



# Bay Harbor Islands

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## *A Message from the Mayor*

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Hello, Bay Harbor Islands. It goes without saying that these are very difficult times. As a wife, mother, grandmother, businesswoman, member of this community and your mayor, please know that I - and the rest of the council - want the best for our Town and its residents. We want everyone to be healthy, happy and financially sound. We want our businesses to thrive. We want peace and harmony. We want what you want; to enjoy life without the threat of COVID-19 and everything that came with it. But to get there we need to adapt.

This is going to be a very different July. Normally, there would have been public fireworks displays at the beach. We would have been inviting friends over for backyard barbecues and taking summer vacations. Now, we have a new normal. Our barbecues are smaller, and our vacations may have to be delayed or enjoyed while wearing a mask.

Wearing a mask is not something anyone relishes, but we have to do it. We must take the threat of infection seriously. As I write this, nearly 10,000 new cases of COVID-19 were confirmed in Florida in one day. We must wear a mask when we are outside of our homes and unable to maintain social distancing. We must remember to wash our hands frequently and use hand sanitizer. We must so that we can live and thrive.

I want to congratulate Vice Mayor Fuller and Council Members Leonard, Salver and Yaffe for being awarded the Home Rule Hero Awards by the Florida League of Cities. Your outreach efforts on behalf of our Town and in support of Florida's home rule are outstanding.

I also want to congratulate our Community Services Department on the first few weeks of the Summer Care Program. The kids are loving it so far and we know putting on an engaging program in the midst of a pandemic can be no easy task.

Finally, I want to remind you; it is hurricane season so start preparing now. There are tips inside and on the Town's website to assist you in making those preparations. And please, shop local and eat local as often as you can.



- *Stephanie*

# BAY HARBOR ISLANDS CANDIDATE

## TOWN GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2020

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands will hold its annual Municipal Election to fill two seats for Town Council for a four-year term on Tuesday, August 18, 2020. All Town residents who are registered voters are urged to come to Town Hall to cast their votes on election day. Vote for two of the three candidates. Remember to bring your voter's card and identification. The Town's only polling location will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at **Town Hall, in the Second Floor Council Chambers, 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace, Bay Harbor Islands, FL**

### Important dates to remember:

- **Last day to register to vote is Monday, July 20, 2020**
- **Overseas Ballots are scheduled to be mailed out between July 2 and July 4.**
- **Domestic Ballots are scheduled to be mailed out between July 14 and July 16**
- **Last day to request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot is Saturday, August 8, 2020.**

If you haven't registered to vote, changed your address or have any questions about your registration, please contact the Miami-Dade County Elections Department at 305-499-8683. To check on the status of your registration or to register on-line go to <http://www.miamidade.gov/elections/voter-registration.asp>

You can now submit your request for a Vote-by-Mail Ballot online and track the status of your ballot by logging in to: [http://www.miamidade.gov/global/service.page?Mduid\\_service=ser1512065909614490](http://www.miamidade.gov/global/service.page?Mduid_service=ser1512065909614490)



## Joshua D. Fuller

**Age:** 46 **Spouse:** Lisa Fuller **Children:** Mandy, 14 Alexa, 12 Ryan, 7

**Educational Background:** Bachelor of Science in Finance from the University of Florida Juris Doctorate from Cornell Law School

**Professional/Occupational Information:** I am an attorney with a practice concentrating on representing workers improperly terminated from their jobs.

**Resident of South Florida:** since birth. **Resident of Bay Harbor Islands since** 2003.

**Hobbies and Interests:** I have three children, which means I won't have time for a hobby until they are all in college. I spend as much time with my kids as possible.

**Future goals for Bay Harbor Islands:** Since my first day on the council, I have taken the lead to increase and improve services, add parks, create cultural venues and protect our quality of life. I originated and guided the development of the new park next to the community center, as well as the concert series at that venue. That park now also serves as the home for our movies on the lawn and annual town picnic. As a council member, I also supported the construction of the community center, establishment of the public library and helped create the language courses we now offer residents. I have also worked hard in Tallahassee to bring state dollars into our city to help pay for these services so that our tax rate remains low. Most recently, I took the lead to successfully prevent the FAA from creating a new flight plan directly over our town. If elected to serve the Town again, my goals include providing residents a park with water-access, improving the dog parks, guiding the revitalization of Kane Concourse and ensuring our police force remains the finest in the state.

**Any comments about Bay Harbor Islands:** Bay Harbor Islands is our home, and our quality of life and small-town feel must be preserved. I have made it a point to always be available to any citizen who wanted to discuss any issue, regardless of whether or not we shared the same point of view. That is essential for good government, and demonstrates what makes our home so special, friends and neighbors all working together to make this town an amazing community.

# 2020 TOWN ELECTION PROFILES



## Roger Santana

**Age:** 58    **Spouse:** Maria Santana    **Children:** Vivian 26 and Daniel, 16

**Educational Background:** Law School - Brazil

**Professional/Occupational Information:** President of Pectrade

**Resident of South Florida since:** 2005

**Resident of Bay Harbor Islands since:** 2015

**Hobbies and Interests:** Kayaking, boating, fishing

**Future Goals for BHI:** A more secure environment for our kids and residents in general ... especially for pedestrians.

**Any Comments about BHI:** Bay Harbor Islands is a little paradise that many people do not know about it ... I want to keep it as it is ... a paradise!



## Elizabeth Tricoche

**Age:** 37    **Spouse:** Danny Tricoche    **Children:** Jacob and Luca, twins age 9

**Educational Background:**

Bachelor's in Business, Minor in Healthcare from Colorado State University  
Currently completing a Master's in Business Administration with a Concentration in Data Analytics from Louisiana State University.

**Certifications in:** Financial Analysis, Reporting, and Auditing Applied Strategic Management Applied Strategic Organizational Leadership

**Professional/Occupational Information:** As Director of Client Partnership at several national medical billing companies, I have assisted hundreds of facilities across the United States in creating, scaling, and maximizing their businesses by

utilizing ethical practices and advanced business analytics. I also have developed and now operate a local, family-oriented, small business.

**Resident of South Florida since:** 2004

**Resident of Bay Harbor Islands since:** 2010

**Future Goals for BHI:** I want to thank the residents for the opportunity to serve first as the Chair of Parks and Recreation and then as Council Member. This town and community are important to me. I seek to serve you through every item I put forth and every vote I cast. If re-elected, I will continue to pursue opportunities to add and improve park space throughout the town. I am interested in sponsoring mindfulness/tapping courses, Big Truck Events, dog parties in the parks, dog training classes, book drives, and town forums. I want to see through the addition of a Life Skills Course for teenagers, 96th street paddleboard/kayak park, anti-bullying and gender orientation training for the entire town staff and an open seminar for citizens, specialty camps (STEAM, soccer, etc,) and the redesign of the dog parks.

**Any Comments about BHI:** Bay Harbor Islands is first and foremost a neighborhood. All I have done during my time of service has been in line with keeping the neighborhood spirit. I have consistently voted to increase services and spaces to bring the community together. During the early stages of COVID-19, I supported the immediate closure and cleaning of town facilities as well as the creation of an 800 number to assist food-insecure residents in locating assistance. As COVID closures prolonged, I personally delivered food to individuals with food allergies, called at-risk neighbors, and worked to find financial assistance for those in need. If re-elected, I will continue to make myself available to citizens at their point of need and consciously try to employ meaningful solutions to current and future challenges.



## Summer Care Program is Underway

Open to all children ages 5-12  
Residents & non-residents

Through Friday, August 7  
8:30 AM to 5:30 PM

\$350 for residents. Non-resident fee will be based on start date. Call (786) 646-9970 for more information.

The program will uphold all safety standards recommended by the CDC, Florida Department of Health and Miami-Dade County to ensure the safety of both the children and staff. Proof of Bay Harbor Islands residence will be required at registration to be eligible for the resident's rate. Staff and Campers will be required to wear facial coverings and have their temperature checked before entering camp. Apply online at [www.bayharborislands-fl.gov/277/Summer-Care-2020](http://www.bayharborislands-fl.gov/277/Summer-Care-2020).

## 2020 HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

### WHAT TO DO NOW

- **SAFELY TRIM BACK ALL TREES** that are in your property and have grown close to FPL electric lines and other utility lines.
- **BEFORE A STORM IS ON THE HORIZON** put heavy landscaping debris and bulk items out for pick-up.
- **REVIEW YOUR HURRICANE PLAN NOW.** With the coronavirus crises, early preparation is more important than ever. Prepare your home and plan your evacuation route and destination.
- **AT-RISK SENIORS AND RESIDENTS** needing medical care or equipment and require transportation assistance during a mandatory evacuation should register with the Miami-Dade County Emergency & Evacuation Assistance Program (EEAP) in advance of any storm. If you or someone you know requires assistance, call 311.

### WHEN A STORM IS CLOSE

- **PROTECT YOUR HOME AND PROPERTY** by securing windows and doors with Miami-Dade County-approved storm shutters. Bring in patio furniture, garbage cans, bins and other items that are not secured and could become airborne. Unplug all appliances and if power is lost, only use flashlights, not candles.
- **BAY HARBOR ISLANDS IS IN ZONE B** in the Miami-Dade Storm Surge Planning Zones. Oceanic storm surge and interior flooding is possible. If flooding threatens your home, turn off electricity at the main breaker. Stay in a sheltered room in your home and away from windows. Do not leave your home until the storm is completely passed.
- **A MANDATORY EVACUATION MAY BE ORDERED** meaning residents should leave coastal areas. Evacuation centers will open, but are considered as a last resort. You are encouraged to stay with family or friends in a non-evacuation

area. Make your plans now. If evacuations are ordered and you decide to go to a county shelter, visit [www.miamidade.gov/hurricane](http://www.miamidade.gov/hurricane) or call 311 to find the closest available shelter. The Red Cross is making accommodations to enable social distancing at hurricane shelters. Bring your own proof of residency, bedding, food, snacks, medications and personal items.

### AFTER THE STORM

- **MANY INJURIES OCCUR AFTER A STORM**, so stay inside until authorities say it is safe to go outside. Call the Police Department or utility companies immediately to report hazards such as downed power lines, broken gas or water mains or overturned gas tanks. Monitor communications for information on safety issues, waste collection and hurricane debris pickups. Obey curfew and emergency orders when issued.
- **IF YOU HAVE EVACUATED, PLEASE BE PATIENT.** You may have to wait several days to return. Have your picture ID ready to show to authorities when returning. The Town and will assess damage including extreme flooding, downed electric lines and debris blocking roadways. Residents and business owners will be notified when to return via CodeRed notifications and the Town's website, [www.bayharborislands-fl.gov](http://www.bayharborislands-fl.gov).

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## Council Members Honored with 2020 Home Rule Hero Award

The Florida League of Cities recently recognized four Bay Harbor Islands Council Members with a 2020 Home Rule Hero Award.

Vice Mayor Josh Fuller, Council Members Jordan Leonard, Isaac Salver and Robert Yaffe were all honored for their grassroots efforts that have inspired municipal officials throughout Florida.



Josh Fuller



Jordan Leonard



Isaac Salver



Robert Yaffe

All four individuals worked tirelessly 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 to all!

# United States® Census 2020



We are Bay Harbor Islands and together we are strong. We count - all of us! You can make us stronger. Get counted at [2020Census.gov](https://2020Census.gov)!



**MAKE LIFE TOUGHER FOR  
WOULD BE THIEVES.**

**LOCK IT &  
POCKET  
YOUR KEYS!**



## NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION IS EASY AND INFORMATIVE

Bay Harbor Islands Community Services Department has improved their software to enable residents greater access to recreational activities, classes and events, while providing more convenient online registration and payment. It is mobile-friendly for your computer, smartphone or tablet and includes:

- View notifications, inbox messages and calendars
- Browse and register for programs
- Print receipts, view account statements and pay balances
- Create and edit accounts inclusive of your whole family

Go to <https://secure.rec1.com/FL/bay-harbor-islands-fl/catalog> to create your household account. For more information call the Morris N. Broad Community Center at (786) 646-9970.

**FREE SHOPPING SHUTTLE** is available during the summer for Town residents. The trips will be every other Wednesday alternating between Costco and Whole Foods. Pick-up will be at 9:30 a.m. at the Community Center. For the return, residents will be drop-off residents at their homes. Registration is preferred but not required. To register call (786) 646-9970. Schedule: • Whole Foods, Wednesday, July 15 • Costco, Wednesday, July 29

## ENJOY SUMMER WITH ZOOM CLASSES

Residents can take cool classes this summer on ZOOM! Call (786) 646-9970 or visit our website at <https://www.bayharborislands-fl.gov/289/Fun-Things-to-do-at-Home>. All programs are free for Bay Harbor Islands residents through Zoom! If you do not want to be recorded, do not enable your video option while participating.

**MEDITATION MONDAYS** – Classes will be held every Monday at 4:30 p.m.

**TAI CHI FOR EVERYONE** – Classes will be held every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

**ADULT YOGA** – Classes will be held every Sunday starting at 10 a.m.

**GENTLE SENIOR’S YOGA** – Classes will be held every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

**KIDS YOGA** – Classes will be held every Thursday at 4 p.m.

**LEARN PORTUGUESE** – Classes will be held every Friday at 4 p.m.

**VOCAL CLASS** – Classes will be held every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

**HEALTH LECTURES WITH AVENTURA HOSPITAL** – Health Education Lecture Series will continue in July on every other Thursday: July 2, 16 and 30 at 10 am. Topics such as nutrition, mental health and staying safe will be discussed.

## BAY HARBOR ISLANDS MONTHLY BOOK CLUB MEETING RETURNS ON ZOOM



Join the Book Club on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 7 p.m. through Zoom. The book for discussion is “The Man Who Loved Books Too Much” by Allison Hoover Bartlett. It is an enthralling story of a con artist and his credit-card scams, but it’s also about the urge to collect and a terrific introduction to the swashbuckling world of antiquarian book dealers. The zoom link for the Book Club is <https://zoom.us/j/93892007486>.



## ON FACEBOOK?

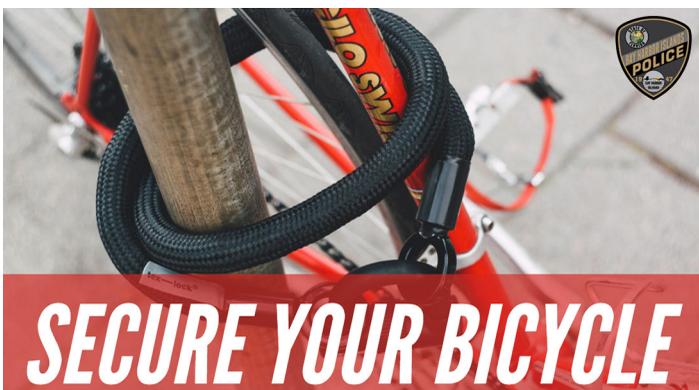
So are we! See what is happening now at the Morris N. Broad Community Center. Like and follow [@BHICommunityServices](https://www.facebook.com/BHICommunityServices). Get access to community events, youth athletic highlights and new updates.



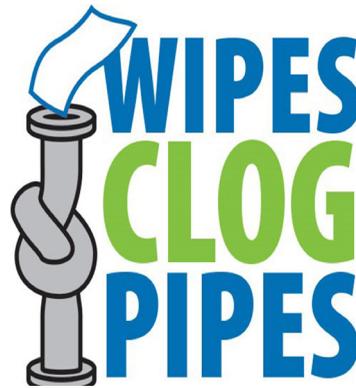
## 10 Reasons to Pick up After Your Dog

- Stormwater carries pet waste and other pollutants directly into our waterways.
- Dog waste is high in nitrogen and adds nitrogen to the water. Excess nitrogen depletes the oxygen in water necessary for beneficial underwater grasses, wildlife and fish.
- Animal waste may contain harmful organisms such as Giardia, Salmonella and E. coli that can be transmitted to humans and other animals.
- Roundworms and hookworms deposited by infected animals can live in the soil for long periods of time and be transmitted to other animals and humans.
- Growing the number of responsible pet owners may encourage more condo and apartment building owners to allow dogs.
- No one likes to step in pet waste and spread it to their homes, cars and businesses.
- Picking it up keeps our Town beautiful and clean smelling.
- It's easy to clean up by carrying plastic baggies and paper towels in your pocket or by using the available stations around the Town.
- Neighbors will appreciate your good manners.
- It's the law!

*(Can't bend over to pick up after your dog? Buy a pooper scooper. You can find them for less than \$16 online and at pet stores.)*



## Do Not Clog Our Sewer System by Flushing Wipes



Our sewers are designed to dispose of toilet paper and human waste only. Disposing of items such as paper towels and wipes in the toilet may lead to sewage backups in your home or business. Clogged pipes are YOUR responsibility and cost customers in Miami-Dade County more than \$3.4

million a year to clear in maintenance costs.

Please consider our sewers before you flush and dispose of paper towels and wipes – even when they say flushable - in a trash can, including:

- Make-up Wipes
- Sanitary Wipes
- Dust Wipes
- Hand Wipes
- Wet Wipes
- Baby Wipes

Remember, your toilet is not a trash can. Save yourself a repair bill and a clogged toilet. Learn more about Think Before You Flush at <https://www8.miamidade.gov/global/water/think-before-you-flush.page>.

## Mosquito Spraying in July



The summer months begin the Miami-Dade Mosquito Control's every two-week seasonal larvicide treatments in Bay Harbor Islands. The spraying takes place between the hours of 2-5 a.m. on the following July and August Thursdays: July 2, July

16, July 30, August 13 and August 27. 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.

## 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.

Stephanie Bruder <i>Mayor</i>	Marlene M. Siegel <i>Interim Town Manager</i>
Joshua D. Fuller <i>Vice Mayor</i>	Melissa Cruz <i>Assistant Town Manager/CFO</i>
Jordan W. Leonard <i>Council Member</i>	Alba Chang <i>Interim Town Clerk</i>
Kelly Reid <i>Council Member</i>	Frank Simone <i>Town Attorney</i>
Isaac Salver <i>Council Member</i>	Pablo Lima <i>Acting Chief of Police</i>
Elizabeth Tricoche <i>Council Member</i>	
Robert Yaffe <i>Council Member</i>	



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**Emergency: 911**

**[www.bayharborislands-fl.gov](http://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.**

- Special Council Meeting  
Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 5 p.m.

### **NO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN JULY**

- Planning & Zoning Board Meeting  
Tuesday, July 21, 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 phone lines information will be published with each agenda.

The future tentative meeting dates are subject to change. Therefore, as the date gets closer please contact the Town Clerk's Office or look on the Town's website [www.bayharborislands-fl.gov](http://www.bayharborislands-fl.gov)

## Highlights of the June 8, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

- Approval of a resolution requested by Mayor Bruder and co-sponsored by Council Member Leonard supporting the Anti-Defamation League as they stand against the targeting of individual communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Approval of an Inter local Agreement with Miami Dade County which would allow Bay Harbor Islands Police to enforce sections of the Miami Dade County Code, including but not limited to the ability to issue civil violations notices.
- Approval of Change Order #1 and #2 in favor of JVA Engineering in the total amount of \$54,602.90 for work associated with BC 154 Broad Causeway Enhancement Project.
- Approval to piggyback off of the City of Largo, Florida contract with LMK Pipe Renewal in the amount of \$500,000 for the continuation of sanitary sewer Cured-in-Place Pipe (CIPP) lining. This project will take advantage of a \$250,000 matching grant.