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I wrote last February about the prospect of building a community pool in Bay Harbor Islands. As promised, our staff and Council objectively looked at the possible costs of building a pool as well as the recurring maintenance. The Town, like each of us personally, must live within our means and unfortunately the numbers are currently cost prohibitive. Working with the Town Manager, we explored other options like sharing Surfside's facilities. Regrettably, they had no interest.

Finally, after months of meetings and several public discussions, our Town Council will be voting this month on a one-year trial program to share the Aquatic Center at the Village of Miami Shores, a program unanimously approved by the Village Council of Miami Shores. For a daily admission rate of \$5 per person, our residents could enjoy all of their water amenities, including a competition lap pool, a child-friendly Shipwreck Cove, Aqua Zumba, swim lessons for children and preference for all classes and activities. If approved by our Town Council, this program will enhance the quality of life for our residents. A big thank you to Miami Shores Mayor Mac Adam Glinn for proposing this shared initiative to his Council.

Last month I spoke about need for our Council and staff to actively engage our legislators in Tallahassee. As the Chair of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities Legislative Review Committee, I thought it would be prudent to share a few of the bills approved by the League that we will be discussing while in our State Capitol...

SB 574 & HB 521 would prohibit our Town from restricting activities related to trimming and removing trees on private property. It also would prohibit the Town from imposing mitigation requirements like fees or tree planting. The League strongly opposes this bill.

SB 560 & HB 439 would allow the Town Council and our legal team to meet privately to discuss pending and "imminent" litigation. As with other executive meetings, the law would require a transcript that would become public once the matter is resolved. Currently, the Town Council may not meet privately to discuss legal options until we are actually sued. The League strongly supports this bill. In addition, Councilman Fuller has also been very vocal about the needs for this bill to pass.

February 4 is School Crossing Guard Appreciation Day in Florida. Our gratitude goes out to our Town school crossing guards for their dedication in protecting our children. I hope that everyone has a happy Valentine's Day.

Sincerely,



TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE

2018 ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION - UPDATE

One seat up for vote on April 10th

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands will hold its annual municipal election Tuesday, April 10th, to fill one seat on the Town Council, Jordan Leonard. As of the writing of this Newsletter, no one has 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 seat. Under state law, the books close to new registrations 29 days prior to the election (March 12th). If you haven't registered to vote, changed your address, or have any questions about your registration, contact the Miami-Dade County Elections Department at 305-499-8683. To check on the status of your registration or to register on-line go to: <http://www.miamidade.gov/elections/voter-registration.asp>

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 candidate receiving the highest number of votes will take his/her oath of office at the Council Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, 2018.

Mayor Presents Donation to Cancer Research



Mayor Leonard presented a donation to Silvia Vanni of the Mystic Force Foundation, which raises funds for pediatric cancer research. Mrs. Vanni and her husband, Dr. Steven Vanni, founded the organization after their son "Sal" lost his battle with Stage IV Neuroblastoma Cancer one month shy of his eighth birthday.

Mayor Leonard Lists MDCLC Legislation Bills



Mayor Jordan W. Leonard, who also serves as Chair of the Miami-Dade League of Cities Legislative Review Committee, presented their list of bills to actively engage for the upcoming legislative session to the monthly Board of Directors Meeting.

Celebrating School Crossing Guard Appreciation Day



Across the State of Florida, school crossing guards will be honored on Friday, February 4 on School Crossing Guard Appreciation Day. Bay Harbor Islands is proud of its crossing guards, who exemplify professionalism and responsibility in providing for the safety of our children as they walk to and from school. This year, two of our guards have been nominated for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) State Crossing Guards of the Year: Juan Agramonte and Gustavo Zapata.



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Thursday, 02/01/17

at 7:00 p.m.

@the Morris N. Broad Community Center
1175 95th Street

For more info call 305.866.6242

BHI to Sponsor Free Spay/Neuter Surgeries for Cats on Feb. 11

Commissioner Sally Heyman is joined by the Town of Bay Harbor Islands, along with Miami-Dade County Animal Services Department, to offer FREE spay/neuter surgeries for cats on Sunday, February 11, 2018, at the Bay Harbor Islands Town Hall, 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace. If you want to have your cat neutered, call 3-1-1 you MUST make an appointment. (REQUIRED.) All cats must be dropped off at the event at 7:30 a.m. **For more information go to bayharborislands-fl.gov.**

REQUIREMENTS (NO EXCEPTIONS)

- Service for Miami-Dade County residents ONLY.
- Maximum of three appointments per residential address.
- All cats must be dropped off at the event at 7:30 a.m.
- Proof of current rabies vaccination must be provided for all cats presented, otherwise they will be vaccinated for free.
- Veterinarian may decline surgery of any pet due to health reasons.
- Please call 3-1-1 to schedule an appointment.
- For additional information, please call 305-787-5999



Mom & Pop Small Business Grants Available

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 5- February 23, 2018.**

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 and not engage in illegal activity at the business location.

For more information or to confirm what district you are in, call (305) 787-5999. Applications are available at www.miamidade.gov/district04 and should be sent or delivered to: **Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, District 4 Office, 1100 NE 163rd Street, #303, North Miami Beach, FL 33162.**





MORRIS N. BROAD COMMUNITY CENTER

Monday - Friday: 8 am - 8 pm; Saturday & Sunday: 10 am - 6 pm. Phone (786) 646-9970.

NEW PROGRAMS

New Sessions start January 7 for 8 weeks, including Zumba for seniors, adults, pre-teens/teens and children; Yoga for Seniors, Adults and Children; Tai-chi morning and evening classes; Chair Aerobics and computer class for beginners. Don't forget to ask about the KIND club for children 7 years and up, an age-appropriate program focusing on environmental issues.

SIX WEEK LECTURE SERIES ON BEETHOVEN'S SYMPHONIES

The nine symphonies of Beethoven are often venerated as the symbol of his creative genius and groundbreaking boldness. This series of six lectures will focus on the composer's stylistic approaches to the masterpiece symphonies created from 1799-1825, including *Eroica* and *Pastoral*. The lectures will be on Mondays starting January 22 from 10:30 am-12:30 pm. For more information please call 786-646-9907

ACTIVE SENIORS

Book Club

Join us on Thursday, February 15 from 6:30-7:30 pm for light refreshments and an interesting discussion with your wonderful neighbors. The next book is *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn. It is an enthralling new historical novel about two women brought together in a mesmerizing story of courage and redemption during World War II.

Senior Matinée Movie

On Friday, February 23 at 1:30 pm, experience the inspiring 2014 Academy Award winning movie *Gravity*, starring Sandra Bullock and George Clooney. The story focuses on a medical engineer on her first shuttle mission and her veteran astronaut commander who try to survive a disaster in space where no life can survive.

Game Day and Social • Wednesday, February 7 and 21 at 10 am

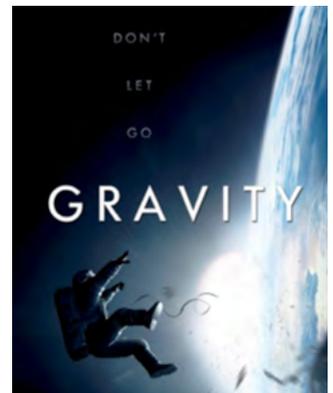
There has been a lot of interest in playing Bridge lately, so join us at the Morris N. Broad Community Center on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Enjoy conversation, cards and board games. Play bridge, mahjong, chess, rummy and checkers. Refreshments will be available.

YOUTH

Our game room is OPEN! Come play on our new Ping-Pong table, basketball shooter game and classic board games. Note the new game room hours: Friday 3:30-5 pm; Saturday and Sunday 12-4 pm.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

If you have not registered your child for our Afterschool Programs, come to the Morris N. Broad Community Center and learn about the many program options for your child. Call (786) 646-9970.





ACTIVE SENIORS

FRUIT AND SPICE PARK

TUESDAY, FEB. 13 • 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM \$8 PER PERSON

Join us for a tram tour around the historic **Fruit and Spice Park**. Learn about tropical fruits and grab a bite at the Mango Café. Be prepared to spend the fun day outside. Please bring a lunch or purchase food at the Café. Interested in this trip? Call the Morris N. Broad Community Center at 786-646-9970.



OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

Join the fun on Saturday, February 17, 2018 as Bay Harbor Islands will host Outdoor Movie Night at 7pm in front of Town Hall, 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace. Watch the Disney classic *Beauty and the Beast*. The movie and parking are FREE.



AARP SAFE DRIVER CLASS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 • 10:30 AM - 5 PM

AARP Driver Safety continues to meet the needs of older drivers through educational programs. This Safe Driving Class continues to evolve, promoting the independence of older Americans and enhancing their quality of life. AARP member cost: \$15 Non-member cost: \$20. Please bring water and snacks for the day. You must register for this course. Call for details (786) 646-9970.



STORYTIME

FIRST & THIRD FRIDAY AT THE TOT LOT

Merlina the Magical Storyteller at 4 p.m.

- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 & FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

At the Town Tot Lot, at the corner of 96th Street and West Broadview Drive



On Facebook?

So are we! See what is happening now at the Morris N. Broad Community Center. Go to www.facebook.com and search for @BHCommunityServices. Get access to Community Events, Youth Athletic Highlights and New Updates.

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

A RACE DAY TO REMEMBER!

It was all smiles at Bay Harbor Island's 12th Annual 5K/10K Run/Walk on Sunday, January 21. Residents and visitors of all ages enjoyed the morning event as they made their way along the popular race route through BHI's beautiful two islands and the Broad Causeway. The breezy weather for was perfect for all the participants.

The overall winners for the 5K were Esdros Castillo at 18:33 and Nicole Fredette at 20:51. Winners of the 10K were Bernardo Perez at 42:07 and Emilie Ney at 42:52. The popular event included refreshments and an awards ceremony after the races. A huge thank you goes out to the BHI Community Services Department, Police Department and Police Explorers, Public Works and the many volunteers who helped make the annual event a success.



The overall 5K female and male winners Nicole Fredette and Esdros Castillo.



POLICE BEAT

Waiting for a Package Delivery? ... *So are Thieves*

With thieves looking for easy pickings from your doorstep, BHI residents should make alternative plans if no one will be home to receive an expected package.

Recently, one thief made two trips to the BHI residential area and stole boxes left by delivery personnel worth more than \$2,000 from five different homes. Luckily, the subject was identified and arrested and all the stolen items were recovered.

If there is a chance you might miss a package delivery:

- Specify to delivery personnel to leave the package at a place at your home not in plain view.
- Have the package sent to your office or a neighbor.
- If a package never arrives, always contact the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department and the sender.

For more crime-fighting tips, please stop by Pizza With The Police at the Community Center, 7 p.m., Thursday, February 1, 2018.



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BAY HARBOR FARMERS MARKET IN FEBRUARY

The Bay Harbor Farmers Market will be open on February 4 & 18 from 10 am - 2 pm. The Market will include organic local grown produce, eggs, chicken, goat milk and more! More information is at Harbor Markets Facebook Page www.facebook.com/harbormarketsllc.org



STAY IN THE KNOW!

Take a quick visit to

www.facebook.com/bayharborislands

and www.bayharborislands-fl.gov

For the latest information on Town events, programs, services and more!

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Council member

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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, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting – Monday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Board – Tuesday, Feb. 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, March 12, Monday, April 16 &
Monday, May 14, 2018
- Planning & Zoning Board Meetings:
March 6 & 20, 2018

ALL MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Council Action at the January 8 Public Hearing

- **Approval** of an ordinance on **second** reading amending Chapter 16 of the Town Code to permit payroll deductions for the payment of purchases of credited service for past military and/or police service.
- **Approval** of an ordinance on **second** reading amending Section 18-22 of the Town Code to require property owners to underground the service lines.
- **Approval** of an ordinance on **second** reading amending Section 23-11 of the Town Code to allow for additional building height in the B-1 Business District.
- **Approval** of a resolution amending the schedule of Building Permits to decrease the fee for change of contractor.
- **Approval** of a resolution updating and adopting new values for Town owned TDR units in the residential districts and establishing a value for Town owned units in the B-1 Commercial District.

Anticipated Discussion Items for Feb. 12, 2018 Council Meeting

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

- **Approval** of an ordinance on **second** reading amending Chapter 16 to provide a five (5) year cliff vesting schedule for police officer members of the Retirement System.
- **Approval** of an ordinance on **first** reading amending the Town Code to establish lighting requirements for new multi-family developments.