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A Message from the Mayor

Close Ties with Surrounding Towns Benefits Bay Harbor Islands

On Sunday, March 8th, at 11:00 a.m. we celebrate the grand opening of The Officer Scott A. Winters Park, just two blocks from Town Hall on 98th Street. You are invited to join us for the celebration. This dynamic new addition to our Town has something for everyone: children, adults, seniors, and even dogs. Thank you to current and past members of the Parks & Recreation Committee, Town Manager Ron Wasson, Assistant Town Manager J.C. Jimenez and other members of the Town administration for their hard work and dedication to this project. With all the Park has to offer, it is sure to become a favorite gathering place for residents (see page 2).

Bay Harbor Islands is literally a Town of two islands, but metaphorically speaking, no municipality is an island. Of course, we are a part of the county, state, and nation in which we are located, but we are also closely linked to our neighboring municipalities. There is a reason you often hear the term Surf Bal Bay. From our geography, demographics, utilities, transportation, businesses, and institutions, we have many common interests with both the Village of Bal Harbour and the Town of Surfside, and also with Indian Creek Village and the City of Miami Beach. All the municipalities benefit from close communication and on-going dialog regarding each other's projects, activities, events, successes, and best practices. As your mayor, I attend regular breakfast meetings with the mayors of neighboring municipalities to discuss common issues impacting our residents. Likewise, our Town Manager Ron Wasson and Police Chief Sean Hemingway are in regular contact with their counterparts.. We are fortunate to have these strong relationships with our neighbors. Sharing resources as a group, often allows us to do more for our residents that we could do on our own.



Mark your calendar for Tuesday, April 21, when Bay Harbor Islands will hold its Town election for three seats on the Council. Please review the story on Page 3 and look for information on the candidates in the April issue of NewsWaves. Your vote matters!

I hope everyone enjoyed our cool tropical weather last month as we look forward to Spring. - Bob

- Bob

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Taste of the Town Progressive Dinner a Sold-Out Success

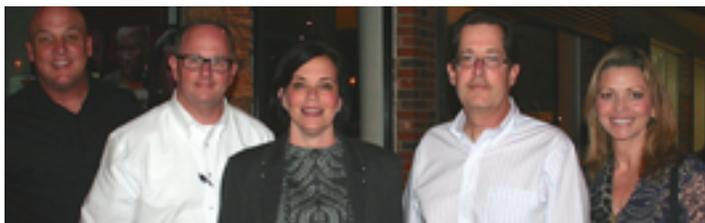
Bay Harbor Islands' first Taste of the Town Progressive Dinner was held February 11 on Kane Concourse. The sold-out event, co-hosted by Council member Stephanie Bruder and resident Kathleen Kennedy, was enjoyed by all who attended and is sure to be a can't-miss-event every time it comes 'round.

Diners began at Betto's Ristorante Italiano, where they were treated to an array of hors d'oeuvres, lasagna and house-made Sangria. Praschnik Fine Jewelers was the next stop. Guests perused cases of sparkly things, while sipping the varieties of YaYa Wines. Then, it was on to Emilio's Trattoria for an alfresco caesar salad and penne pasta course.

Ocean Cadillac was the evening's final destination, where coffee and dessert

were provided in the comfort of the dealership's beautifully re-designed showroom. The night's festivities were capped off by a raffle featuring a stay at Daddy O Hotel Miami and a YaYa Wines Valentines Gift Basket.

The Town thanks all who bought tickets, the organizers, and our generous sponsors - Betto's Ristorante Italiano, Emilio's Trattoria, Praschnik Fine Jewelers, Ocean Cadillac, Daddy-O Hotel Miami and YaYa Wine.



(L-R) Bay Harbor Islands Police Chief Sean Hemingway, Town Manager Ron Wasson, Council member Stephanie Bruder, Mayor Robert Yaffe and Council member Kelly Reid.

Join the Relay For Life on March 14

Relay for Life, the annual event to support cancer patients, will take place on the beach at 96 street on **Saturday, March 14** and will include the communities of Surfside, Bal Harbour and Bay Harbor Islands. Organizers hope to raise \$25,000 for the American Cancer Society.

The event is a time for family and friends to honor cancer survivors, remember those lost to this disease and raise funds and awareness to help end cancer forever.



Join us

for the

Grand Opening

of the

Officer Scott A. Winters Park
on 98th Street

Sunday, March 8, 2015
at 12 noon

Refreshments will be served

County Offers Free Spay & Neuter For Cats On March 7



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In an effort to continue her commitment to control the overpopulation of cats in Miami-Dade County, Commissioner Sally Heyman is again sponsoring a free spay/neuter event in District 4. Commissioner Heyman is joined by Bay Harbor Islands Council

member Kelly Reid, along with Miami-Dade County Animal Services Department, in offering FREE spay/neuter surgeries for cats on **Saturday, March 7, 2015, 7:30 a.m., at the Bay Harbor Islands City Hall, 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace.**

Space is limited, so please call 311 to make an appointment. For additional information, please call 305-787-5999 or visit www.bayharborislands.org. APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED.

Town Council Election On April 21

Our annual municipal election will take place on **Tuesday, April 21, 2015**. If you are not already properly registered to vote with a residential address in Bay Harbor Islands, you may obtain a registration form at Town Hall or at any state Driver's License office. Under state law, the books close to new registrations 29 days prior to the election (March 23rd). If you already have a current Miami-Dade County voter's registration card with the proper address, you need not re-register. If you are not sure your registration is current, call Miami-Dade County Elections Department at 305-499-8683.

For new voter registration, a resident must be at least 18 years of age and be a citizen of the United States. There is no minimum residency requirement for registration. If you will be unable to go to the polls on the day of the Town election, absentee ballots may be requested by calling the Miami-Dade County Elections Department at 305-499-8444. Absentee ballots must be returned no later than 7 p.m. of the day of the election.

Three seats on the Town Council will come up for vote in the April 21st election (Isaac Salver, Robert Yaffe and the vacant seat). If you wish to qualify as a candidate for a Town Council seat, file with the Town Clerk during regular

business hours at Town Hall after 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 12th and before 5 p.m. on Friday, March 20th. To qualify you must be a resident of the Town for at least one year and must be a registered voter in the Town for at least a year.

Each Town Council member is elected by the voters of the Town for a 4-year term of office. These terms of office are staggered so that only two Council members run for office each year (with only one seat open each fourth year). This system provides for stability and continuity in our Town Government. **This year would have been a two seat election; however, due to Solange Rousselot's resignation, there will also be a partial term of one year to fill the remainder of Rousselot's term.** Each Council member receives a salary of \$1 per year, which is traditionally donated to a charitable cause.

The Town Council meets on a regular basis, on the second Monday evening of the month, at least ten (10) times per year. In addition, the Council members spend many hours at various committee, board, workshops, and special meetings. By state law, all meetings are open to the public, and members of the community are encouraged to attend meetings to be informed on issues concerning our community.

Volunteers Needed for Committees

The Town is looking for volunteers to fill several vacancies on town committees. The committees that are looking for new members are: Environmental Impact, Parks and Recreation, and Emergency Preparedness Committees. If you are interested in volunteering to serve, please submit a letter of interest and resume to the Town Clerk. For more information contact Town Hall at 305-866-6241 or by e-mail to mmarante@bayharborislands.net



No Joke! Improv Troupe Sells Out Town Hall Council Chambers

The Chasing Tales Comedy Improv Troupe did what few Town meetings have achieved: fill every seat in the Council Chambers. Nearly 100 comedy lovers attended the Saturday night show featuring the group's La Enriqueta, a homage to Miami's diversity. It was the second year that Chasing Tales visited. The event also encouraged a pre-show

dinner at near-by Bay Harbor restaurants. O'Lima, a new eatery coming to Kane Concourse, provided free appetizers prior to the show. A special thanks to Town staff and Council Member Josh Fuller.



Ceviche and other Peruvian delicacies were served by O'Lima restaurant to show attendees.

Bay Harbor Islands Cheer the 9th Annual Run & Walk

Perfect weather and enthusiastic cheers greeted the residents and visitors who participated in the Town's 2015 5K/10K Run & Walk. Starting on Kane Concourse, the race went through the streets of the West Island, out onto the Broad Causeway and back to the finish at Town Hall, where everyone enjoyed refreshments and an awards ceremony. Competitors ranged in age from 8 to 78, not including the babies who were pushed in strollers.

Congratulations and thanks to all the volunteers, the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department and Town staff for a successful event.

Mayor Robert Yaffe and Council member Stephanie Bruder welcome participants to the 9th Annual Bay Harbor Islands 5K/10K event.



Leading the way ... (L-R) Alyssa Pujals, 16, was first female finisher and fourth overall at 18:40. Jon Williams, 46, who has won the race several times, was second overall. Justin Habor, 16, was third overall. At right, Jimmie Wilbourne, 25, was the overall winner at 18:12. The leading group crossed the finish line within 30 seconds of each other.



Overall 10K winner Silvio Ribeiro finishes at 37:19.



Alex Mendelson, 9, crosses the finish line with a smile at 29:27, first in his age group.

Historic Designation for BHI Discussed at the Miami-Dade County Historic Preservation Board Meeting

At the February 18, 2015 meeting of the Miami-Dade County Historic Preservation Board ("Board"), the Board instructed county staffers to complete and present the Historical Designation Survey for all Bay Harbor Islands East Island properties to the Board at the April 15, 2015 Board meeting. Two (2) properties, thus far, are under consideration for possible future Historic Designation.

Updated reports for the two (2) properties will be submitted to the Board at the March 18, 2015 Board meeting.

If you have any questions about Historic Designation for Bay Harbor Islands, please contact the Town Manager's Office. The 13-member Historic Preservation Board typically meets every third (3rd) Wednesday of the month.

Crossing Guards Needed

Why not earn money while helping keep our children safe as they walk to and from school? Positions for school Crossing Guard are available. Positions are part time, three hours per day, while school is in session. The pay rate is \$10.03 per hour.



If you are interested in applying for this position, please forward your completed application, resume, and cover letter to HR@bayharborislands.net or apply in person at Bay Harbor Islands Town Hall.

March Outdoor Movie Features *Ratatouille*



The popular animated Disney film *Ratatouille* will be presented at the Town's Outdoor Movie Night, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 21st at the lot at 1177 Kane Concourse. Bring your blanket or chair for a fun evening under the stars.

Admission and parking is free and children must be accompanied by an adult. *Plan now to attend!* Call (305) 866-6241 or visit the Town website: www.bayharborislands.org

Storytime at the Park

March 6: Stories & Magic with Merlina

March 20: Stories with Miss Nancy

Storytime at the Park takes place on the 1st and 3rd Fridays at 4 p.m. at the Bay Harbor Islands Tot Lot

(north of Kane Concourse on West Broadview Drive)

Free. Bring your blanket or chair.

Call Town Hall (305) 866-6241 or visit the Town's website: www.bayharborislands.org



Plan Now to Attend BHI's 2015 Summer Camp

It's time to start planning for the fun and excitement of Bay Harbor Islands **Summer Camp 2015!**

at Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center. There will be plenty of sports, a variety of activities and fun field trips.

Look for details in the April newsletter.

Volleyball for Middle-school Girls

Are you ready for some net fun? Volleyball for middle-school girls begins on Tuesday March 10 and will take place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 – 5 p.m. at Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center. The cost is \$150. For more information, call Regine at 305-866-6241.

An advertisement for lacrosse. It features a green background with the word "LACROSSE" in white, stylized letters at the top. Below the text are two crossed lacrosse sticks. To the right is a photograph of a young girl in a red and black lacrosse uniform, smiling and holding a lacrosse stick. Below the text and image, it says: "Interested in playing lacrosse in Bay Harbor Islands? Contact the Town Hall and let us know. Call Regine 305-866-6241."

Pee-Wee Soccer



Bay Harbor Islands Pee-Wee Soccer will begin a new session on Monday, March 9, 2015 in the 92nd Street Park. The program is on Mondays and Wednesdays (depending on the age category) and caters to children ages 12 months to five years. The eight-week session is \$160 for residents and \$200 for non-residents, plus a \$10 registration fee per family. There is a multiple child discount of 25%.

For more information, please contact Regine Choute at (305) 866 - 6241 or visit Town Hall.

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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, Mar. 3 at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting - Monday, Mar. 9 at 7 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Board – Monday, Mar. 17 at 7 p.m.

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

- Regular Council Meetings: April 13, 2015; May 11, 2015 and June 8, 2015
- Planning & Zoning Board Meetings: April ; May 5 and 19, 2015

Committee meeting dates and times to be announced

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Highlights of the February 9 Council Meeting

- **Approval** of a Resolution renaming the Broad Causeway as the Shepard Broad Causeway.
- **Approval** of a grant agreement between the Town of Bay Harbor Islands and the State of Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs in the amount of \$500,000 to go towards the completion of the Bay Harbor Islands Community Center.
- **Approval** for mechanical street sweeping services for Bay Harbor Islands by Star Cleaning USA, for contract price of \$27.09 per curb mile, totaling \$76,068.
- **Approval** of an ordinance on **first** reading amending the Town Code Section 23-9 which relates to the minimum size requirements of living units for residential development.
- **Approval** of an ordinance on **first** reading amending Chapter 9 of the Town Code to prohibit the use of Styrofoam products.
- **Approval** of a proposal from CTR Parking in the amount of \$18,670 to update/upgrade the parking meters in the parking garage.

Discussion Items for March 9 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 first reading amending the Town Code to permit pools on the side setbacks for properties located in the corner on the East Island.
- **Consideration** and Approval of an ordinance on first reading amending the Town Code to permit garage sales outdoors and not visible from public view.