



# Bay Harbor Islands

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Inside the July issue of our newsletter is an insert regarding flood protection information, something we publish every year during our storm season. I urge you to familiarize yourself with this information since flood protection should be a primary concern of all residents. Additional resources are available on our website, [www.bayharborislands.net](http://www.bayharborislands.net).

Keeping our storm drains clear, reinforcing sea walls, elevating air conditioning compressors and taking steps to secure our homes are all examples of how we can protect our Town from rising water.

In the tradition of discussing the environment every summer, I will be asking for a proposal to promote Leadership in Energy & Environment Design (LEED) certified homes and buildings in Bay Harbor Islands. LEED certification is the standard of green building and encouraging property owners to develop structures that promote sustainability will improve our quality of life in Town and on Earth for ourselves and future generations.

In addition, Bay Harbor Islands recently hosted the June meeting of the Miami-Dade County Historic Preservation Board in our Council Chambers. The Preservation Board presented a survey they completed reviewing the properties on our East Island, discussing the architectural details and history of the multi-family buildings. The survey will be discussed further at future workshops to be held by the County in the upcoming months. The discussion of designation of properties on the East Island will be brought back before their Board in September.

Last, but not least, with summer vacation upon us and children playing outside, please use caution while driving through the streets of our Town.



# Scholars From Bay Harbor Islands Honored

As is the tradition of the Town, the Bay Harbor Islands Council recognized the achievements of outstanding resident students at the June 8 meeting. In addition to each being named Students of the Year, the junior Miami Beach High School awardee also receives a \$1,000 cash prize.

*At right (L-R) Margherita Tonini, from Miami Beach High School, Mayor Jordan W. Leonard and Ian Krupkin, from Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center. Far right: Leah Chepenik, Student of the Year from Nautilus Middle School.*



# School PTA Launch “Scoop the Poop” Campaign

The PTA at Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center launched a “Scoop the Poop” campaign to encourage residents to pick up after their pets, particularly on sidewalks and swales that surround the school. This effort will help keep pet waste away from the students, school and playgrounds.

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands has installed several extra Doggy Bag stations around the school perimeter and police officers have stepped up enforcement. Animal waste may contain harmful organisms that can be transmitted to other animals and humans. The stormwater carries pet waste directly into waterways.



*Above are the Ruth K. Broad school children who won a contest to design “Scoop the Poop” posters. The winning posters were printed on weatherproof boards and posted around the school.*

# Bay Harbor Islands Hosts Miami-Dade League Of Cities

Bay Harbor Islands officials hosted the recent meeting of the Miami-Dade League of Cities (MDCLC) held at the Sea View Hotel. BHI has a tradition of leadership in the organization:

Council Member Isaac Salver is a Past President and the League Appointee to the Children’s Trust, serving as the Trust’s Treasurer. Mayor Jordan W. Leonard is the current Third Vice President, and Council Member Robert Yaffe serves on the Miami-Dade County Board of Rules and Appeals.



*Council member Isaac Salver (L) and Mayor Jordan W. Leonard help lead the May MDCLC meeting.*

# County Preservation Board Meets at BHI



*A full house greeted the Board and staff of the Miami-Dade Office of Historic Preservation meeting in the Bay Harbor Islands Council Chambers. The Preservation Board presented a recent survey of east island properties and took public comment. Additional meetings will take place in coming months.*



## Town of Bay Harbor Islands • Flood Protection Information *(continued)*

Town Hall: 305-866-6241      Library: 305-682-0726  
DERM: 305-375-3376      FEMA: 404-853-4408  
South Florida Water Management: 407-687-6966  
State NFIP Coordinator: 904-487-4915

Detailed information concerning flood preparedness and insurance is available at: Miami-Dade County Library, Sunny Isles Beach Branch in the Reference Section • 18070 Collins Avenue, Sunny Isles Beach, FL 33160 305-682-0726

### **Flood Proofing**

The term “flood proofing” means physical alterations to your building that improve the ability of property and structures to withstand the damages caused by flooding. You need to prepare your own emergency list of activities and procedures to follow in case of a flood, tropical storm or hurricane. Information is available at Town Hall, the Miami Dade County Office of Emergency Management and at the local library. You must take action now to minimize losses to your property and possessions.

There are a number of ways to flood proof your structure. Some of the possible solutions are flood panels, earthen berms, flood walls and elevating structures. Additional information can be found in the reference section of the library in the book “Retrofitting Flood Prone Residential Structures.” Flood proofing measures taken by property owners can reduce the cost of flood insurance.

Since the Town is subject to hurricanes and tropical storms, storm shutters should be obtained for all doors and window openings on your building. All garage doors should be checked and reinforced if necessary. Please note that a building permit will be required for the installation of shutters.

### **Dry Flood Proofing**

Dry flood proofing includes sealing or waterproofing with special materials and compounds which provide a chemical or physical barrier against water intrusion during times of flooding. Information on this can also be found in the reference section at the local library.

### **Floodplain Development**

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands has a flood damage prevention ordinance that governs all development within the Town. This ordinance complies with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program and applicable state law. Cumulative substantial improvement over a five year period is contained in the ordinance. Work that exceeds 50% of the value of the structure in five years triggers additional requirements. The NFIP requires that if the cost of reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition or other improvements to a building equals or exceeds 50% of the building’s market value, then the building must meet the same construction requirements as a new building. Substantially damaged buildings must be brought up to the same standards (e.g., a residence damaged so that the cost of repairs equals or exceeds 50% of the buildings value before it was damaged must be elevated above the base flood elevation).

Since the Town lies completely in a special flood hazard area surrounded by Biscayne Bay, all development and improvements require permitting from the Town of Bay Harbor



Islands Building Department. This is to insure that proposed development and improvements meet all existing codes for the work contemplated. This includes buildings, fences, slabs, pools, sprinklers, air-conditioners, excavations, grading and filling. In fact, any work that has a value of \$100.00 or more must have a permit. If you are considering doing any work to your property, please contact the Town’s Building Department for a free consultation. All work must have a permit card prominently displayed on the building or work site.

Anyone who sees construction work being performed and does not see a permit card should contact the Town’s Building Department as soon as possible.

### **Flood Insurance**

Always carry flood insurance! Regular homeowner’s insurance does not cover flood losses, but during the life of an average mortgage, residents have a 26% chance of experiencing a major flood disaster during the life of a 30 year mortgage. Flood insurance through the NFIP is available by contacting a licensed property and casualty insurance broker. Limits to coverage are \$250,000 for residential structures and \$500,000 for commercial structures. If you are currently covered, double-check that the building coverage is adequate and make sure you have contents insurance. Contents insurance can also be purchased with a separate premium under the same policy. Limits to contents coverage are \$100,000 for residential and \$500,000 for non-residential. **Please note:** when purchasing flood insurance, there is a 30-day waiting period before the policy takes effect, so plan ahead!

# Bike Rodeo Promotes Safety and Pedal Power

Dozens of young bicycle riders attended Bay Harbor Islands Police Department's Second Annual Bicycle Safety Rodeo and a "Bike with Chief Hemingway" ride at the Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center on Saturday, May 30, 2015. Bicycle officers from other municipalities also participated in the fun and informative event.

*Youngsters line up and strap on their helmets in preparation of the "Bike with Chief Hemingway."*

*(The Chief is at the far right.)*



# Summer Camp Is Underway!

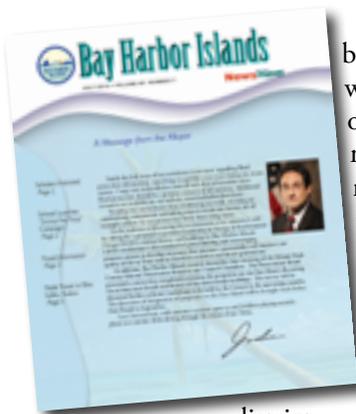
Enjoy a wide variety of recreational activities, including arts and crafts, sports, games, Friday field trips and more. Each camper will experience a safe, positive and enriching environment at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center's Middle School, 1265 93rd Street, Bay Harbor Islands.

**A LIMITED NUMBER OF SPACES ARE AVAILABLE.  
CALL TODAY.**

For more information or to register, contact Town Hall at (305) 866-6241



# Newsletter to Accept Advertising



Attention Bay Harbor Islands businesses: The Town newsletter will soon be accepting advertising, offering an affordable option for merchants and service providers to reach BHI residents and promote their services and products.

Note that advertising is only available to businesses having current Bay Harbor Island business tax receipts and with a physical address in the BHI business

district.

Contracts are now available for one-quarter page (\$150), half-page (\$300) and full page (\$600) ads. Advertisement fees must be paid prior to publication. Ads must be high-resolution, digital format. The Town reserves the right to refuse any advertising for any reason. Political ads will not be accepted.

For more information on rates and specifications, contact Bridget Morin at (305) 866-6241 or visit

# 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, July 7 at 7 p.m.

**NO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN JULY**

- Planning & Zoning Board – Tuesday, July 21 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 Meetings: August 10, September 16 and October 13, 2015
- Planning & Zoning Board Meetings: August 4 & 18; September 8 & 22 and October 6 & 20, 2015

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

**ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Jordan W. Leonard  
*Mayor*

Stephanie Bruder  
*Vice Mayor*

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*Council member*

Doris Marano  
*Council member*

Kelly Reid  
*Council member*

Isaac Salver  
*Council member*

Robert Yaffe  
*Council member*

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*Town Clerk*

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**Emergency: 911**

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

## Highlights of the June 8 Council Meeting

- **Approval** of an emergency **ordinance** on first & second reading amending Section 12-16 of the Town Code to change the allowed hours of construction and to prohibit construction on Saturdays.
- **Approval** of an ordinance on **first** reading amending the Town Code Section 19-25 to prohibiting the parking of trailers, boats, recreational vehicles, mobile homes, and stretched out vehicles within the Town unless fully enclosed in a garage or other structure.
- **Approval** of a Resolution requested by Vice Mayor Bruder supporting Bay Harbor Continental, Inc. in its appeal of the April 15<sup>th</sup> decision of the Miami Dade County Historic Preservation Board to designate the property as a historic site.
- **Approval** of a Resolution adopting the Miami-Dade County Local Mitigation Strategy in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Program's Community rating system requirements.
- **Approval** of the Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center Nurse Initiative Memorandum of understanding to provide funding and for the implementation of a Nurse Initiative for the school year 2015-2016.

## Discussion Items for August 10 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 second reading amending the Town Code Section 19-25 to prohibiting the parking of trailers, boats, recreational vehicles, mobile homes, and stretched out vehicles within the Town unless fully enclosed in a garage or other structure.
- **Discussion** requested by Council Member Reid regarding possible amendments to the Town Code for the regulation of below grade parking garages and vehicle parking lifts.
- **Discussion** requested by Town Manager Wasson regarding the possibility of amending the Town Code for consistency requiring submittal of final working plans for approved projects within 12 months and allow a one-time extension of 180 days to be granted by the Town Manager.