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On behalf of the Town Council, the administration and our police Department, I want to thank everyone for their cooperation and positivity over the past two and a half months. This health crisis has impacted us all, some severely, but we will make it through this together. As we move toward that goal, we must all continue the positive steps that have gotten us this far; social distancing, wearing masks in public, washing our hands, etc., to keep our loved ones, our front-line workers and ourselves safe.

We also ask, PLEASE, if you have not yet completed the 2020 Census, do it today. More than ever, communities like ours will need federal funds and our numbers must be there. Census Bureau data determines how more than \$675 billion in federal funds are spent to support vital programs and projects. Please - take 10 minutes and fill it out online at My2020Census.gov.

A couple of our parks have reopened for passive use, along with the Tennis Courts, for the use of our residents only. The hours and other information may be found on page 5. Also, our Community Services Department has made a wide variety of great programs available online for our residents to enjoy. The schedule and link are on page 5, as well.

Finally, I want to thank our Police Department and other front-line workers for their hard work and dedication. Thank you for keeping us safe.



- Stephanie

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Isaac Salver Honored with 2020 Home Rule Hero Award



The Florida League of Cities recently recognized Council Member Isaac Salver with a 2020 Home Rule Hero Award. Isaac earned this prestigious award for his advocacy efforts during the 2020 legislative session to promote local voices making local choices, protect the Home Rule powers of Florida's municipalities and advance the League's legislative agenda.

Home Rule is the ability for a city to address local problems with local solutions with minimal state interference. Home Rule Hero Award recipients are local government officials, both elected and non-elected, who consistently responded to the League's request to reach out to members of the legislature and help give a local perspective on an issue. Congratulations, Isaac!

New Project Provides Benefits to Pedestrians and Cyclists



The Broad Causeway Corridor Enhancement Project was funded through the FDOT Local Agency Program. Bike Lanes were added to the Causeway and the railings on the Waterway Bridge between the East and West Islands will be replaced.

WE ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS!



Register Today for Vote-by-Mail



Miami-Dade County voters may choose to receive a Vote-by-Mail ballot for a specific election, or for all elections in which they are eligible to vote.

If you are presently registered to vote in Miami-Dade County and you would like to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot or need to register go to

www.miamidade.gov/global/elections/home.page

Vote! It's your right.



Annual Town Council Election Update

Two seats up for vote on August 18, 2020

Due to the current situation with the COVID-19 pandemic, the Town's General Election scheduled for April 7th, 2020 was postponed to **August 18th, 2020**.

There are three Candidates that have qualified for the Town's General Election: **Joshua Fuller, Roger Santana and Elizabeth Tricoche**. More information will be forthcoming in a future newsletter. Please visit the Town's website for updated information on the upcoming elections, www.bayharborislands-fl.gov/234/Elections.

Marlene Marante Siegel Appointed Interim Town Manager



At a Special Council Meeting, held April 22, 2020, the Town Council chose Mrs. Siegel to assume the Interim Manager position effective April 25, 2020. She will serve in this capacity until a new Town Manager is selected. Marlene has served the Town of Bay Harbor Islands for over two decades in various roles; Assistant to the

Town Manager, Director of Code Compliance, Community Services Director and, most recently, as Town Clerk, a position she has held since 2002. Her wealth of experience and great familiarity with the operation of Bay Harbor Islands makes her uniquely suited to manage the Town.

Mrs. Alba Chang was appointed to serve as Interim Town Clerk. Alba, a long-time employee of the Town, had been serving as Deputy Town Clerk for the past five years.

Please join us in wishing them both continued success in their service to the Town and its residents.

Town of Bay Harbor Islands • Flood Protection Information

Because Bay Harbor Islands lies entirely in a floodplain, the Town is required to have floodplain management ordinances. These ordinances, which were adopted in 1993 and subsequently updated in 2009, allow the Town to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The Town's participation in the NFIP enables property owners to obtain flood insurance. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has determined that incorporated municipalities in Miami-Dade County should be considered separately to insure better compliance with NFIP regulations.

Additionally, the Town has applied for and received classification in the NFIP's Community Rating System (CRS). As a result of the Town's participation in the CRS and its efforts to achieve higher ratings, residents may be able to see a discount in flood insurance premiums. You can help our standing in this program by providing the Town's Building Department with a flood elevation certificate for your property.

Local Flood Hazard

This information is being provided to you because the entire Town is in a flood hazard area, which means all properties located with the Town (including yours!) are in the flood hazard area. It is imperative that you know what to do to minimize flood damage. Since Bay Harbor Islands is comprised of two barrier islands surrounded by Biscayne Bay, a storm surge may flood the entire Town. Any storm surges experienced here will most likely be as a result of a hurricane or tropical storm.

Town Flood and Map Information Services

To assist residents in understanding the National Flood Insurance Program and the effects construction, remodeling and maintaining buildings, the Town offers the following services:

- Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Reading/Determination – Assist you in understanding the FIRM and determine the correct base flood elevation for specific properties.
- Flood Insurance Rating Data
- Site specific elevations for mechanical equipment
- Copies of completed FEMA Elevation Certificates are available
- Provides information on our local drainage system and those areas they may experience local drainage problems
- Historical flood information

Additionally, staff will visit properties upon request to review its flood problem and explain ways to stop flooding or prevent flood damage. For further assistance, please contact the Town's Building Department at 305-993-1786 or in person at 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace, Bay Harbor Islands, FL 33154.

Drainage System Maintenance

A serious risk to the safety of residents is the blockage of catch basins by debris which prevents proper drainage of storm water. The Town sweeps the streets on a weekly basis and monitors all catch basins after each storm event. As a resident you can help by not placing lawn cuttings or any other debris out by the curbside on the Town of Bay Harbor Islands Flood Protection Information weekend. This is a violation of Section 9-23 of the Town Code. If you see or know of anyone illegally dumping materials/debris into any catch basins within the Town or tampering with any part of the Town's drainage system, please contact Town Hall immediately at 305-866-6241.

Flood Safety

- Do not walk through flowing water! Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths, mostly during flash floods. Currents

can be deceptive; six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. If you walk in standing water, use a pole or stick to ensure the ground is still there.

- Do not drive through a flooded area! More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Do not drive around road barriers as the road or bridge may be washed out.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires! The number two flood killer after drowning is electrocution. Electrical current can travel through water. Immediately report downed power lines to Florida Power & Light (FPL) or to the Town's Police Department.
- Have your electricity turned off by FPL! Some appliances such, as television sets, keep electrical charges even after they have been unplugged. Don't use appliances or motors that have been wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned and dried.
- Look out for animals, especially snakes! Small animals that have been flooded out of their homes may seek shelter in yours. Use a pole or a stick to poke and turn things over and scare away small animals.
- Look before you step! After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris including broken bottles and nails. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.
- Be alert for gas leaks! Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames until the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.

Flood Warning System

In cases where flooding might occur during emergency situation, the following local radio and television stations will provide critical information as part of the Emergency Broadcast System:

WIOD-610 AM (E), WAQI-710 AM (S), WINZ-940 AM (E), WQBA-1140 AM (S), WFOR-CH 4 (E), WTVJ-CH 6 (E), WSVN-CH 7 (E), WPLG-CH 10 (E), and WLTV-CH 23 (S)

(E) English Language Broadcast (S) Spanish Language Broadcast

Emergency information covering emergency procedures and evacuation routes is available through the Miami-Dade County Office of Emergency Management located at 9300 NW 41 Street, Doral, Florida 33178 and the telephone number is 305-468-5400. In the event of a hurricane, all residents of Bay Harbor Islands are required to evacuate when ordered by the mayor of Miami-Dade County. Shelter information will broadcast at the time of the emergency, however, each resident should make plans well in advance of the emergency. Public emergency shelters should be your last resort. During other emergencies always dial 911 for Police and Fire Rescue services.

Other sources for information concerning Special Flood Hazard Areas and insurance are:

BHI Town Hall: 305-866-6241
Miami-Dade Library: 305-682-0726
DERM: 305-372-6789
FEMA: 800-462-7585
South Florida Water Management: 800-432-2045
State NFIP Coordinator: 850-815-4505

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.

Town of Bay Harbor Islands • Flood Protection Information, continued

Property Protection Measures/Flood Proofing

The term “flood proofing” means physical alterations to your building that improve the ability of properties 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 you property and possessions.

While recent improvements in construction practices and regulations have made new homes less prone to flood damage, there are a significant number of existing homes that are susceptible to flood losses. These losses can be minimized through some of the temporary and permanent flood proofing/ retrofitting techniques, such as:

- Constructing small flood walls or earthen berms
- Waterproofing and water tightening closures of doorways
- Raising your property above flood level
- Elevating and securing electrical appliances
- Under emergency conditions, sandbags can be used to shore structures, and elevating or covering furniture and valuables can help minimize damage.
- Installing storm shutters and reinforcing garage doors to provide hurricane protection

Important Note: Any alteration to your building or land requires a permit from the Building Department. Even regrading or filling the floodplain requires a permit.

For more information on these techniques, you may call the Building Department at 305-993-1786.

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.

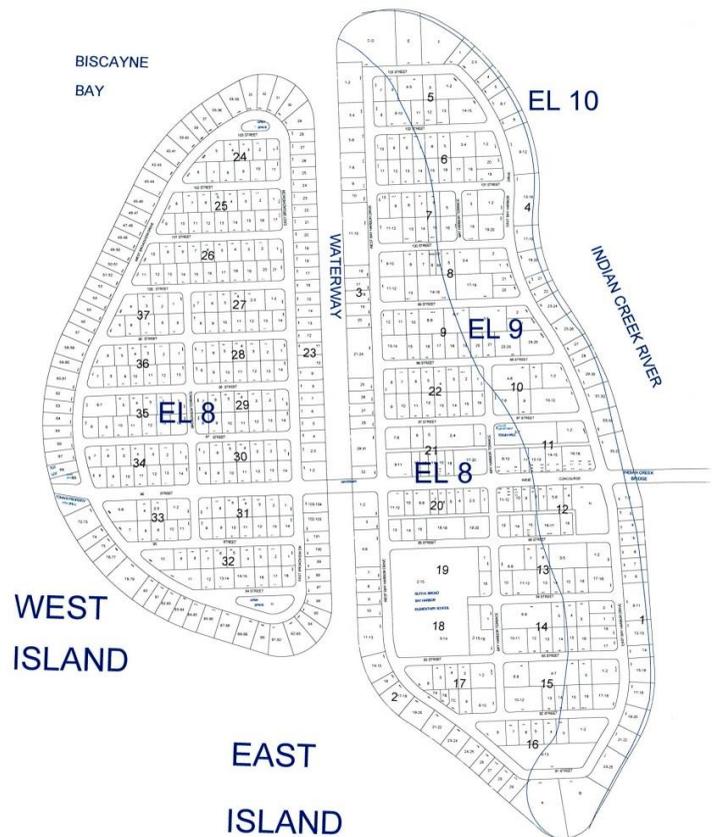
Floodplain Development

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 ensure 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!

For more information on flood insurance, disaster preparedness, and other important lifesaving information, we encourage you to visit the Town’s website at www.bayharborislands-fl.gov and click on EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS on the home page.

Safer-at-Home Programs from BHI Community Services!

All programs are totally free for Bay Harbor Islands residents through Zoom!

For a schedule of classes go to www.bayharborislands-fl.gov/289/Fun-Things-to-do-at-Home

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SUNDAY
Meditation 5 PM	Tai Chi for All 10 AM	Gentle Senior Yoga 10 AM	Health Lecture 10 AM	Portuguese 4 PM	Adult Yoga 10 AM
	Fun Fitness & Athletics 4 PM	Vocal Class 3:30 PM	Kids Yoga 4 PM		
		Life Skills 5 PM			



**FUN THINGS TO DO
WHILE YOU STAY
SAFER AT HOME.**

Program schedules may be subject to change. Check at www.bayharborislands-fl.gov

TOWN PARKS REOPEN FOR RESIDENTS

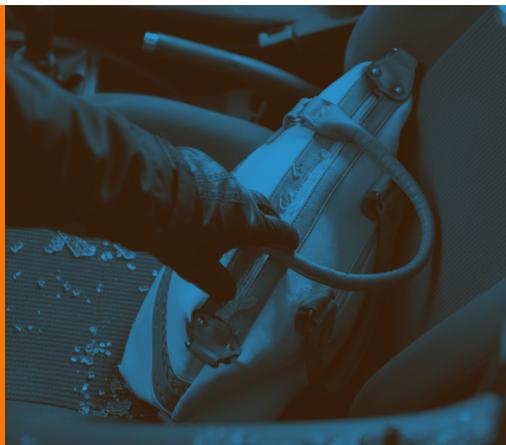
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- **Hours:** Open 7-days a week, 7-10 a.m. (7-8 a.m. for 55 years+) and 5-8 p.m. *May be subject to change.*
- **I.D. and proof of residency required.** All children must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian.
- **Facial coverings** must be worn over the nose and mouth throughout your visit.
- **6-foot social distance** must be maintained.
- **Passive use only:** walking and jogging. Picnics, parties and organized games are prohibited.

TENNIS COURTS

- **Hours:** Open 7-days a week, 8-11 a.m. and 5-8 p.m.
- **I.D. and proof of residency required.**
- **Facial coverings** must be worn when entering and leaving.
- **Singles play only on one court.** The second court is reserved for Tennis Pro instruction.
- If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or have symptoms of COVID-19 **stay at home.**

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Mosquito Season has Arrived



June begins the Miami-Dade Mosquito Control's every two-week seasonal larvicide treatments in Bay Harbor Islands. The spraying will take place between the hours of 2-5 a.m. on the following Thursdays: June 4, June 18, July 2, July 16 and July 30. The treatment is strictly proactive and not in

response to any immediate health threat. The larvicide used is an organic product not harmful to humans, pets, bees or aquatic areas.

For more information, go to www.miamidade.gov/global/solidwaste/

Remember to Drain & Cover

- Drain standing irrigation or rainwater and discard old items lying about that may store water.
- Use repellent on bare skin; DEET at 20 to 30 percent concentration works well for most people when used according to label directions – but don't apply on infants.
- Empty and clean birdbaths and outdoor pet water bowls once or twice weekly.
- Irrigate lawns and gardens to prevent water from standing for several days. Mow the lawn regularly
- For information and to report any infestations to Miami-Dade Mosquito Control by calling 311.

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Building Department: (305) 993-1786

Police: (305) 866-6242

Emergency: 911

www.bayharborislands-fl.gov

Upcoming Town Meetings

The Town Council welcomes your attendance and participation at meetings. All meetings, unless regarding topics specifically exempt by state law, are open to the public. **To confirm all meeting dates and times, please contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 305-866-6241.**

Regular Council Meeting

Monday, June 8, 2020 at 5 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 5 p.m.

ALL MEETING DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The Town Council & Planning & Zoning Board Meetings will be held as a "Virtual Meeting" with elected officials and Town staff participating through video conferencing. The Virtual Meetings will be held through the Zoom Platform used by the Office of the Town Clerk. Members of the public may join the meeting via the Zoom platform or by calling a dedicated phone line. Meeting ID details and dedicated phones lines information will be published with each agenda.

The future tentative meeting dates are subject to change, therefore, closer to the date please contact the Town Clerk's Office or look on the Town's website www.bayharborislands-fl.gov

Highlights of the April 6th Special Council Meeting

- Approval of contract award to KCI Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$32,060 for the design build services for the SCADA System for the main lift station at Town Hall.
- Approval of a proposal from Lakes Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$22,676 to render engineering services for the Indian Creek Bridge.
- Approval to piggyback off of an existing Bal Harbour Continuing Services Agreement with Shenandoah General Construction Company and Envirowaste Services Group for Utility System Vacuum Truck Cleaning and Video Inspection Services at their respective unit rate pricing.
- Approval of a proposal of an executive recruitment firm Colins & Baenzinger & Associates for professional services to conduct a search for a Town Manager.

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