The Bay Harbor Islands Community Services Department is offering after school activities and classes at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center. Numerous sports activities and classes with top-notch coaches and instructors are offered both seasonally and throughout the 2015-16 school year. Sports include cheerleading, basketball, flag football, dance, soccer, volleyball and martial arts. Classes include music, art, languages and technology. Applications can be downloaded from the Town website, [www.bayharborislands.org](http://www.bayharborislands.org). For more information call Shanika at Town Hall (305) 866-6241.



## OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

### See Little Rascals at BHI Outdoor Movie Night



Get ready for mischief! On Saturday, February 20, 2016 Bay Harbor Islands will host Outdoor Movie Night at 7 p.m., featuring the *Little Rascals*.

The movie and parking are free and take place at the vacant lot at 1177 Kane Concourse.

Remember to bring your blanket or chair. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## New Pee-Wee Soccer Sessions Begins March 4

A new session of Pee-Wee Soccer begins on March 4 - April 20, 2016 at the 92nd Street Park. The program classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays, call for times.



The eight-week session is \$160 for residents and \$200 for non-residents, plus a \$10 registration fee per family for residents and \$20 for non-residents. There is a multiple child discount of 25%. For more information, please contact or visit Town Hall.

## It's story TIME at the Park!

at Bay Harbor Islands, featuring  
*Merlina Magical Storyteller*  
at 4 p.m. on Friday, February 5th & 19th

At the Town Tot Lot, located north of  
96th Street on West Broadview Drive

## Town Parks Closing Time is Now 6 p.m.

With the end of Daylight Savings Time, our Town parks and dog parks are now closed and locked at 6 p.m., seven days a week. The Parks will resume extended-hour operation when Daylight Savings Time returns in March 2016.

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## FDOT Promoting a Drive Safe Campaign

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is launching the "Drive Safe" campaign. The campaign serves to inform drivers in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties of the risks of aggressive driving.



The campaign, which targets all drivers, will run from February through April and includes extensive community educational outreach and law enforcement operations throughout the region. FDOT has joined forces with numerous municipalities, law enforcement agencies, educational institutions and other partner organizations, including Bay Harbor Islands, to promote the "Drive Safe" message.

Aggressive driving accounts for more than half of all traffic fatalities, and is a serious problem that affects us all. DRIVE SAFE, Bay Harbor Islands! STOP AGGRESSIVE DRIVING. For more information, please visit [www.fdotmiamidade.com/drivesafe-md](http://www.fdotmiamidade.com/drivesafe-md)

## THOUGHT *for* FEBRUARY

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**[www.bayharborislands.org](http://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, Feb. 2, 2016 at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting – Monday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Board – Tuesday, February 16 at 7 p.m.

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

- Regular Council Meeting: March 14, April 11, and May 9, 2016
- Planning & Zoning Board Meetings: March 1, April 5 & 19, 2016

**All meetings are subject to change**

## Council Action at the January 11, 2016 Meeting

- **Approval** of an ordinance on **second** reading amending Section 5-19.2 of the Town Code relating to driveways in the RD single-family district.
- **Approval** of a proposal from the Miami Dade County Public Library System to establish a library branch at the Community Center.
- **Approval** of the Town Council to create a Business District Committee.

## Discussion Items for February 8, 2016 Council Meeting

*All items are subject to change*

- **Approval** of an ordinance on **second** reading requested by Mayor Leonard to create a new Green/Sustainable Building Program.
- **Approval** of an ordinance on **second** reading requested by Council Member Reid and Mayor Leonard relating to a/c units and other mechanical equipment on balconies.