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Hello, Bay Harbor Islands. I hope you and your loved ones are faring well and in good health. Summer is nearly over but unfortunately the COVID-19 pandemic is not. We should be vacationing, shopping for back to school and preparing to send kids off to college. Instead, we are all in a state of limbo, waiting for things to get better, for infection rates to decline, for things to open up again, to return to a sense of security and normalcy. But to get there, we are going to need to do better, right now.

We have to be diligent about social distancing and hand washing - and we must wear face coverings or masks when we leave our homes – and wear them properly, even if we are just taking a walk. Parents - please make sure your children are wearing masks when they go out – especially teens and tweens. My son doesn't like it, trust me, but he understands that wearing a mask in public is an act of love because, in doing so, he is protecting his family, his friends and their loved ones, as well as himself. When you wear a mask, you do the same. We have to do this together. We must do what we can to protect the health and wellbeing of our friends and neighbors and our community as a whole.

And we need to prepare for what may or may not come next. We don't know as yet if schools will reopen this fall, so parents need to have a back-up plan. We are also still in the midst of hurricane season, so please don't overlook your preparations. Make sure your home and property are hurricane ready. Have a plan for yourself, your family and your pets if you have them, should we have to evacuate. If you think you may need assistance, should a storm come our way, please call 3-1-1 and register for Evacuation Assistance now, just in case.

Finally, I ask that you please patronize our Bay Harbor Islands restaurants, merchants and other businesses, whenever you are able. We will get through this, together.



- Stephanie

FACE MASKS MUST BE WORN IN PUBLIC
Facial coverings or masks are mandatory in the Town of Bay Harbor Islands and must be worn over one's nose and mouth when in public, both indoors and out, by all persons over the age of two years, per Miami-Dade County Emergency Order.



Persons who do not comply with Emergency Orders or the New Normal Guidelines face fines of up to \$100. Individuals who are unable to pay the fine will be subject to community service. Businesses where violations occur will face a \$500 civil fine. Visit MiamiDade.Gov for the complete details.



TOWN GENERAL ELECTION – TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2020

On 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. Council Members Joshua Fuller and Elizabeth Tricoche are seeking re-election. Resident Roger Santana is also seeking election. All Town residents who are registered voters are urged to come to Town Hall to cast their vote to fill the open seats on Election Day. Remember to bring your voter's card and official photo identification with your name, address and signature (such as a driver's license). Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Poll location is:

Town Hall, Second Floor Council Chambers
9665 Bay Harbor Terrace, Bay Harbor Islands, FL 33154

The last day to request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot is Saturday, August 8th, 2020. You can now utilize the online voter information tool that allows you to read your customized sample ballot, request a mail ballot, check the status of your mail ballot, and general information on upcoming state / county and municipal elections by logging in to https://www.miamidade.gov/global/service.page?Mduid_service=ser151187731708822

The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will take their oath of office at the Town's Regular Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, September 14th, 2020.

CANDIDATE FORUM THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020 AT 5 PM

The League of Women Voters of Miami-Dade County is proud to be hosting the Town of Bay Harbor Islands Candidate Forum on August 6, 2020, at 5 p.m. The forum will be moderated by Susannah Nesmith, an award-winning writer, editor, and an investigator for the Miami-Dade County Commission of Ethics and Public Trust.

As the health and safety of the community are paramount during this time, the League of Women Voters of Miami-Dade County will be hosting the Forum via a secure Zoom Webinar. It will also be live streamed on the Town's website.

Members of the public may submit questions to the candidates via the Zoom platform chat feature as the Forum is being conducted or via email to elections@lwvmiamidade.org. Questions via email will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on the day of the Forum. To register for the forum go to <https://bit.ly/bayharborislandsforum>.



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The Town of Bay Harbor Islands is looking for volunteers to serve on the following Committees and Board:

Planning & Zoning Board

The Planning & Zoning Board is responsible for the review of new construction, exterior renovations, additions, plan revisions, etc. The Board meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month. 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.

Parks and Recreation Committee

The Committee meets quarterly or as committee members deemed necessary. The committee members provide recommendations and feedback to the Town Council regarding current / future park facilities and recreational programs.

Sustainability and Resiliency Committee

This is a newly formed committee that will address topics related to sustainability, resiliency and environmental impacts to the Town.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve on a Committee an/or Planning & Zoning Board, submit a letter of interest and resume to the Interim Town Clerk Alba L.Chang at achang@bayharborislands-fl.gov

WHEN PREPARING FOR HURRICANES REMEMBER YOUR PETS

During a disaster what is good for you is good for your pet. Make a plan for your pets today. If you leave them behind, they may be lost, injured or worse.



- Identify shelters. For public health reasons, many emergency shelters cannot accept pets.
- Find pet-friendly hotels. Consider out-of-town friends or relatives.
- Locate vets and animal hospitals near your evacuation shelter in case your pet needs medical care.

What you should bring to a pet shelter:

- Proof of residency within an evacuation zone.
- ID tags on appropriate collars and ensure your pets are micro-chipped.
- Current medical and current vaccination records.
- Food and supplies for the pets, including a suitable carrier or crate; collar, leash or muzzle; and bedding material and toys.
- 1 1/2 gallons of water, food and medicine for each animal for at least 3 days.
- A current photo of you with your pet.
- Get an animal supplies checklist and more at www.bayharborislands-fl.gov

**REGISTER FOR
EMERGENCY
EVACUATION
ASSISTANCE**



The Emergency & Evacuation Assistance Program provides evacuation support to residents who need specialized transportation assistance or whose medical needs prevent them from evacuating on their own.

Call 3-1-1 to register or go to www.miamidade.gov/fire and click on "Evacuation Assistance"



ONLINE REGISTRATION IS HERE!

GO TO www.bayharborislands-fl.gov/154/Community-Services

For more information call the Morris N. Broad Community Center at (786) 646-9970.

RIDE THE SHOPPING SHUTTLE TO COSTCO AND WHOLE FOODS EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY

Pick-up will be at 9:30 am at the Morris N. Broad Community Center on scheduled dates. Afterwards, residents will be dropped off at their homes. The free Shopping Shuttle is exclusively for Town of Bay Harbor residents. The Town will be following the CDC guidelines. Masks and social distancing on the bus are mandatory. Registration is preferred but not required, please register for your trip via email to saugustin@bayharborislands-fl.gov.

- **Wednesday, August 5, 2020 to Costco**
- **Wednesday, August 19, 2020 to Whole Foods**

ENJOY SUMMER WITH ZOOM CLASSES

Residents can take cool classes this summer on ZOOM! Call (786) 646-9970 or visit our website at 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 10 a.m.

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

ZUMBA FITNESS – Classes will be held every Tuesday at 5 p.m.

GENTLE SENIOR'S YOGA – Classes will be held every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

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

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

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

HEALTH LECTURES WITH AVENTURA HOSPITAL – Health Education Lecture Series will continue on Thursday, August 20th at 2 p.m. This lecture will feature neurospine surgeon David Krieger, MD who will discuss Innovations in Spinal Fusion Technology.

For the zoom link go to: www.bayharborislands-fl.gov/289/Fun-Things-to-do-at-Home.

BAY HARBOR ISLANDS MONTHLY BOOK CLUB MEETING RETURNS ON ZOOM



Join the Book Club on Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2020 at 7 p.m. through Zoom. The book for discussion is "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michelle Richardson. Set in the Kentucky of the 1930s about the dedicated Kentucky Pack Horse Library, the book has been described as a timeless and significant tale about poverty, intolerance and how books can bring hope and light to even the darkest pocket of history. For the zoom link: www.bayharborislands-fl.gov/289/Fun-Things-to-do-at-Home.



ON FACEBOOK?

So are we! See what is happening now at the Morris N. Broad Community Center. Go to www.facebook.com and search for us. Search: BHI Community Services Department.

For more information call the Morris N. Broad Community Center at (786) 646-9970

Let's Put an End to Water Pollution in Bay Harbor Islands

As we do each hurricane season, we like to remind all our residents and visitors to be extremely careful about not littering or otherwise polluting our lovely Town. Rainfall that runs off streets, rooftops, driveways and lawns (typically referred to as storm water) does NOT get treated before flowing into Biscayne Bay. Because our Town is in the middle of the Intracoastal Waterway, rainfall washes litter and other debris directly into the surrounding waters.

Substances such as detergents, pesticides, oil, lawn clippings, trash and soil erosion from lawns and construction sites pollute our waterways. If these substances exist on your property, they will be washed out into the gutters and into the Bay. The retention of the first inch of rainfall on every property is an attempt to prohibit the discharge of these pollutants after rainfall.

Plastic bags are a particular nuisance. Besides being an environmental eyesore, they wreak havoc on marine life, as do plastic straws and bottles. Now we have disposable masks and gloves being carelessly discarded. Always dispose of plastic bags, straws, masks and gloves in a proper waste receptacle so they are not blown out into the street or over the seawall. Recycle glass and plastic bottles as well as cardboard and newspapers. Never put plastic bags or Styrofoam in the recycle containers.

You can actively participate in preserving our environment by doing the following:

- Shop Wisely. Buy products labeled biodegradable, non-toxic, non-phosphorous, or water-soluble. These products readily decompose and will not pollute surface or ground waters.
- Avoid using single-use plastics. Use paper straws and reusable water bottles and keep reusable shopping bags in your car for grocery shopping.
- Store Products Carefully. Keep toxic products in original containers, closed and clearly marked, since spillage can easily occur.
- Keep Irrigation Water On the Lawn. Divert irrigation heads away from paved areas.
- Compost Grass and Shrub Chippings. Use mulch for fertilizer and do not blow grass clippings onto the roadways – that is illegal!

August Mosquito Spraying

Miami-Dade Mosquito Control will continue the seasonal larvicide treatments in Bay Harbor Islands this month on August 13 and August 27. The spraying takes place between 2-5 a.m. 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.



- Do not drain used motor oil, paints, mineral spirits, weed killers and pool chemicals into storm drains. A free disposal option is available for non-commercial residents. Items up to 50 pounds may be dropped off at the Home Chemical Center at 8801 NW 58th St, Doral, FL 33178. Hours of service are 9–5 Wednesdays through Sundays. Call 305-594-1500.
- Always dispose of litter in a designated container and ensure that your garbage and recycling container lids closed.

There are tremendous marine resources in our surrounding waters as many of you can attest to by the regular dolphin and stingray sightings or schools of fish one sees. Remember pollutants can harm fish, foul drinking water and make our beaches unsafe and unpleasant.

Let's work together to keep our Islands beautiful, our recreational waters in pristine condition, and our marine life healthy!



Stephanie Bruder
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Council Member

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Council Member

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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.**

- Planning & Zoning Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 5 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting
Monday, August 10, 2020 at 5 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 5 p.m.

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, as the date gets closer please contact the Town Clerk's Office or look on the Town's website 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.

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