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On Tuesday, April 5th, the Town of Bay Harbor Islands will hold our annual election for two of the seven Council Member seats. I encourage everyone to be informed and vote on Election Day at Town Hall. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Exactly one year ago, we celebrated the dedication of the Officer Scott Winters Park on 98th Street. As Bay Harbor's first park with bathrooms and a splash pad, it continues to be our most popular and used park. It was named in honor of Officer Winters, who grew up in Bay Harbor, and was later killed in the line of duty while serving with the Pompano Police Department. We should never forget his heroism.

But in the past year, South Florida, like many communities across the country, has experienced a plague of senseless violence. This has resulted in a numbness towards the level and amount of violent crime in our greater community, especially towards children. Thankfully, we have enjoyed the safety afforded by our Town. With one of the lowest crime rates in the County, excellent service from our Police Department at the hands of Chief Hemingway and the utilization of the most advanced tools such as our License Plate Reader (LPR) program, residents and visitors probably do not think of safety as an issue. But parents elsewhere certainly do.

Just recently, in Miami, six-year old King Carter was killed in broad daylight from the stray bullet of a drive-by shooting. According to the Miami Herald, almost 100 children in South Florida have been killed, in the past 3 years; 60 shot within the past year alone. With another child needlessly lost forever, we must say that enough is enough. I would ask that all communities, from Bay Harbor Islands to Miami, from Homestead to Golden Beach, from Miami Beach to Doral, join together, rise up and speak out against these acts of violence in our Towns, Villages and Cities. It should not be tolerated, period.

One way we can help is to tell our State Legislators that you support the witness protection legislation currently moving through Tallahassee. If passed, the names of witnesses of violent crimes will be exempt from public record, helping fight the "snitch" mentality that has prevented many from coming forward due to very real fear for their own safety.

Please call State Representative Joe Geller at (954) 924-3708 and State Senator Gwen Margolis at (305) 571-5777 and tell them you support HB 475 and SB 1314. While this legislation will not bring back King or the other children killed by gun violence, I hope we can all do our part to support sensible legislation to help end this cycle.

Sincerely,





# TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

## Two seats up for vote on April 5th

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands will hold its annual municipal election on Tuesday, April 5th, to fill two seats on the Town Council. As of the writing of this article, Council Members Joshua Fuller and Doris Marano are seeking re-election. Resident Elizabeth Tricoche is also seeking election. Qualifying for the Elections will not end until March 4 at 5 p.m. Please check the April Newsletter for the final list of candidates.

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 elective 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, 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 first meeting after the Elections which is scheduled for Monday, April 11, 2016. Visit the Town website for additional information, [www.bayharborislands.org/election](http://www.bayharborislands.org/election)



## BOBCAT CORNER

### Supporters Boost Education and Health for Students

Students at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center are receiving an enhanced education thanks to the generosity and support of Ann Broad Bussel, Morris Broad and The Broad Foundation. Students recently participated in a three-day Junior University of Florida Science, Engineering, and Humanities Symposium in Gainesville, Florida.

Ten RKBH K-8 students were honored by presenting their science fair experiments to more than 400 high school students, teachers, university professors and honorees of the armed forces. The students also visited laboratory settings and learned about current research. Participants were Laelani Perez, Camila Serrano, Eden Rotbart, Andrea Gasc, Mitchell Bruder, Kyle Behar, Jason Rodriguez, Jake Rubin, Max Kula and Matthew Prada.

The Broad Foundation's support also ensured that all of our children receive free eye and hearing screenings. Through



*While visiting the University of Florida, the Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor students posed for a photo in front of the Broad Bussel Atrium. Principal Maria Rodriguez, Ph.D. is at far left.*

a generous grant, our children receive vision screenings and a more in-depth vision exam and free glasses, should they need it. They also receive hearing exams to detect any hearing difficulties that can be better addressed at an early age.



### BHI Cheerleaders Win Big

Congratulations to the Bay Harbor Islands After-school Program Cheerleaders for winning Second Place in the Florida Cheer & Dance Association's Miami



Meltdown Competition on January 30, 2016! We are so proud of our young ladies! Go Bobcat Cheerleaders!

# 2016

Morris & Anita Broad  
Community Picnic & Earth Day Celebration  
Sunday March 13, 2016  
1-5 p.m. 1177 Kane Concourse

**Food • Live music • Children's activities**

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**REMEMBER** to honor Earth Day by bringing your unwanted electronic items to the picnic for recycling, including all types of computers, mobile devices, cell phones, monitors and televisions.

## Spring Egg Hunt

Sunday April 3, 2016

Officer Scott Winters Park on 98th Street  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

*Bring your basket!*



## Student Recognized for Winning T-Shirt Design



*Cybele Alfonso-Jouwayed, a student at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center, was recognized for her winning T-shirt design used for the 10th annual 5K/10K Run Walk. Mayor Jordan W. Leonard presented her with a certificate.*

## ***POLICE BEAT***

# Chief Introduces Officers and Staff

Over the past two years, the BHIPD has hired new employees due to retirements and restructuring. In the next few months, I will proudly introduce our newest members in the newsletter. Each individual comes with a specialized skill and brings tremendous knowledge to our Town. In a smaller agency, every hire must be highly motivated, trained and able to respond and successfully handle any situation. Please take the time to introduce yourself and welcome our new members as you see them in the community. Please keep conveying any concerns or innovative ideas to our attention as we continue Pursuing Excellence and striving to provide the best law enforcement services possible to the community.

*- Chief Sean Hemingway*

**Corporal John Grimes** joined the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department in 2014. He was raised in Lakeland, FL and joined the United States Coast Guard in 1983, serving seven years. John was hired by Cooper City Police Department/Broward Sheriff in 1990 and retired in 2013. During his 23-year career he was assigned to Patrol, Street Crimes Unit, Traffic Homicide and Motor Unit, School Resource Officer and the Detective Bureau. John has been married for 24 years and has two college-aged sons.



**Natasha Gomez** is a native of New York and has lived in Miami since 1986.

Currently, Natasha is a part-time Relief Police Dispatcher and Crime Scene Technician for the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department. Since 2010, Natasha has worked for the Pembroke Pines Police Department as a Crime Scene Technician. Natasha holds a B.A. in Political Science with a minor in Criminal Justice from Florida Atlantic University.



**Patrick Joseph Michael Prendergast** is from Mineola, NY. Patrick spent nearly eight years in the Navy and left after Operation Desert Storm as a 2nd Class Petty Officer assigned to a Marine Air Lift Command, as a company corpsman.

Patrick joined the New York City Police Department in 1984 and spent eight years on patrol in Queens and Manhattan. Patrick was promoted to sergeant in 1995 and served in Brooklyn North at the 77th and the Emergency Service Unit until his retirement in 2002. In 2012, Patrick was appointed Toll Operations Manager at Bay Harbor Islands and in 2014 he was hired as the Logistics Manager/Police Service Aide.



## ***Taking the Bite Out of Mosquitoes!***

***Bay Harbor Islands residents are the first line of defense against mosquito bites. With the warm and wet spring season right around the corner, residents should prepare by eliminating breeding areas and protecting themselves from potentially serious mosquito-borne illnesses.***



Preventing mosquito bites is the best way to reduce the risk of mosquito-borne disease.

Visit the Town website for additional information, [www.bayharborislands.org](http://www.bayharborislands.org). Town Hall also has literature and other information regarding mosquito control. For information on Zika, contact the State of Florida Zika Virus Hotline at (855) 622-6735. It is operated by the Florida Department of Health and will answer questions on the Zika virus and the state's preparedness efforts.

## Town to Consider Joining Miami-Dade Library District

At their meeting on March 14, 2016, the Bay Harbor Islands Town Council will consider a resolution to join the Miami-Dade Public Library System Taxing District. As a result of joining, the Library System would then open a small branch as part of our Community Center project located on the first floor of the Town's parking structure on 95th Street. All residents are encouraged to attend.

When: March 14, 2016 at 7 p.m.  
Where: Town Council Chambers

## REMEMBER

Daylight savings begins at  
2 a.m. Saturday, March 13, 2016

*Turn your clocks ahead one hour*





## BAY HARBOR ISLANDS **SUNNY SENIORS**

### *Tai-Chi*

The eight-week course is a healthy and therapeutic exercise program for seniors. New session of classes begins March 8 - April 28, 2016 at the Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays (5 – 6 p.m.). Resident fee is \$30 and non-residents fee \$80. Please contact Town Hall for more information, (305) 866-6241.



### *Game Day*

Seniors Game Day will take place on the first and third Wednesdays, March 2 and March 16 at the Town Hall, from 10 a.m. – noon. Come with your friends to play Mahjong, checkers, cards and board games. Refreshments will be available. Please contact Town Hall for more information, (305) 866-6241.



### *Computer Classes*

Bay Harbor Islands will host Computer Classes for seniors at Town Hall with sessions beginning April 4 - April 7 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. There must be a minimum of four persons (4-week course). Fee is \$40 for the four-week course. If you are interested in reserving a seat for the next class, contact Town Hall at (305) 866-6241.



### *Seniors on the Go - March*

**Seniors on the Go will visit Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden on Wednesday, March 16, 2016.** The bus leaves Town Hall at 9 a.m. sharp and returns no later than 3 p.m. Cost is \$18 and lunch is not included. For more information call Shanika at Town Hall (305) 866-6241.



### *Seniors on the Go - April*

**Seniors on the Go will visit Vizcaya Museum and Gardens on Wednesday, April 13, 2016.** The bus leaves Town Hall at 9 a.m. sharp and returns no later than 3 p.m. Cost is \$12 and lunch is not included. For more information call Shanika at Town Hall (305) 866-6241.



# Volunteers Needed for Vacancies on Town Committees

Bay Harbor Islands is looking for volunteers to fill several vacancies on town committees. The committees needing new members are: Environmental Impact, Parks and Recreation, Business District and Emergency Preparedness Committees. If you are interested in volunteering to serve, please submit a letter of interest and resume to the Town Clerk Marlene Siegel. For more information contact Town Hall at 305-866-6241 or by e-mail to: [msiegel@bayharborislands.net](mailto:msiegel@bayharborislands.net)

Also, if you are interested in serving on the Town's Planning & Zoning Board and are either a professional and/or a resident of Bay Harbor Islands, please contact Town Clerk Marlene Siegel at 305-866-6241.

Professionals need not be residents of Bay Harbor Islands, but must be presently employed full time or were employed full time in the field of engineering, architecture, land use and zoning law, city planning, construction, or any other field which substantially relates to the planning and development of real estate.

## New Pee-Wee Soccer Sessions Begins March 7

A new session of Pee-Wee Soccer begins on March 7 - April 20, 2016 at the 92nd Street Park. The program classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays, call for times.



The eight-week session is \$160 for residents and \$200 for non-residents, plus a \$10 registration fee per family for residents and \$20 for non-residents. There is a multiple child discount of 25%. For more information, please contact or visit Town Hall.

## OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

### Hop to the March Movie!

On Saturday, March 19, 2016 Bay Harbor Islands will host Outdoor Movie Night at 8 p.m., featuring *Hop*.

The movie and parking are free and take place at the vacant lot at 1177 Kane Concourse.

Remember to bring your blanket or chair. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



## Register for Bay Harbor Islands After-School Programs

The Bay Harbor Islands Community Services Department is offering after school activities and classes at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center.



Numerous sports activities and classes with top-notch coaches and instructors are offered both seasonally and throughout the 2015-16 school year. Sports include cheerleading, basketball, flag football, dance, soccer, volleyball and martial arts. Classes include music, art, languages and technology. Applications can be downloaded from the Town website, [www.bayharborislands.org](http://www.bayharborislands.org). For more information call Shanika at Town Hall (305) 866-6241.

## It's story TIME at the Park!

at Bay Harbor Islands, featuring  
*Merlina Magical Storyteller*  
at 4 p.m. on Friday, March 4th & 18th

At the Town Tot Lot, located north of  
96th Street on West Broadview Drive

## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

# ABRA Gallery Opens on Kane Concourse

ABRA gallery recently celebrated its grand opening and Bay Harbor Islands welcomed the gallery to Kane Concourse. Established in 2002, ABRA (Art By Renowned Artist)



Gallery offers an eclectic collection of art in a variety of mediums including original acrylic paintings, limited edition prints and bronze sculptures. ABRA Gallery hosts several exhibitions a year and maintains a deep commitment to enhance their artists' careers and to build a legacy for them. They collaborate with museum curators, produce catalogs, participate annually in art fairs, establish relationships with the press and continue collector education and development.

The Gallery's broad aesthetic program ranges from figurative to abstract. ABRA believes art can be passed down from one generation to the next and always be a significant part of our lives.

# Police Department Seeks Distinguished Accreditation

A team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive April 12, 2016 to examine all aspects of the police department's policies and procedures, management, operations and support services, according to Chief Hemingway.



The Bay Harbor Islands Police Department has to comply with approximately 260 standards in order to receive accredited status. Many of the standards are critical to life, health, equipment and safety issues.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency members and the general public are invited to offer comments to the assessment team. A copy of the required standards are available through the Administrative Services Division by contacting Administrative Assistant Linda Presendieu at (305) 866-6242.

For more information regarding the CFA Accreditation process or for persons wishing to offer written comments about the Police Department's ability to meet the standards of accreditation, please write: CFA, P.O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida 32302, or email [info@flaccreditation.org](mailto:info@flaccreditation.org).

- Chief Sean Hemingway

# Proclamation Presented at Memorial to Beach High Legend by Council Member Isaac Salver

Council Member and former Mayor Isaac Salver presented a Town Proclamation, proclaiming February 21, 2016 "Clark Douglas Burris Day" in Bay Harbor Islands at a musical memorial performed for the beloved Miami Beach High Music Teacher and Founder of the Miami Beach High Rock Ensemble who had passed away January 28, 2016.

Isaac Salver is a former Rock Ensemble Member and Beach High Alumni.

Mr. Burris often attended the Bay Harbor Islands Spring Picnic to oversee his talented students as they performed to the delight of the Town residents and visitors.



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## 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, March 1, 2016 at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting –  
Monday, March 14, 2016 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: April 11, May 9, and June 13, 2016
- Planning & Zoning Board Meetings: April 19; May 3 and 17, 2016.

**All meetings are subject to change**

## Council Action at the February 8, 2016 Meeting

- **Approval** of an ordinance on **second** reading amending Section 24-12 of the Town Code relating to air conditioning units and other mechanical equipment on balconies.

## Discussion Items for March 14, 2016 Council Meeting

*All items are subject to change*

- **Approval** of an ordinance on **second** reading requested by Mayor Leonard to create a new Green/Sustainable Building Program.
- **Approval** of an ordinance on **second** reading requested by Council Member Salver to prohibit contracting with a business which engages in boycott of a person or entity based on race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, marital status or national origin.