



Bay Harbor Islands

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NewsWaves

A Message from the Mayor

Summer Topics: Hurricane Season & Preservation vs. Development

It is my pleasure to offer my first newsletter message to the residents of Bay Harbor Islands. As a third-generation, life-long resident of the Town and the first Bay Harbor Bobcat to serve on our Council, I am both proud and humbled to have been selected as your Mayor. I wish to thank my fellow Council Members for their support and all of the residents that elected us to serve.

As many residents know, the Town has recently been dealing with issues surrounding historic preservation on the East Island. While this is a complex, multi-faceted situation, I encourage everyone to be educated about the pro and cons of individual designation and the possibility of a historic district imposed by the County. To date, Town staff has reported that as much as 4 percent of the buildings on the East Island have been demolished without pending projects, which Staff attributes to the concern of possible designation. Town Staff has, and will continue to be available to assist with questions. In addition, our Town, in cooperation with the County Historic Preservation Board (HPB) staff, will host the next County HPB meeting in our Town Council Chambers on Wednesday, June 17 at 2 p.m. Please feel free to attend this public meeting, which shall include the possible creation of a historic district for our Town and preserving Bal Harbour's Church by the Sea.

June also brings us another long-time tradition: the start of hurricane season, which continues through November 30th. **Please read the preparation information on page 3.** Like the rest of South Florida, we have been blessed with nearly a decade of storm-free seasons. But, as you know, we are an island community and thus more prone to flooding and wind damage than inland areas. While our Town administration is well prepared to cope with emergency situations, each resident and family should already have a plan in place now and be prepared to evacuate if necessary. Disaster Preparedness booklets are available for free at Town Hall or on our website to help all residents plan for the unexpected.

Have a great and safe summer.

Sincerely,



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2015 ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Council Members Take Oath of Office

The top three candidates from the 2015 Town election were sworn into office at the Annual Organizational Meeting on May 11 at the Council Chambers.

(L-R) Town Clerk Marlene Marante administers the oath to Council Members Doris Marano, Isaac Salver and Robert Yaffe.



Council Elects New Mayor and Vice Mayor



Reciting the Oath of Office are (at left) new Mayor Jordan W. Leonard and new Vice Mayor Stephanie Bruder.

BHI Staff take the Oath of Office

(L-R) Mayor Jordan W. Leonard, Deputy Town Clerk Alba Chang, Town Clerk Marlene Marante, Town Attorney Craig B. Sherman and Assistant Town Attorney Frank Simone.



Bay Harbor Islands 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. For more information on rates and specifications, contact Bridget Morin at (305) 866-6241 or visit www.bayharborislands.org.

Hurricane season is from June 1–Nov. 30. BHI residents should ALWAYS be prepared for any storm.

BEFORE THE STORM

Be Prepared: Purchasing supplies once a storm is threatening is expensive and strenuous. Shopping for items a little at a time before an event eliminates the stress and avoids long lines and empty shelves. Before the storm approaches make sure you have the following items in your storm kit:

- Food
- Water (Store enough water for drinking, bathing, cooking for all members of your family including pets)
- Health & First Aid
- Storage (Protect important documents in zip locked bags such as: birth certificates, social security cards, insurance documents, etc.)
- Cleaning & Supplies (disposable eating utensils, mosquito repellent, gloves, liquid soap)
- Tools (flashlights, batteries, pliers, hammers, goggles, dust mask, screwdrivers, etc.)
- Generator
- Battery Operated Radio
- Special Items (spare eye glasses, diapers, wipes)
- Auto fuel (Make sure your gas tank is full)
- Money – ATMs will likely be down during and after a storm, make sure you have cash on hand if needed.

Important details

Pets: In addition to food, make sure pets (cats/dogs) have proper identification tags and properly working pet carriers and leashes.

Shelters: Keep maps and numbers of your nearest shelter listed in case of emergency evacuations. (If you have pets call ahead to locate shelters that allow pets).

Photos: Take pictures of your property before and after the storm for insurance purposes.

LANDSCAPING

Properly pruning trees and shrubs before a hurricane will reduce the debris that may become airborne. Proper pruning also increases the likelihood that a tree can weather a storm. Consult or hire a certified and licensed arborist prior to tree pruning. Landscapers hired to maintain residential and commercial properties must remove vegetation including grass/tree clippings.

Do not begin any pruning or cleanup activities or place trash on the curb during a Hurricane Watch or Warning.



IF A STORM IS IMMINENT

Protect the areas of your home where wind can enter. Secure indows and doors, preferably with permanent County-approved storm shutters. A second option is to board up windows with 5/8” plywood. The boards should already be cut to fit and ready for installation. NOTE: Tape **does not** prevent window damage.

Bring in lawn furniture, garbage cans, bins and other items that are not secured and could become airbourne.

If you own a boat, use double lines at the marina. If it is trailered and cannot be garaged, stake it to the ground with rope and fill the hull with water.

Monitor the storm’s progress regularly. Visit www.miamidade.gov or call 311 for updates on services. Depending on conditions, bus, rail, garbage and recycling services, as well as airport and seaport operations will be affected.

If an evacuation order is given, you must leave the area and move to a location outside the evacuation zone. Make sure you take your local identification, so you can return after the storm. Turn off your electricity at the main breaker. Unplug appliances.

FLOODING

Bay Harbor Islands is an island community, located entirely within the Flood Plain in Biscayne Bay. Storm surge and flooding is possible during a tropical event. The storm-water system can be overwhelmed during a storm, causing flood situations. Use caution and avoid flooded areas. This is a good time to review your Flood Insurance policy. For more information and helpful links, visit www.bayharborislands.org

EMERGENCIES

USE PHONES ONLY FOR EMERGENCIES. Call 911 only for **life-threatening** situations. After the danger of the storm is passed, call police or utility companies immediately to report hazards such as downed power lines, broken gas or water mains, overturned gas tanks, etc. **(STAY AWAY FROM DOWNED POWER LINES)** Do not drive or walk through standing water.



2015 STORM NAMES

- Ana
- Bill
- Claudette
- Danny
- Erika
- Fred
- Grace
- Henri
- Ida
- Joaquin
- Kate
- Larry
- Mindy
- Nicholas
- Odette
- Peter
- Rose
- Sam
- Teresa
- Victor
- Wanda

After-School Program Celebrates Year's End With Awards Banquet

To view more photos from the banquet go to www.bayharborislands.org

A proud audience full of parents, teachers, counselors and Town officials attended a festive awards banquet that celebrated the end of a highly successful after-school program at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center. In the ballroom of the Sea View Hotel, dozens of children received trophies and certificates for their achievements in sports, arts and academics during the school year. In addition to awards, the exciting program included demonstrations from the Bobcat Cheerleaders, the dance group and martial arts class.



Children show off their trophies and certificates at the awards banquet. In the center right back are school principal Maria Rodriguez and Bay Harbor Islands Vice Mayor Stephanie Bruder.



BHIPD Crime Prevention and Community Relations Unit

The Bay Harbor Islands Police Department (BHIPD) is now offering Residential Security Surveys and Crime Prevention seminars for our multi-family and single family homes. Home Owner Associations and private homeowners are encouraged to contact Officer John Grimes at the BHIPD or jgrimes@bayharborislands.net to schedule and take advantage of your free inspection.



Beginning this fall, the BHIPD will be offering crime prevention seminars to our residents at Town Hall and will be available to speak with larger groups at their buildings. Topics will include burglary, theft prevention and diversion and fraud scams that have been affecting South Florida, as well as other services provided by our department. We encourage all building HOAs to register for a seminar. During these meetings, Assistant Town Manager J.C. Jimenez will be establishing an elderly and special needs vulnerability list to ensure all citizens are served through the Miami-Dade County Vulnerability registration process in the event of any disaster.

Business Directory Update

Please add these businesses to the 2015 Bay Harbor Islands Business Directory. Remember, when you need services or merchandise to first consider businesses in your own neighborhood. For more information visit www.bayharborislands.org

INSURANCE & FINANCIAL SERVICES

Joyce Green
1005 Kane Concourse, Suite 209
(305) 994-0520

Pearl Benefits Group
1160 Kane Concourse, Suite 305
305-866-9556

Norman Hurwitz, CLU, ChFC
NJH Financial Corp.
1108 Kane Concourse, Suite 222
305-397-8080

Sheridan Wealth Advisors
1108 Kane Concourse, Suite 307
305-861-7773

Gourmet Cooking Class Inspires Promising Chefs

Seeking the secrets to preparing the perfect meal, food enthusiasts participated in the Town's first cooking class held at O'lima Signature Cuisine, 1052 Kane Concourse. A special thanks to Chef German Gonzales for leading the class and to General Manager Ivan Valenia for serving as a welcoming host to the successful event.



Elected Officials Donate \$1 Annual Salary

Following a tradition that goes back to the early days of Bay Harbor Islands, the Town's elected officials donated their \$1 annual salaries to the charity of their choice, this year it was SAVE Dade.

(L-R) Council Member Doris Marano, Council Member Isaac Slaver, Council Member Kelly Reid, Council Member Robert Yaffe, Council Member Joshua Fuller and Mayor Jordan W. Leonard.



Meet Harry Chinkoo, Attendant of BHI Parks



If you visit the new Officer Scott A. Winters Park on 98th Street, you have undoubtedly noticed our new Attendant of Parks, Harry Chinkoo.

Harry leads a small staff, who, in conjunction with the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department, are in charge of assisting park patrons, enforcing rules and keeping our facilities safe and enjoyable to all. Harry and his team will be happy to answer any questions or address any park-related issues that concern you or your family. Please be sure to say hello to Harry next time you are enjoying our new park.

Applications for Summer Camp are Available

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.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! CALL TODAY.

One-time registration fee is \$20 for residents, \$40 for non-residents

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



Jordan W. Leonard
Mayor

Stephanie Bruder
Vice Mayor

Joshua D. Fuller
Council member

Doris Marano
Council member

Kelly Reid
Council member

Isaac Salver
Council member

Robert Yaffe
Council member

Ronald J. Wasson
Town Manager

Marlene Marante
Town Clerk

Craig B. Sherman
Town Attorney

Sean Hemingway
Chief of Police

Alan Short
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Building Department: (305) 993-1786

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, June 2 at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting - Monday, June 8 at 7 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Board – Tuesday, June 19 at 7 p.m.

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

- Regular Council Meetings: August 10 & September 16
- Planning & Zoning Board Meetings: July 7 and 21; August 4 and 18 and September 8 & 22. 2015

Committee meeting dates and times to be announced.

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Highlights of the May 11 Council Meeting

- **Approval** of an **ordinance** on second reading amending the Town Code Section 5-5 of the Town Code to require that active construction sites maintain rodent control until they receive a Certificate of Occupancy from the Town.
- **Approval** of a Resolution encouraging the Florida Legislature to remove barriers to customer-sited solar power and expressing support for the Floridians for solar choice ballot petition.
- **Approval** of a Resolution supporting Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) urging the Florida State legislature to enact legislation banning the sale and marketing of flavored tobacco products within the State of Florida.

Discussion Items for June 8 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 amending Section 12-26 of the Town Code to change the allowed hours of construction and to prohibit the operation of construction sites on Saturday.
- **Consideration** and Approval of an agreement implementing the Nurse Enhancement Initiative for school year 2015-2016.