



# Bay Harbor Islands

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When I first became a member of our Town Council, I came in with a broad image of increasing our quality of life. I wanted to legislatively make Bay Harbor Islands' government more efficient while also providing a better service to taxpayers. Personally, I also had some specific goals. To date, many of those goals and projects have been accomplished. For example; take home emergency vehicles for our police officers, having our Police Department become accredited, completion of the Officer Scott Winters Park on 98th Street, and now a community center and library.

Even though there is more on my list to be done, I have heard for years about one issue. Residents on both Islands have asked for a community pool to be built. Like typical government, the lack of land, the cost of construction, the liability and recurring costs were all excuses for why we could not accomplish what many so desperately want.

With the millions of dollars our Town has received in the sale of development rights (TDRs) and the available land that the Town owns next to the Community Center on the corner of 95th Street and West Bay Harbor Drive, the reasons why not have decreased significantly. For these reasons, I shall be proposing that we build a community pool for our residents at the February Town Council Meeting.

Historically, this would not be a first. Longtime residents remember a community pool across the street from Town Hall on Bay Harbor Terrace, where the parking lot for the 1111 Building now lies. I welcome and look forward to hearing your comments on (in favor of or against) this very ambitious proposal.

I also wish to thank my colleagues on the Council for voting to name a room in our Community Center for former Mayor Ileene Wallace and her late husband Chuck.



Sincerely,

## TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE

### Finance Director Recognized for Achievement of Excellence



*Bay Harbor Islands Finance Director Alan Short was recognized at the January Council Meeting for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association, the highest form of recognition in government accounting and financial reporting. Congratulations! (L-R) Mayor Jordan W. Leonard, Town Manager Ronald Wasson, Council Member Kelly Reid, Finance Director Alan Short, Vice Mayor Stephanie Bruder, Council Members Joshua Fuller, Robert Yaffe and Isaac Salver.*

### Four Students Lead Council Pledge

Four students from Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center, led the Pledge of Allegiance at the November 14 Council meeting. The children received Certificates from Mayor Jordan W. Leonard.



### Council Names Room in Community Center For Former Mayor & Husband

At the Bay Harbor Islands January meeting, the Council voted to name a room in the Community Center for long-time residents Mayor Ilene Wallace and her late husband, Chuck Wallace.

Chuck Wallace, who recently passed away, was active in the community and a well-known contractor. He was a member of the Bay Harbor Island Citizens Coalition and the Chair of the Design Review Committee from May 2005 until the dissolution of the committee in 2009. Ilene served the Council as Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council Member. She was instrumental in the Town's early efforts to bring the recently opened library and Community Center to Bay Harbor Islands.

# ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION - UPDATE

*Two seats up for vote on April 4, 2017*

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands will hold its annual municipal election Tuesday, April 4th, to fill two seats on the Town Council, Council Members Stephanie Bruder and Kelly Reid. As of the writing of this Newsletter, Council Member Bruder, Council Member Reid and Resident Roger Santana 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,



TOWN OF  
**BAY HARBOR ISLANDS**  
April 4, 2017  
7 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
9665 Bay Harbor Terrace  
Bay Harbor Islands, FL 33154

address and signature (such as a driver's license).

The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will take their oath of office at the Council Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 19, 2017

## Story Time In the Park

*Merlina the Magical Storyteller at 4 p.m.*

- *Friday, February 3*
- *Friday, February 17*

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

For more information, email [bmorin@bayharborislands-fl.gov](mailto:bmorin@bayharborislands-fl.gov).

## BHI Hiring Crossing Guards

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands is currently accepting applications for part-time crossing guard positions. Crossing guards are responsible for assisting pedestrians and students cross the street. They project a positive image and serve as a positive role model for children. Qualified candidates must successfully complete the prerequisite six-hour training as required by the Florida School Crossing Guard Training Guidelines. Salary is \$10.362 per hour. Submit an employment application, resume and cover letter to:

Human Resources  
Town of Bay Harbor Islands  
9665 Bay Harbor Terrace  
Bay Harbor Islands, FL 33154

Or via email to [HR@bayharborislands-fl.gov](mailto:HR@bayharborislands-fl.gov) or via fax to 305-866-4863.



  
**SAVE THE DATE!**  
BAY HARBOR ISLANDS  
ANNUAL COMMUNITY PICNIC  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017**

Note that tickets will be available at Town Hall beginning March 1.  
Must have proof of residency. Limit 5 tickets per family.



## MORRIS N. BROAD COMMUNITY CENTER

### ACTIVE SENIORS

#### Game Day and Social • February 1 and 15 at 10 a.m.

Come to the Morris N. Broad Community Center on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for conversation and board games. We have classics like Mahjong and Chess, Rummy and Checkers. Refreshments will be available.

#### AARP Safe driver class • February 25 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

AARP Member Cost: \$15 Non-member cost: \$20 You must register for this course. Call for details at the community center (786) 646-9970. In 1979, AARP founded "55 Alive" to help keep older drivers independent, safe and confident while on the road. Today, AARP Driver Safety continues to meet the needs of older drivers through educational programs led by more than 4,000 volunteers. The program has continued to evolve with the times, delivering on AARP's goal to promote the independence of older Americans and enhance their quality of life.

#### Senior Matinee Movie • February 24, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

Join us for a free viewing of a recently released film, *Sully*, starring Tom Hanks. The movie follows Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, through a thrilling journey of an airplane captain that makes an emergency landing in New York's Hudson River. The films to be shown have been selected by local residents for your viewing pleasure.

### YOUTH

Starting in February, the game room will be OPEN! Come play with 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** for ages 8 to 12 years. **Teen Game Day** will be held on Fridays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. for those 13 to 17 years.

## SPORTS UPDATE

### VOLLEYBALL

Our girls' volleyball team had a great game at Aspira Ram Charter. Down 1 match, the Bobcat girls rallied in the second match behind Lena Dimitrova. Lena served the final points in the second match to give the girls momentum as they were tied 1-1 going into the final match. The girls put together a great defensive effort to close out the Aspira Ram Girls and win the game. Let's continue the great work girls!



### FLAG FOOTBALL

Our boys' flag football team also won this week vs. Youth Coop Preparatory Charter. Led by Quarterback Jameson Schuchts who guided the offense and defensive back Gabriel Dib having a great game on defense, Bay Harbor won with the final score 19-14. Let's continue the success and keep the wins coming.





# BHI SPECIAL EVENTS

## ACTIVE SENIORS ON THE GO

### The Norton Museum of the Arts • Thursday, February 23, 2017

Bus leaves the Morris Broad Community Center: 9 a.m. will return by 3 p.m. Cost is free, but lunch is not included. A café is within walking distance. This is an opportunity to discover and discuss great works by European and American artists such as Claude Monet, Pablo Picasso, Georgia O’Keeffe and Edward Hopper, as well as masterworks of Chinese and contemporary art. Private Tour at 11 a.m. before the museum opens to the public. Participants and their guests must register by February 21.

## OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

On Saturday February 18, Bay Harbor Islands will host Outdoor Movie Night at 7p.m., featuring the witty and adventurous Disney film *Into the Woods*. The movie and parking are FREE and take place at the vacant lot at 1177 Kane Concourse. The movie stars Anna Kendrick, Meryl Streep and Chris Pine. Remember to bring your blanket or chair. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Rated PG, 2 hours, 41 minutes



## CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Exceptional Fitness for ages 5-13 years, is a new program at the Community Center on Tuesdays and Fridays 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for 8 weeks. It provides individualized support for participants as they learn fitness, athletic, recreation, leisure, social and life skills through a behavioral learning model. The program will increase social skills and improve understanding of rules. It will enhance motor skills, balance and coordination, reduce anxiety and depression, promote weight loss, overall fitness and well-being. The program will be divided based on age and ability levels of participants.



## WINTER CAMP'S FIRST YEAR

During the holiday break the Morris N. Broad Community Center hosted its first Winter Day camp. We were More than 50 youth participate over the two one-week programs.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

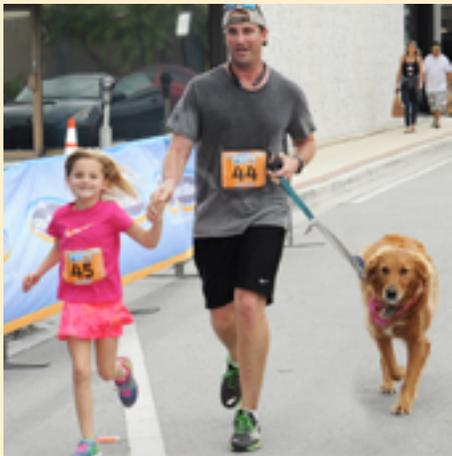


Find us on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/BHICommunityServices](http://www.facebook.com/BHICommunityServices). Here you will find all of the latest Community Services Department updates.

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

# Running for Fun & Fitness at BHI's 11th Annual 5K/10K

Residents, visitors, children and even pet dogs enjoyed touring the Town at the 11th Annual Bay Harbor Islands 5K/10K Run/Walk. Despite a little rain, all the participants crossed the finish line with a smile and a feeling of accomplishment. The winners of the 5K were Leonardo Canete (19:13) and Sharon Khalil (23:23). Leading the 10K were Fulvio Favaron (34:35) and Rachel Koppelman (52:28). Refreshments and an awards ceremony followed the completion of the races. Thanks goes out to the Town staff, Police Department, Explorers and volunteers who made the event possible.



*Fulvio Favaron crossed the finish line first in the 10K.*



*(L-R) Sergey Koretko, Director of Community Services Regine Choute, Town Manager Ronald Wasson, Council Member Robert Yaffe, Assistant Town Manager JC Jimenez and Police Chief Sean Hemingway.*



# BHI Police Department Participating in Gun Buy Back

The Bay Harbor Islands Police Department will be joining other local Municipalities in a Safer Communities Gun Buy Back Event on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 15045 Biscayne Boulevard in North Miami (corner of Biscayne and 151 Street).

Persons trading in their guns may receive gift cards of up to \$200. All firearms must be unloaded and in the trunk of the vehicle. This event is for the general public and commercial firearms dealers are not eligible for rewards. Those trading in their guns may remain anonymous and free gun locks will also be available.

The event is hosted by Miami-Dade County Commissioner Sally Heyman, the North Miami Police Department and North Miami Councilman Scott Galvin.



## BOBCAT CORNER

## ACTIVITIES AT RKBBH K-8 CENTER

# Ann Bussel Innovation Grant Winner Announced

Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center Physical Education Coach Lauren Perez was recently selected the recipient of our First Annual Middle School Innovative Grant funded by the Broad Foundation.



The Innovative Grant was the brainstorm of Ann Bussel's former 6th grade students.

Ann Bussel is the daughter of the Town's founders Shepard and Ruth K. Broad and started her career as a sixth grade teacher at Sabal Palm Elementary many years ago. She was well known as a caring and innovative teacher. On her 80th birthday, her former students wanted to give a gift of love and learning for their beloved teacher, resulting in the creation of the Innovative Grant.

This year, Ms. Lauren Perez wrote a proposal to effectively teach Heartsaver First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) to her students. She will be using the funds to secure additional CPR manikins for hands-on practice to perform effective compressions and ventilation. The grant will also provide workbooks to reinforce proper technique and certification cards valid for two years. With this amazing grant, over 200 students will learn life saving strategies!

### RECENT EVENTS



*RKBBH recent Winter Music Concerts & Drama Show for elementary and middle school were held. At left is the Middle School orchestra*



*Students volunteered and learned about the Special Olympics during a December field trip.*



*Lots of great experiments and science themed activities, as our 5th grade and 8th grade Bobcats finished up 2016 during science camp.*

Jordan W. Leonard  
*Mayor*

Stephanie Bruder  
*Vice Mayor*

Joshua D. Fuller  
*Council member*

Kelly Reid  
*Council member*

Isaac Salver  
*Council member*

Elizabeth Tricoche  
*Council member*

Robert Yaffe  
*Council member*

Ronald J. Wasson  
*Town Manager*

Marlene M. Siegel  
*Town Clerk*

Craig B. Sherman  
*Town Attorney*

Sean Hemingway  
*Chief of Police*

Alan Short  
*Finance Director*



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

**Emergency: 911**

**[www.bayharborislands-fl.gov](http://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, Feb. 7, 2017 at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting, Monday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Board – Tuesday, February 21 at 7 p.m.

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

- Regular Council Meeting: March 13, 2017 and April 19, 2017
- Planning & Zoning Board Meetings: March 7 and 21, 2017; April 5, 2017

**ALL MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

## Council Action at the January 9, 2017 Meeting

- **Approval** of an ordinance on **second** reading to clarify the provision of the construction fence requirements.
- **Approval** of an ordinance on **second** reading regarding the requirement to have construction trailer / sales trailer offices come before Council for approval.
- **Approval** of a resolution revising the benefits of non-revenue accounts to include Planning & Zoning Board Members.

## Discussion Items for February 13, 2017 Council Meeting

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

- **Consideration and Approval** of an ordinance on **second** reading amending Section 5-5 of the Town Code regarding the use of off-duty police officers at construction sites.
- **Consideration and approval** of a resolution to establish a Public Servant Honor Code for Town Officials and Employees.