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December has arrived. A month in which we usually gather with friends and family to celebrate holidays. When we usually have a calendar overflowing with parties and events. A month when we might travel to visit relatives. Unfortunately, this holiday season is most unusual as we are in the middle of another “spike” in this pandemic that continues to impact our lives – and our nation – in so many ways.

Still, this is no time to suffer from COVID-19 fatigue. As a community, we have to stick together and continue to follow the CDC protocols and do our best to keep ourselves, our loved ones and our neighbors safe from harm.

Even in this difficult time, we need to count our blessings. We are so very fortunate to live in this beautiful Town with all it has to offer. Our Community Service Department has put together more new programs for our residents to enjoy virtually and in person. Please take some time to look over the insert and give one or two of the classes a try.

When out shopping for gifts this holiday season, please visit the stores, restaurants and businesses here, in your Town, first. You will find a variety of high level goods and services right here, in your own backyard. As always, parking will be free on Kane Concourse from December 15th-January 2nd, so take advantage and support our businesses.

The year 2020 will definitely be remembered as one of difficulty and loss. But also a time of helping those in need and all of us learning new ways to live, play and work. We, as a community, have much to be proud of.

I warmly wish you all a healthy, happy and safe holiday season. May the new year bring us all great joy, prosperity and that long-awaited “light at the end of the tunnel.”

Finally, I want to extend a warm welcome to our new Chief of Police, Raul Diaz. May he enjoy a long and successful career with our Town.



- *Stephanie*

Raul Diaz Named New Police Chief for Bay Harbor Islands

After a nationwide candidate search yielding 55 applicants, extensive interviews and final recommendations by a panel of five Florida police chiefs, Town Manager, Maria Lasday, on behalf of the Town of Bay Harbor Islands, has selected Raul M. Diaz as the Town's new Chief of Police.

Mr. Diaz has over 31 years of demonstrated law enforcement experience, at both the local and federal level, 18 of which were at the executive level of law enforcement. He served as Chief of Police for the City of Lynchburg, Virginia, and as Assistant Chief of Police for the City of Fort Lauderdale, having come up through the ranks, serving 26 years with Ft. Lauderdale Police Department.

Mr. Diaz holds a Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration, is a graduate of the prestigious FBI National Academy and serves as a Lieutenant Colonel in the USAF Reserves. The Town welcomes Mr. Diaz to the Bay Harbor Islands community and we look forward to his December swearing-in.



BAY HARBOR ISLANDS
Under the Lights

Gather the family together, put on your masks, hop in the car and take a drive down 95th Street, Sunday December 20th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and ENJOY BAY HARBOR ISLANDS UNDER THE LIGHTS!

Little residents can drop off their letters to Santa in our Wish for Santa Mailbox, while our Community Services staff gives out treats. Don't forget to dress up your car for the holidays, too! For information call (786) 646-9970.

Wishing you and yours the happiest of holidays and a joyous New Year.

Miami-Dade COVID-19 Municipality Housing Assistance Program

In November 2020, in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and its subsequent economic impact, the Town of Bay Harbor Islands joined several other municipalities within Miami-Dade County in creating the Municipality Housing Assistance Program (HAP) using CARES Act Funds. The Municipalities aim to relieve the financial burden of tenants and homeowners who have lost income due to COVID-19 and keep residents in their homes to support a strong recovery. The program is designed to support tenants and homeowners with up to six (6) months or \$6,000 of past due mortgage or rental assistance.

Funds will be paid directly to the landlord or mortgage lender in the form of a grant by Miami-Dade County, which must be used solely to provide rent or mortgage forgiveness in the same amount to eligible tenants or homeowners. This program is separate from the Miami-Dade County Residential Landlord/Tenant Rental Assistance Program and the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). Applicants can and should apply for both programs, but cannot receive duplicate aid for the same month(s). Additional details including eligibility requirements can be found below.

ELIGIBILITY

Any individual may be eligible for rental or mortgage assistance under the program if the following conditions are met:

- Have not received aid for the mortgage or rent payments for the same period covered by this program from any other source;
NOTE: Participation in the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) created by Miami-Dade County does not exclude participation in this program, however it cannot fund the same rental period.
- Can document a loss or reduction of income due to the COVID-19 Pandemic;
- Current household income at or below 140% of Area Median Income (AMI) for Miami-Dade County. Current income refers to the household's income following any job loss or income reduction due to COVID-19;
- Proof of residency within Miami-Dade County in Bay Harbor Islands or another participating municipality;
- Proof of paid in full status of rent or mortgage as of February 2020; and
- You are applying for your primary residence.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply online at www.miamidadecovidrelief.org to ensure prompt processing of their application and avoid the need to physically drop off the application and documentation. If the applicant is unable to apply online, paper applications may be obtained outside the front of Town Hall. A list of all required documents is provided on the application, and copies of the documents must be submitted with the application. Municipality Housing Assistance Program staff will review the application materials and contact the applicant with any additional questions. If you have any questions call the Municipality Housing Assistance Program at 305-374-5370 or email them via their website. Town Hall personnel will not be able to answer your questions.

Get your picture taken with Santa!

Sunday, December 20th from 3-5:30 p.m. in front of the Morris N. Broad Community Center.

Pictures with Santa are for residents only - proof of residence required. We'll be keeping Santa safe though, so be sure to wear a mask or face covering over your nose and mouth.

A photograph of Santa Claus in his traditional red suit and hat, wearing a white surgical mask over his nose and mouth. He is holding a small object in his hands.

Access to Town Hall is by Appointment Only

For the safety of our Town employees and the greater public; the Town Hall offices and lobby, the Annex building offices and our Building Department are closed to the greater public, accessible by appointment only. Any person requiring in person access to any Town service or staff member must first request and be given an appointment.

All visitors are required to wear a mask over their nose and mouth and only one person may enter at a time. There will be no exceptions.

To schedule an appointment, use our "Contact Us" form at tinyurl.com/bhi-contact-us and indicate what it is you require and or with whom you wish to meet in the form's comments section. Be sure to include your name, email address and phone number. You may also email staff directly. Staff email addresses are at bayharborislands-fl.gov/Directory.aspx.



Many services are also available online, for your convenience, making a visit to Town Hall unnecessary.

For more information visit the "I Want to" page at www.bayharborislands-fl.gov/9/I-Want-To

See a Problem Here in Town?

Let's FixiT!



The Town of Bay Harbor Islands' new "FixiT Form" allows you to alert us to a problem in our Town that needs attention so that we can FixiT! Fill it in - then send it in, and we'll do the rest. Go to tinyurl.com/BHI-FixiT.

Apply for Building Permits and Much More Online

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands now uses the Citizenserve Web Portal to allow you to apply ONLINE for all construction related permits, without ever having to visit the Building Department office. Visit our online portal at www.citizenserve.com/bhi.

It's easy to use, too! Once you are enrolled it allows you to apply for permits, make payments via credit card, upload documents, request inspections, review inspection results and access all your permits.

Happy Holidays
from the Town of
Bay Harbor Islands
Enjoy **free parking** on Kane
Concourse as our gift to you!
December 15th - January 2nd!



Please drive safely



BAY HARBOR ISLANDS COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

CLASSES AND PROGRAMS

FREE VIRTUAL CLASSES ON ZOOM

Brought to you by your Town of Bay Harbor Islands Community Services Department, these virtual programs are free to Bay Harbor Islands residents through the Zoom platform. Why not try out a new class or enjoy an old favorite from home today? Get the zoom links at www.bayharborislands-fl.gov/289/Fun-Things-to-do-at-Home. For more information, call the Community Center at (786) 646-9970.

WEEKLY VIRTUAL

MEDITATION MONDAYS at 10 a.m. Join us each Monday for a half hour of guided meditation. Regular meditation can reduce stress and control pain and improve your memory, attention span and sleep.

TAI CHI – Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Tai chi can improve one's strength, flexibility, fitness and quality of life. Its movements also improve balance and may prevent falls.

FUN EDUCATIONAL TIME – Mondays at 11 a.m. Children ages 2–5 years will enjoy fun learning activities with the help of a grown-up from the comfort of home.

ADULT ZUMBA - Tuesdays at 5 p.m. Zumba is a fitness party set to a contagious mix of international music that makes you want to get up and MOVE, providing a fun and effective workout that feels more like a good time.

GENTLE SENIOR YOGA - Wednesdays at 10 a.m. A moderate pace yoga perfect for students with less yoga experience. It is good for active residents and those with limited mobility.

ADULT BALLROOM CLASS - On Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Put on your dancing shoes and enjoy a mixture of Samba Cha-cha, Rumba & Jive.



KIDS YOGA - Thursdays at 4 p.m. through Zoom and in-person at the 95th Street Park at 11 am. Children will improve strength, flexibility, and coordination as they learn to focus on breathing and visualization techniques.

PAWSITIVE IMPACT STORY TIME Fridays at 4 p.m. An interactive story time for kids of all ages. Enjoy different stories each week with Eden and her special dog Olive. After, share conversation with friends.

ADULT YOGA Sundays at 10 a.m. Yoga is a great way to improve your posture, balance and coordination.

CREATIVE TIME - Sundays at 11:30 a.m. for children ages 2–5 years. Learn arts & crafts with the help of a grown-up.



YOUTH HIP HOP DANCE CLASS - Hey kids - meet up every Sunday at 3 p.m. for our Youth Hip Hop Dance Class. Our Hip Hop classes will feature a variety of street-dance styles performed to hip hop music.

MONTHLY VIRTUAL

THE BAY HARBOR ISLANDS BOOK CLUB - Meets on the 2nd Wednesday at 7 p.m. Join your friends and discuss the book of the month. Books may be checked out or purchased from the library. The zoom link for the Book Club is: <https://zoom.us/j/93892007486>



MONTHLY VIRTUAL FINANCIAL WELLNESS SEMINARS Join Jonathan Macy, Financial Advisor with Morgan Stanley Wealth Management, every 2nd Tuesday of the month from 1–1:30 p.m. Topics will be Investing with Impact, Credit & Debit Management, Raising Money Savvy Kids, Understanding Social Security and Planning for Families with Special Needs Children and more.

HEALTH LECTURES WITH AVENTURA HOSPITAL- 3rd Thursdays at 2 p.m. Hear top medical professionals speak on health related topics. The Zoom link for the Health Lecture is <https://zoom.us/j/92139372211>.



PLEASE NOTE

All Zoom Programs will be recorded and may be used on the Town's Social Media Platforms. If you do not want to be recorded, please do not enable the video option on your side, while participating in the Town's Virtual Programs.

Like and follow us on Facebook for all the latest from your Bay Harbor Islands Community Services Department at facebook.com/BHICommunityServices

SAVE THIS INSERT !

CLASSES AND PROGRAMS

OUTDOOR PROGRAMS STARTING JANUARY 2021

All attendees must wear a face covering/mask over their nose and mouth throughout each program and will have their temperatures checked daily upon arrival.

Evolving guidelines from the CDC and Miami-Dade County may change programs capacity and policies. The Community Services Department has carefully planned and prepared each program with guidelines to safely protect the health and welfare of the community.

TOTS (12 months – 4 years)

STORY TIME IN THE PARK The first Friday of the month at 10 a.m. at the 98th Street Park and 3rd Fridays at 4 p.m. the Tot Lot, parents and children alike will enjoy listening to entertaining stories in a lovely park setting. All participants over the age of 2 years **must wear a mask** and adhere to all social distancing protocols.

PEE-WEE SOCCER – At the 98th Street Park on Sundays for children, ages 12 months to 5. Children will play and learn the fundamentals of soccer. Times vary for ages. The 8-week session is \$95 for residents. **Parents and children 2 years & above must wear a mask and follow all social distancing protocol.**

JUST YOU & ME CLUB (2-4 years) You and your child will bond and enjoy developmentally age-appropriate arts and crafts activities and active outdoor games. Take this great opportunity to make friends and socialize with other parents. Wednesdays, 10:00 to 10:50 a.m. **Parents and children must wear a mask.** \$60 for 8 weeks.

YOUTH (5–13 years)

ART: Learn how to draw and paint using different techniques. Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30-4:30 p.m. \$325

KIDS PIANO: Learn technique, rhythm, musicianship and reading music. Wednesdays 2:15-3:15 p.m. for 8-weeks. Maximum 6 students. \$150 for residents.

KUNG FU: Learn beginner self-defense, health and enlightenment on Mondays & Wednesdays 3:30-4:30 p.m. \$325

FLAG FOOTBALL: Fridays, 3:30–5 p.m. Learn the basics of catching, passing, running with the ball and basic defensive skills. \$250

SOCCER: Participants will learn dribbling, passing, kicking and ball control. Participants must bring and wear shin guards, cleats and water bottle. \$275.

- Ages 6 and under/8 and under on Mondays 3:30 and Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m.

- Ages 10 and under/13 and under on Mondays at 4:30 and Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL: Learn skills such as serving, passing, hitting and setting. \$325

BASKETBALL: Learn skills of dribbling, passing and shooting. \$325

- Ages 8 and under/10 and under on Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:15-4:30 p.m.

- Ages 11-13 on Tuesdays and Thursday 4:30-5:45 p.m.

JIU-JITSU/BOXING: Learn instructional self-defense techniques and the importance of staying healthy, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Jiu-Jitsu. Boxing on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Program is 5 days a week, 3:30-4:30 p.m. for 3 months. \$450.

TEENS (ages 14–17 years)

INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL FOR TEENS Learn to dribble, pass and shoot the ball at a high school level on Saturdays 10 a.m.-12:00 p.m. January to May. \$425.

JIU-JITSU/KICKBOXING/BOXING - Learn instructional self-defense techniques and the importance of staying healthy. Class rotations on Saturday & Sunday 2- 4:00 p.m. \$490 for 3 months.

MENTOR PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS AND TEENS: This free program meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 5 – 6 p.m. allowing students to get together, socialize and discuss life and how to manage in challenging times with mentors.

ADULT PROGRAMS

TAI CHI: Thursdays at 10 a.m. Tai chi is known to improve one's strength, flexibility, fitness and quality of life. Its movements also improve balance and may prevent falls. \$60 for 8 Weeks.

YOGA IN THE PARK: Wednesdays at 10 a.m. This yoga class teaches complex movements and sequences including arm balances and inversions layered over a solid Foundation. \$60 for 8 Weeks.

JIU JITSU/BOXING: Both classes will be weekly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 6-7 p.m. Adults can learn instructional self-defense techniques and healthy living. Each class is \$175 a month.

SENIOR PROGRAM

STRETCHING/SELF-DEFENSE: Learn self-defense techniques and healthy living. Stretching Class is Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30-10:30 a.m. Self Defense/Cardiac Boxing is Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30-10:30 a.m. Both classes are outside in the 95th Street Park. \$50 per month.



REGISTRATION ONLINE

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

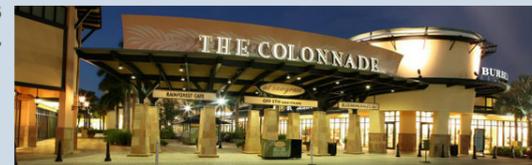
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE MORRIS N. BROAD COMMUNITY CENTER AT (786) 646-9970

HOLIDAY SHOPPING IN DECEMBER

Wednesday, December 16, 2020 • Sawgrass Mills Mall

Bus leaves from Morris N. Broad Community Center at 9:30 a.m. and returns at 3 p.m. Take a trip and do your shopping in one of the nation's largest mall. There are over 329 retail outlets and name brand discounters for you to visit! Residents must call to register. There will be limited seating to allow for Social Distancing.

Mask is mandatory.



SHOPPING SHUTTLE TO COSTCO

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. **Masks and social distancing on the bus are mandatory.** Registration is preferred but not required, please register for your trip via email to cgorin@bayharborislands-fl.gov

- **Wednesday, December 2, 2020 to Costco**

AFTERCARE PROGRAM - K TO 5TH GRADE

Our popular After Care Program is back! Due to COVID-19, the program is currently limited to Kindergarten through 5th grade students. Registration for 6th-8th grade students will be at a later date. Space is limited. Registration online only at www.bayharborislands-fl.gov/278/After-School-Programs

FUN DAYS OFF AT COMMUNITY CENTER

Fun Days Off are held every Miami-Dade County Teachers' Planning Day. From 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Children will enjoy a fun & safe day at the Community Center. Children will do sports, games and arts & crafts. Breakfast and Lunch not included. **Children must wear a facial covering/mask over their nose and mouth and their temperature will be checked daily.** Space is limited so please register today. Residents only \$40.



DECEMBER 21-31, 2020

(CAMP WILL BE CLOSED DEC. 24 & 25)

FOR CHILDREN FROM K-8TH GRADE

Campers will enjoy sports, games, art & crafts and more. Will be held at the Community Center and will follow the CDC guidelines. Children must have a facial covering/masks and temperature will be checked daily.

SPACE IS LIMITED, REGISTER TODAY

First week is \$100. Second Week is \$120

Camp will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BOOK CLUB ON DECEMBER 9

Join the Book Club on Wednesday, December 9, at 7 p.m. through Zoom. They will discuss "Born a Crime: stories from a South African Childhood" by Trevor Noah. The zoom link is <https://zoom.us/j/93892007486>.



REGISTER ONLINE ! www.bayharborislands-fl.gov/154/Community-Services

Virtual Carving Event Turns Pumpkins to Pieces of Art

The Community Services Department coordinated the first Town Virtual Pumpkin Carving contest to spice up Halloween week. Resident families picked up free pumpkins at the Morris Broad Community Center and turned on their imagination. Here are some of the winning families photos selected by the judges of the best artistic creations!



RESCHEDULED EVENT!



FREE RABIES SHOTS FOR DOGS

Sponsored by Commissioner Sally Heyman, City of Miami Beach & Miami-Dade Animal Services

Sunday, December 6th at the North Shore Library, in Miami Beach. Please call 3-1-1 to make an appointment.



Halloween Spirit Comes Alive at Town's Trunk-or-Treat

Creativity overcame the pandemic as Bay Harbor Islands residents enjoyed an entertaining Halloween event under the full moon that was spooky, sweet and safe. The Community Services Department did their magic by turning 95th Street into a frightful haunted alley lined with a variety of costumed ghouls, witches, skeletons and furry friends.

Showing off their masks and costumes, families and children paraded through the party in their decorated cars while speakers provided creepy and kooky Halloween music. Staff members passed bags of treats and goodies. Thanks to Community Services and the Police Department.



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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,
Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 6 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Board,
Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 6 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.

Future tentative meeting dates are subject to change. As the date gets closer contact the Town Clerk's Office or visit the Town's website www.bayharborislands-fl.gov

Future Tentative Meetings

- Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Highlights of the Oct. 28 Regular Council Meeting

- **Approval** of a resolution appointing Alba L. Chang as the Town Clerk effective February 23, 2021.
- **Approval** of an ordinance on **second** reading increasing the monthly charge for water service to \$4.81 per one thousand gallons and to increase the minimum monthly service charges for each water meter to \$22.38.
- **Approval** of an ordinance on **second** reading amending the monthly base and flow charges for sewer service.
- **Approval** of an **emergency ordinance** on first and second reading authorizing the use of communication medical technology (CMT) during periods when the Town Mayor determines and declares a local state of emergency.
- **Ratification** of contract with the News Directors and resulting in charges in the amount of \$50,812.50.