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Happy February Bay Harbor Islands. I hope this month's newsletter finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

Our Town administrative team and your Town Council have been busy planning for the year ahead and beyond. Although Town Manager Maria Lasday, Police Chief Raul Diaz and Financial Director Peter Kajokas have only been here a short time, they are already applying new methods to help us face the continuing pandemic and beyond. And speaking of new, we also have a new Assistant Town Manager in Jenice Rosado. Mrs. Rosado, who had been serving the Town as Human Resources Director since mid-2019, was promoted to Assistant Town Manager in January. Congratulations, Jenice!

Residents may have noticed that Bay Harbor Islands, in cooperation with Miami-Dade County, now has a convenient COVID-19 testing site at the 95th Street Park that will be available every Wednesday (see Page 2) for as long as deemed necessary. By the time you read this, more than a million Floridians will have received the coronavirus vaccination. We know appointments are difficult to get and vaccines are in short supply but we will get there. The county has just recently added a phone option for appointment scheduling, (305) 614-2014, to assist seniors and others without internet access.

The Community Services Department has some great COVID-safe events and classes scheduled for residents in February. Valentine's Day will be celebrated with a photo booth and a treat box to bring home and our popular Concerts in the Park return, beginning with a show by the Jonathan Moody Band. Details may be found inside. Also in February will be some new events from the Police Department, so be sure to check their Facebook page, ([facebook.com/bhipolice](https://www.facebook.com/bhipolice)) for dates and details.

I wish you all a lovely month. Please continue to be safe. Wear your masks and practice social distancing. Together, we WILL see that light at the end of this COVID-19 tunnel.



- *Stephanie*

TOWN OF BAY HARBOR ISLANDS GENERAL ELECTION

Two seats up for vote on April 6, 2021

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands will hold its annual municipal election on Tuesday, April 6th, to fill two seats on the Town Council. As of the writing of this Newsletter, Mayor Stephanie Bruder has announced her candidacy.

All residents who are registered voters are urged to come to Town Hall on Election Day between 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. to cast votes to fill the open seat. Under state law, the books close to new registrations 29 days prior to the election (Monday, March 8th). 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>

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).

You can contact the Office of the Town Clerk for additional information at (305) 866-6241 or visit the Town's website for updated information on the upcoming elections, <https://www.bayharborislands-fl.gov/234/Elections>.

Election Date	Tuesday, April 6th, 2021
Qualifying Dates	Starts Wednesday, February 25 at 9 a.m.
Last day for voter registrations	Ends Friday, March 5 at 5 p.m.
Qualifying Officer	Alba L. Chang, Deputy Town Clerk 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace, Bay Harbor Islands, FL 33154 E-mail: achang@bayharborislands-fl.gov Phone: 305-866-6241
Municipal Qualifications: In accordance to Section 2.03 of the Town Charter.	Candidates for the office of Council Member shall be permanent residents and registered electors of the Town for at least twelve (12) months.

CRIME PREVENTION NOTICE

A thief can burglarize your vehicle in less than 30 seconds.

YOU CAN PREVENT THAT!

Let's send a signal to would-be-burglars that Bay Harbor Islands is locked up tight.

Remove all valuables from your car.

Gym bags, briefcases, boxes - even if they are empty - should be stowed out of sight.

Lock the doors & enable any alarms.



If you see spot any suspicious activity, call the BAY HARBOR ISLANDS POLICE - (305) 866-6242.



Miami-Dade County now offers free COVID-19 Oral Testing, administered by NOMI Health, every Wednesday, (EXCEPT the SECOND Wednesday of the month) from 9 AM to 5 PM, at Bay Harbor Islands 95th Street Park.

Go to tinyurl.com/BHI-C19Test to register. Walkup appointments will also be available on testing days. If you have any questions, call 3-1-1.

The free testing is open to all residents of Miami-Dade County, ages 5 and older. ALL PERSONS entering the park ages 2 and older must wear a mask over their nose and mouth. No exceptions. If health issues prevent you wearing a mask, please visit www.miamidade.gov to request homebound testing.



Love is in the air at Bay Harbor Islands!

Commemorate this Valentine's Day with a special keepsake photo with a loved one! Pop-on by the Morris Broad Community Center on February 13, between 1-3 PM, for a Valentine's Day treat box and a photo in our special interactive photo booth.

The cost is \$3 and pre-registration is recommended. Register today at tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register because space is limited.

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

CONCERT IN THE PARK

FEATURING

Jonathan Moody Band SUNDAY, FEB. 28 • 6 PM at the 95th Park

Reserve your tickets now for the kickoff to our 2021 Concert in the Park Series, featuring the ever-popular Jonathan Moody Band.



This event is for Bay Harbor Islands residents only. Due to space limitations & social distancing requirements, you must pre-register to request a maximum of 5 tickets per resident household at tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register. Proof of residence will be required from ticket holders, at the gate. Bring your own blanket or chair and remember - no pets are allowed. For those who prefer to watch from home, the concert will be live-streamed at facebook.com/bayharborislands. For more information, call the Morris Broad Community Center at (786) 646-9970.

IN MEMORIAM

Nancy Richards Cohen, 95

Bay Harbor Islands is saddened by the loss of long-time resident Nancy Richards Cohen, 95, who died peacefully in her sleep after a brief illness. Mrs. Cohen was known as a beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother, retired nurse and housewife. She was an enthusiast of needlepoint, tap dancing, crossword puzzles, Wheel of Fortune & Jeopardy.

Mrs. Cohen is survived by her daughter Anita Cohen Starkoff (Earl), son Philip Cohen, grandchildren Jessica Starkoff, & Joshua Starkoff and great grandchildren Kayla Starkoff-Delgado & Brayden Fox.

Part-time Crossing Guards Needed

There are immediate openings for dedicated individuals to join our team. Serve the community by protecting the children and adults of Bay Harbor Islands as they walk to and from school and during special events. For the complete details on this and other current job opportunities with the Town, or to download an application, go to tinyurl.com/bhi-jobs



NEW BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Kinoko Sushi Bar and Asian Cuisine

A new restaurant at 1007 Kane Concourse offering Japanese and Thai fusion cuisine may bring back memories and aromas of the long-serving and popular Asia Bay. That is likely because Kinoko Sushi Bar and Asian Cuisine is owned by Peter Engert, who worked at Asia Bay for 16 years and it's in the same location.



Peter Engert

“Now that I have a chance in this fine neighborhood, I want to bring back what was right about the old restaurant,” said Engert. Kinoko opened with the original menu that customers had liked the most but with improved quality. Engert also brought back the original employees from Asia Bay. “We look forward to seeing everyone we know from past years. Our customers were like family. I watched many Bay Harbor Islands children



grow into adults, and return with their own spouses and children.”

To make meals more enjoyable during the Pandemic, Kinoko has developed a special lunchtime meal program- the Back2School/Back-2Work Bento Box. The lunches, designed for children and adults, are ordered in advance for the upcoming week and delivered during lunch hours to customers.

Kinoko is also offering online ordering services with a 10% discount and free delivery for Bay Harbor Islands, Bal Harbour and Surfside with any order over \$25.

Kinoko is open Monday through Friday from 12–3 p.m. and 5:30–10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 5:30 –10 p.m. For more information, call (305) 397-8424 or visit www.kinokorestaurant.com.



Mobile Mammogram Visits Bay Harbor Islands on March 1

The latest in mammogram screening will be available in a mobile facility at the Morris Broad Community Center on Monday, March 1, 2021 from 8:30 a.m.– 2:30 p.m.



You must have an appointment for the mammogram screening. Go to the website: floridamobilemammography.com or call (877) 318-1349, option 1.

- Patients must have a current physician
- Women under 40 must have a doctor prescription
- Insurance covers 100% of screening, once per year

Face masks and social distancing is mandatory on the Mobile Mammogram facility.

GET TO KNOW OUR POLICE OFFICERS

Meet Lt. Curtis Johnson

Lieutenant Curtis Johnson is a 5th generation Floridian, born and raised in Miami. As far back as he can remember, Curtis wanted to be a police officer. At the age of 26, he finally went for it. He began his career in law enforcement with the North Miami Beach Police Department in 1990, working as a reserve during the day, attending the



police academy at night and on weekends. He stayed on with NMB PD after graduation until 1992 when he was hired by the Surfside Police Department where he stayed for 5-years before being lured away in 1997 by the Aventura Police Department. In 1999, he came to work for the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department and finally found his home. During his tenure here, Lt. Johnson has risen through the ranks from officer, to Corporal, Sergeant and finally Lieutenant. He has overseen the Road Patrol Division as well as the Detective Bureau.

“Looking back, it seems like only yesterday that I was given the opportunity to work with some of the finest men and women in police-work and a terrific Town staff. It’s been an adventure that I will always remember well. We truly are one big family!” said Lt. Johnson. “But my wife of 36 years, my two daughters and my granddaughter are the jewels of my life.”

The lieutenant, who will be retiring soon, plans on spending his newfound leisure time touring the country by RV with his wife and granddaughter.

Iguana Control on Town Property is Underway

Iguana’s are not native to South Florida and are considered invasive by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). With few predators and plenty of food, there is nothing to limit their population. First reported in Florida in Miami-Dade in the 60’s, iguana populations now stretch along both South Florida coasts. Iguanas are especially problematic for communities like ours as they cause considerable damage to infrastructure, including seawalls and sidewalks, destruction of landscaping - and they leave behind large quantities of feces, which can spread disease.

To address this issue, the Town of Bay Harbor Islands hired Redline Iguana Removal. Redline began catching, trapping and removing Iguanas from all Town-owned property as part of a year-round Iguana Mitigation Program in late January. They will not need access to private property and their vehicles will bear the Redline Logo. If you have questions, email darmstrong@bayharborislands-fl.gov.



IT’S THE LAW!

Permits Required for Organized Sports or Exercise at Town Parks

Chapter 15 of the Town’s Code of Ordinances regarding Parks & Recreation rules and regulations states:

No person or persons shall engage in any organized athletic events, games, practice for same, or exercise, such as football, baseball, softball, soccer, volleyball, utilizing a substantial portion of any park or recreation area without written permit from the Town, said permit

to clearly define the nature of the activity, the limit of its scope and time and setting forth such other restrictions and requirements as the Town may deem necessary. Violations shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$250 per day for a first violation and \$500 per day for a repeat violation. For more information call the Morris Broad Community Center (786) 646-9970



BAY HARBOR ISLANDS COMMUNITY SERVICES

REGISTER ONLINE at tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register

For more information, visit www.bayharborislands-fl.gov/154/Community-Services or call the Morris N. Broad Community Center at (786) 646-9970



YES!

We are still offering our free virtual classes and adding new ones!

NEW VIRTUAL PROGRAMS STARTING FEBRUARY 2021

- Chair Yoga – Wednesdays at 11:15 AM
- Yoga for Everyone – Thursdays at 11:15 AM
- Stretching – Saturdays at 10 AM

tinyurl.com/bhi-fun

SHOPPING SHUTTLE FOR RESIDENTS

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 are mandatory.** Registration is preferred but not required. Email to cgorin@bayharborislands-fl.gov to register for your selection of the following trips:

- Wednesday, February 3, 2021 to Costco
- Wednesday, February 17, 2021 to Whole Foods

MONTHLY HEALTH LECTURES WITH AVENTURA HOSPITAL

Zoom in for our Monthly Health Education Lecture with Aventura Hospital. This month's lecture will take place February 18 at 2 p.m. Visit tinyurl.com/bhi-fun for the Zoom link.



On Facebook?
So are we!

Want to know what is happening at the Community Center? Go to www.facebook.com and search for us!

Search: BHI Community Services Department
Community Events, Youth Athletic Highlights, and New Updates for what's happening.



2021 Spring Break Camp

BAY HARBOR ISLANDS

SPORTS • GAMES • FIELD TRIP • ARTS & CRAFTS

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8TH GRADE

MARCH 29 – APRIL 2 • 9 AM – 5 PM

AT THE MORRIS N. BROAD COMMUNITY CENTER

CAMPERS MUST BRING THEIR OWN WATER, SNACKS AND LUNCHES EACH DAY.

RESIDENTS ONLY: \$140.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (786) 646-9970

AFTERCARE PROGRAM (K – 8TH GRADE)

Our popular After School Program is back! Because of COVID-19, space is limited. The program is now open to Kindergarten–8th grade students. Registration is available online only. Visit tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register

FUN DAY OFF ONE DAY CAMP

Fun Days Off are held every Miami-Dade County Teachers' Planning Day, from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Your children will have a fun & safe day at the Morris Broad Community Center, including sports, games and arts & crafts. Breakfast and Lunch not included. **Facial mask must be worn over nose and mouth and body temperature will be taken daily.** Space is limited so please register today. Residents \$40, non-residents \$60. Proof of residency is required. Registration online only at tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register

NEXT FUN DAY OFF: Friday, March 26, 2021

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

KIDS HEALTH AND SAFETY SERIES



**Joe DiMaggio
Children's Hospital**

The Morris Broad Community Center has partnered with Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital at Memorial Health Systems to bring together parents, guardians and kids to learn from experts about children's health and safety. This series will be held each month virtually on the 3rd Wednesday at noon. The first meeting will be February 17, 2021 for Learning During Pandemic, with Dr. Christina Ortega, PSYD. For the Zoom link, visit tinyurl.com/bhi-fun

BOOK CLUB ON FEBRUARY 10



Join the Book Club on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, at 7 p.m. through Zoom. The book discussion will be "American Dirt" by Jeanine Cummins. It is a story of a Mexican woman who had to leave behind her life and escape as an undocumented immigrant to the U.S. with her son. The zoom link for the Club is zoom.us/j/93892007486

CURRENT OUTDOOR PROGRAMS

REGISTER ONLINE AT tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register

A face covering/mask over their nose and mouth is required and body temperatures will be checked daily upon arrival.

TOT AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

(12 MONTHS – 4 YEARS)

Storytime at the Park The first Friday at 10 a.m. at the 98th Street Park and third Fridays at 4 p.m. at the Tot Lot. Parents and children older than two must wear a mask and follow social distancing.

Pee-Wee Soccer At the 98th Street Park on Sundays for children, ages 12 months to five years. Times vary by age. The 8-week session is \$95 for residents. Parents and children older than two must wear a mask and follow social distancing.

Just You & Me Club For parent and child ages 2-4. Parents and children older than two must wear a mask and follow social distancing. Wednesdays, 10–10:50 a.m. The cost is \$60 for 8 weeks.

Jiu-Jitsu/Boxing Jiu-Jitsu is on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Boxing on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Must wear a mask and follow social distancing. Program is five days a week, 3:30–4:30 p.m. for January to March 2021. \$450.

Kids Piano Ongoing for 8-weeks, one-hour sessions are on Wednesdays from 2:15 PM for ages 6 to 11, \$150. Six students maximum.

TEEN PROGRAMS

(AGES 14-17 YEARS)

Instructional Basketball for Teens For ages 14-17 on Saturdays 10 a.m.-12 p.m. from January to May 2021. \$425.

Jiu-Jitsu/Boxing Class rotations on Saturday & Sunday 2-4 p.m. from January to March 2021. \$490.

Mentor Program for Middle School and Teens On the third Saturday of the month from 5–6 p.m. Free.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Tai Chi in the Park At the 95th Street Park, Thursdays at 10 a.m. \$60 for 8 weeks.

Yoga in the Park At the 95th Street Park, Wednesdays at 10 a.m. \$60 for 8 weeks.

Jiu-Jitsu/Boxing Both classes are weekly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 6–7 p.m. Each class is \$175 a month.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Stretching/Self-Defense Stretching will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Self-Defense/Cardio Boxing will be Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. \$50 per month.



Stephanie Bruder <i>Mayor</i>	Maria D. Lasday <i>Town Manager</i>
Joshua D. Fuller <i>Vice Mayor</i>	Marlene M. Siegel <i>Town Clerk</i>
Jordan W. Leonard <i>Council Member</i>	Frank Simone <i>Town Attorney</i>
Kelly Reid <i>Council Member</i>	Raul M. Diaz <i>Chief of Police</i>
Isaac Salver <i>Council Member</i>	Peter V. Kajokas <i>Finance Director</i>
Elizabeth Tricoche <i>Council Member</i>	
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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, February 2, 2021 at 6 p.m.
- Public Hearing, Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021 at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021,
immediately following the Public Hearing
- Planning & Zoning Board,
Tuesday, February 16, 2021 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 phone 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, March 10, 2021
- Planning & Zoning Board, Tuesday, March 2 & 16, 2021

ALL MEETING DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Highlights of the January 13, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

- Residents Megan Blenet, Everton Dias, Greg Sim & Tamia Souto were appointed to the Sustainability & Resiliency Committee.
- Resident Lauren Radick was appointed to the Parks & Recreation Committee.
- Approval of an Employment Agreement with the Chief of Police, Raul M. Diaz.
- Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Miami Dade County School Board through the School Board Police Department and the Town of Bay Harbor Islands Police Department as it relates to the School Based Law Enforcement Officers (SBLEO).
- Approval of a request from One Kane Concourse, LLC for extension of time to submit the Building Permit for project to be located at 9551 East Bay Harbor Drive.

Topic anticipated for discussion or possible action at the February 10, 2021 Council meeting

- Consideration and Approval of an ordinance on second reading providing for local implementation of the mandatory year-round landscape irrigation conservation measures rule of the South Florida Water Management District.