



# Bay Harbor Islands

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March 11th will mark one full year from the day we found out about our first confirmed case of COVID-19; one full year from my having to declare a state of emergency in our little Town. Looking back, I doubt anyone, outside of the CDC maybe, imagined that a full year later we would still be living under the threat of infection; that our lives would be so incredibly altered or that so many lives would be lost. But we are seeing more and more glimmers of hope.

Testing used to be so difficult and expensive but now, thanks to the efforts of our Town Council and staff, we have testing right here in Town. More and more people are being vaccinated, people are being far more conscientious about mask wearing and social distancing and our number of infections has remained consistently low.

Events have begun resuming, albeit in different formats with smaller numbers of people, but it is a start and it is the right way to do it. We've learned to adapt and embrace this new way of life because we care about ourselves, our families and our community. We had our first live concert in a year, last month, and streamed it live on Facebook for those who wanted to tune in from home. We have another on March 22, with saxophonist Ed Calle, as well as a car show on March 14.

Our Community Services Department has resumed a number of live classes and continues to host daily events via Zoom, offering our residents a variety of programs to suit nearly every interest. Things are looking up. Let's hope this spring marks the beginning of a return to normalcy.

Finally, just a reminder – don't forget to "Spring forward!" Daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 21, 2020.



- *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 to fill two seats for Town Council for a four-year term. As of the writing of this article, Mayor Stephanie Bruder has announced her candidacy to seek re-election. Residents Alan Bebchik and Molly Diallo have also announced their candidacy to seek election. Qualifying for the elections will end Friday, March 5, 2021 at 5 p.m. Please check the April Newsletter for the final list of candidates or the Town's website for updated information on the candidates. <https://www.bayharborislands-fl.gov/234/Elections>

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 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)

## IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

Qualifying period	Feb. 25 – Friday, March 5 at 5 p.m.
Last day to register to vote	Monday, March 8, 2021
Domestic & overseas ballots are scheduled to be mailed	Wednesday, March 16, 2021
Last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot	Saturday, March 27, 2021

**SPRING FORWARD**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021**

**DAYLIGHT  
SAVING TIME**

**GET TESTED  
IT'S FREE!**

Every Wednesday  
9 AM - 5 PM  
1185 95th Street

MIAMI-DADE  
COUNTY



**DON'T  
BE A**   
**FOR CRIME!**

 **your** 

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# March Events

## THE BAY HARBOR ISLANDS Car Show on the Concourse



## Where Classics Meet Exotics

on beautiful Kane Concourse

SUNDAY, MARCH 14TH  
FROM 1:00 - 3:00 PM

SHOP, ENJOY AN AL  
FRESCO LUNCH IN ONE  
OF OUR RESTAURANTS  
AND ENJOY THE  
BEAUTIFUL CARS!

CALL 786-646-9970 FOR  
MORE INFORMATION.



## VIRTUAL EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, March 20, 2021  
1 p.m.

Starting March 10th, residents can pick up an Eggstravaganza goody box at the Community Center. The box will include a treat, an egg decorating kit and more. Then, tune into <https://zoom.us/j/98281108224> and join in on the fun as residents & staff create beautiful colored eggs and lasting family memories.

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

## CONCERT IN THE PARK SAXOPHONIST DR. ED CALLE

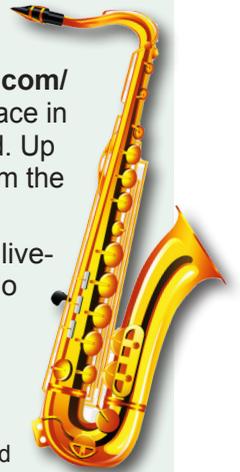
Sunday, March 21, 2021  
7 p.m. • 96th Street Park

Sit back and enjoy the amazing music of the 2015 Latin Grammy Award Winner for Best Instrumental Album and 5x Grammy nominee Saxophonist Dr. Ed Calle.

Residents are required to pre-register at [tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register](https://tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register) for a space in the park. Space is limited. Up to 5 tickets per family from the same household.

The concert will also be live-streamed for anyone who would like to watch from home at [facebook.com/bayharborislands](https://facebook.com/bayharborislands).

Social distancing will be enforced and masks are required for everyone over two years old. Bring a blanket or chair. No pets are allowed.



# 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: \$100

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

## Part-time Crossing Guards Needed

Retired and bored? Looking for something to do a few hours a day? Why not serve our community by becoming a school crossing guard? Help protect the children and adults of Bay Harbor Islands as they walk to and from school. 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](https://tinyurl.com/bhi-jobs)



# Sweet Photos and Treat Boxes Make a Beautiful Valentine's Day

Bay Harbor Islands' families signed up for a fun and safe afternoon of humorous photos, treats and music to celebrate Valentine's Day at the Morris Broad Community Center on February 13, 2021. With clear partition barriers and sterilized photo props, the Community Services staff made sure the event was safe. Thanks to all who made the day a success.



## Falling Palm Fronds are Causing Power Outages

The recent loss of power to 649 residences on both the north and south sides of the West Island, portions of the East Island, Surfside and Indian Creek was not caused by a blown transformer, as initially believed. The power outage was caused by two palm fronds from a residential property falling across two high-tension wires causing a short.

When FPL arrived, they checked the transformer. Finding it to be in good working order, they checked the power lines and found the palm fronds. FPL removed the palm fronds and power was restored. The same scenario happened on February 19th - palm fronds on power lines.

Thankfully, the lines were not damaged and FPL was able to restore power in a short period of time, but this is truly a cautionary tale on the importance of trimming one's trees ALL YEAR LONG, not just during hurricane season - and not just palm trees.

So please, be a good neighbor; take a look around your property and if you have trees growing near power lines, see that they are trimmed back, without delay. Don't leave your neighbors in the dark. Trees and powerlines simply don't mix.

FPL encourages customers to maintain their trees before they interfere with electric lines and equipment. You should **never** attempt to trim any vegetation growing on or near overhead power lines yourself. Only specially trained line-clearing professionals should work around power lines. Check your local listings to locate a contractor qualified to trim vegetation around power lines. Before work begins, be sure to verify that the contractor is licensed and insured, and complies with all applicable laws, codes, ordinances and/or permits. If you see a tree touching a power line and sparking or a hazardous tree condition, contact FPL immediately at (800) 468-8243.

**For more information on tree trimming and powerlines, visit <https://www.fpl.com/reliability/trees/faq.html>**

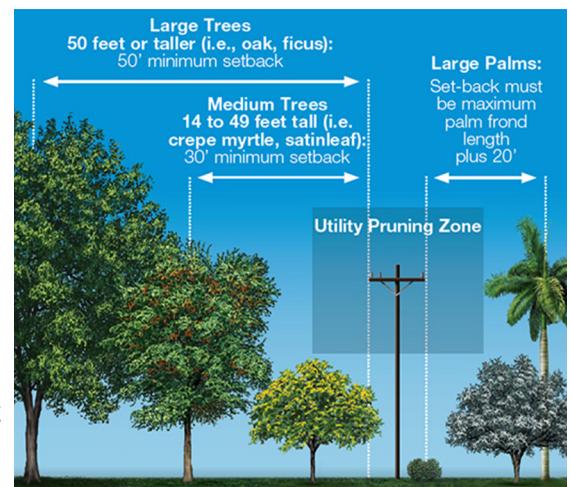


## TIPS ON TREE TRIMMING NEAR POWER LINES

Trees and plants making contact with power lines are among the leading causes of outages in South Florida. FPL trims more than 15,000 miles of power lines every year. Lines are selected for maintenance as part of a scheduled program and the entire length of the line is checked, not just one location. FPL contractors prune trees away from the power lines so re-growth is in the opposite direction.

FPL will not trim every tree in close proximity to a line. It is the residents' responsibility to routinely trim trees on your property to keep them away from power lines. Don't wait until hurricane season.

Also, when planting trees and foliage, follow FPL's Right Tree/Right Place guidelines at right. By selecting the right tree and planting in the right place, you can help reduce power outages in your neighborhood.





# Police Department Takes “Sandwiches with the Police” Outside



On February 18th the Bay Harbor Islands Police brought back their ever-popular evening event, Pizza with the Police, with a new twist – sandwiches and social distancing, outdoors in the 95th Street Park. Our new Chief Raul Diaz welcomed the families and boxed dinners were distributed. Vice Mayor Josh Fuller also spoke before Corporal Ernest Candemmo gave a presentation on crime prevention. It was a fun and informative evening for all and the sandwiches were delicious! Watch for the next event and be sure to register early so you don't miss out!



## GET TO KNOW OUR POLICE OFFICERS

### A Long and Amazing Road For Officer Kathy Sullivan

Born and raised in Miami, Bay Harbor Islands' Police Officer Kathy Sullivan's life has not been a boring one. After graduating from North Miami Senior High, Kathy, an animal lover, became a veterinary assistant for a veterinarian in North Miami Beach. The problem was - she loved the animals so much she kept bringing more and more dogs home to foster. So much of her pay went to taking care of dogs her mother had to say, enough! No more dogs in the house, Kathy!



She then decided to take to the skies as a flight attendant and went to work for Eastern Airlines who, at the time, were South Florida's second largest private employer. Unfortunately, they went under in 1989. Fortunately for Kathy, American Airlines snapped her right up and sent her to live in New York. She thoroughly enjoyed that time of her life; being young and living in Manhattan with other flight attendants. When American opened a base in Miami, though, she decided to return to her hometown.

It was then that Ms. Sullivan met her husband. Between flights out of Miami, to destinations around the globe, Kathy married and had two children, Jesse and

Saydee. After 17 years, she decided to hang up her wings to spend more time at home. It was then that Kathy became an Officer with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Her training included piloting boats, airboats and ATVs and shooting guns. She also learned about the Florida wildlife: alligators, deer, turkey, birds, fish, snakes. More animals, in other words.

“It was a wonderful agency to work for; one with an important cause,” she said. “It sure was interesting, too. In order to graduate you had to subdue an alligator. I had to climb atop a reptile, bigger and heavier than me, wrap it up and relocate it!” That is impressive! Not only did she enjoy her job, her children did too. They loved when she came home with a snake, hawk, frog or baby alligator.

After Kathy divorced, she was recruited for what was to become her best adventure yet - the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department. Officer Sullivan served with our Marine Patrol Unit, with honor, for eight years. Kathy now works the roads of Bay Harbor Islands, protecting and serving the Town's residents and businesses. With her extensive background and experience, Kathy is qualified for bicycle patrol, GEM car, school officer, field training officer and property intake. “I enjoy working here. It's a great place with very nice residents,” she said. “When I'm working, I'm proud to call Bay Harbor Islands my home!” Kathy's children, now adults, remain the center of her life. Jesse is now 20 and is in the Coast Guard and Saydee, 19, is planning to study marine biology.



# BAY HARBOR ISLANDS COMMUNITY SERVICES

REGISTER ONLINE at [tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register](http://tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register)

For more information, visit [www.bayharborislands-fl.gov/154/Community-Services](http://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!

JOIN US FOR VIRTUAL PROGRAMS, INCLUDING

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

[tinyurl.com/bhi-fun](http://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](mailto:cgorin@bayharborislands-fl.gov) to register for your selection of the following trips:

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

## MONTHLY HEALTH LECTURES WITH AVENTURA HOSPITAL

Zoom in for our Monthly Health Education Lecture with Aventura Hospital on the third Wednesday of the month. This month's lecture is on March 18, 2021 at 2 p.m and features Dr. Harry Sendzischew, a vascular and general surgeon. He will discuss hernias. Visit [tinyurl.com/bhi-fun](http://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](http://www.facebook.com) and search for us!

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



## FREE CLASS

on Sunday, March 21 • 4 p.m.  
at the 95th Street Park  
by the Young Tigers Foundation

FOR KIDS: Jiu-Jitsu/Boxing

FOR TEENS: Jiu-Jitsu/Boxing/Kick Boxing

FOR ADULTS: Jiu-Jitsu/Boxing

## 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](http://tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register)

## FUN DAY OFF ONE DAY CAMP

Fun Days Off are held every Miami-Dade County Teachers' Planning Day, from 9 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 \$25, non-residents \$60. Proof of residency is required. Registration online only at [tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register](http://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

The Morris Broad Community Center and Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital at Memorial Health Systems bring together parents, guardians and kids to learn from experts about children's health and safety. The series is held each month on the 3rd Wednesday at noon on Zoom. This month's meeting is on March 17, 2021. For the Zoom link, visit [tinyurl.com/bhi-fun](https://tinyurl.com/bhi-fun)



**Joe DiMaggio  
Children's Hospital**

## BOOK CLUB ON FEBRUARY 10



Join the Book Club on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at 7 p.m. through Zoom. The book discussion will be "Death of a Salesman" by Arthur Miller. Traveling salesman Willy Loman is at the end of his career and realizes that he has been a failure as a husband and father in this classic American tale.

The zoom link for the Club is [zoom.us/j/93892007486](https://zoom.us/j/93892007486)

## CURRENT OUTDOOR PROGRAMS

**REGISTER ONLINE AT** [tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register](https://tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register)

A face covering/mask over the 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 of the month 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 is on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Must wear a mask and follow social distancing. Program is five days a week, 3:30-4:30 p.m. \$450.

**Kids Piano** - Ongoing for 8-weeks, one-hour sessions are on Wednesdays from 2:15 p.m. 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. \$425.

**Jiu-Jitsu/Boxing** - Class rotations on Saturday & Sunday 2-4 p.m. \$490.

### 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. Self-Defense/Cardio Boxing will be Tuesday and Thursday. Classes will be 9:30-10:30 a.m. \$50 per month.



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Mayor

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Town Hall: (305) 866-6241

Building Department: (305) 993-1786

Police: (305) 866-6242

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.

- Public Hearing, Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 6 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting, Wednesday, March 10, 2021, immediately following the Public Hearing
- Planning & Zoning Board, Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 6 p.m.
- Special Council Meeting, Monday, March 22 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](http://www.bayharborislands-fl.gov)

## Future Tentative Meetings

Regular Council Meetings: Wednesday, April 14 & Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Planning and Zoning Board Meeting: April 20, 2021

## Highlights of the February 10, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

- **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.
- **Approval** of a resolution requested by Council Member Leonard condemning hate and extremism.
- **Approval** of a Vaccination Site Agreement (Covid-19) between the Town and the State of Florida, Department of Health and Miami Dade County Health Department to set forth guidance for the Town designation as an Open Point of Administration Vaccination Site.

## Topics anticipated for discussion or possible action at the March 10, 2021 Council

- **Consideration and Approval** of an ordinance on **second** reading requested by Council Member Leonard amending Chapter 24 of the Town Code relating to Florida Friendly Fertilizer use within the Town.
- **Consideration and Approval** of an ordinance on **second** reading approving Budget Amendment No. 1 for the 2020/ 2021 Fiscal Year.