



# Bay Harbor Islands

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It is an exciting time in Bay Harbor Islands. Not only do we get to experience South Florida's version of winter, but this month marks the return of many of our cherished community events. Our concert series kicks off on December 5th with Cortadito featuring Nestor Torres, and we welcome The Swing All Stars on December 12th. These concerts are free to Bay Harbor Islands residents, and always provide an exceptional night of entertainment. Please join us for the concerts, and visit one of our Kane Concourse restaurants before or after the show. If you prefer to dine al fresco, feel free to bring your meal to the concert and eat under the stars.

For those residents with children (or are themselves young at heart), our Movie on the Lawn will be on December 18th, followed by the ever-popular Snow Day on December 19th. These events are a great opportunity to re-engage with your neighbors, and represent a prime reason you have decided to call Bay Harbor Islands home.

When you think about it, "home" is the key word. Our town is not the typical conglomeration of apartments and houses that pop up all over the country. We are not one of those communities that contain vast expanses of cookie cutter living units with nowhere to walk or interact with neighbors. Bay Harbor Islands is unique. We live inside a great metropolis, yet we have managed to retain a small-town atmosphere. Where else in Florida can you safely walk to shops, restaurants, school, the government centre, library, multiple parks, and the beach, all just steps from your door, and still be only a short drive from a world-class, large city? Where else can you do all this in the same place you walk your dog, ride your bike, walk to a friend's home, or simply watch the sun over the water? Where else can you enjoy free community events featuring world-famous musicians, be protected by a first-class police force, and do so in a town with low taxes?

As the year comes to a close, and we welcome the fresh possibilities presented to all of us, please take a moment to reflect on our wonderful community -- our home. Embrace the magic of the season, the warmth of your neighbors, and the meaning of the holidays. Please respect each other and each others' beliefs, as we all celebrate our respective faiths, our families and our Town as we bid farewell to 2021. My sincere best wishes to everyone for a wonderful and healthy holiday season, and a very Happy New Year.



*Wishing all happy holidays and  
a wonderful New Year!*





# NEWS FROM THE BAY HARBOR ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Veterans Honored and Memorial Dedicated on November 11

More than a hundred Bay Harbor Islands residents attended the Town's Veterans Day Barbecue & Block Party. The Revitz family were thanked for donating the memorial honoring the men and women who served the U.S. Armed Forces. The Presentation of the Flag was by the Police Department Honor Guard. After the ceremonies, residents enjoyed refreshments and a barbecue lunch.



The Revitz Family donated the memorial for those who served in the U.S. Armed Forces.



## Children Learn Internet Safety at Pizza With the Police

Learning how to act and what to be aware of while chatting or playing games on-line was the focus of the November Pizza With The Police at the Morris N. Broad Community Center. Chief Raul Diaz and his officers used videos and mock situations to teach the children how to act when on the internet at home and school. The issue of cyberbullying was also discussed and the officers offered several important resources. At the end of the evening, the children in attendance who correctly answered questions received gifts.



**BAY HARBOR ISLANDS**  
Annual

**TOY DRIVE**

**DROP OFF YOUR DONATION OF NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS AT TOWN HALL OR THE POLICE STATION UNTIL DECEMBER 23RD.**

**We've Got Jobs!**

Join our team. Visit <https://tiny.one/tbhi-jobs> for more information and to apply. We are an equal opportunity employer & offer a drug-free workplace.

**CORTADITO**  
LIVE IN CONCERT  
AT THE 95TH STREET PARK  
FEATURING GRAMMY-WINNING ARTIST  
**NESTOR TORRES**  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>  
AT 7:00 PM  
1185 95 STREET

**RESIDENTS ONLY WITH I.D. BRING A BLANKET OR CHAIR BUT NO PETS.**

Food Trucks will be present at each of these events, starting at 6 p.m. outside the 95th Street Park.

**NEWS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**BHI Police Personnel Recognized**



Dispatch Supervisor Linda Presendieu and Officer Timothy LeDroux were recognized as the Civilian and Officer of the Quarter 3 (July 2021- September 2021). This special recognition honors their outstanding performance. Their critical thinking and job-related skills aided with the preservation of life. They both exemplify the core values and traditions of the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department. Congratulations! We thank you for your unwavering commitment to outstanding personal performance as members of the BHI PD!

**'Shop With A Cop' Event in December**

This December 2021, the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department will be participating in the annual "Shop with a Cop." This event provides our officers an opportunity to spread holiday cheer and continue building positive police community with our wonderful residents.

**TOWN OF BAY HARBOR ISLANDS**

Presents  
**A Concert in the 95 Street Park**  
**THE SWING ALL STARS**  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12  
AT 7:00 PM  
1185 95 STREET

*Residents Only with ID - Bring a Blanket or Chair*



## Bay Harbor Islands Police Department



# Holiday Safety Tips

### If you're shopping:

- Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you.
- Be aware of suspicious people and vehicles. If you see something suspicious, call the police.
- Park in a well-lighted space. Be sure to lock the car, close the windows and place shopping bags and gifts in the trunk of the vehicle.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay with a check or credit card whenever possible. Carry only the cash or credit cards you will need.
- Avoid displaying valuables such as jewelry or electronic personal devices.
- While you are shopping do not leave your purse, diaper bag or backpack in the shopping cart.
- Don't overburden yourself with packages. Carrying a large load will make you appear defenseless to pickpockets and purse-snatchers.
- Be careful with your purse and wallet. Keep the purse zipped or closed securely and carry it close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put your wallet in an inside jacket pocket or front pants pocket.
- When walking to and from your vehicle, avoid distractions such as talking on the phone or searching for your keys. Have your keys readily available before you reach your house or car.
- If you feel you are being followed, do not drive to your home. Keep your vehicle windows closed and doors locked. Drive to the nearest safe location. If you have a cell phone, call 911.
- As you approach your house, look for potential danger before entering the driveway. Ensure that walkways, doorways and driveways are well lit.
- Don't resist if someone tries to take any of your belongings. Don't chase someone who robs you, they may have a weapon. Instead call 911. Your material items can be replaced, your life cannot!

### Tips for Home:

- Use an inexpensive light timer when you are away and ask a neighbor to pick up your newspapers and mail. If you are going away for the Holidays you can stop your mail online at <https://holdmail.usps.com/holdmail/>.
- If you go out for the evening, turn on lights and a radio or television so the house or apartment appears to be occupied.
- If you have an alarm system, use it.
- If you are going out of town stop by the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department and have them add a special watch on your house.
- Don't leave shipping tags on your distorted boxes protect your personal information

### If strangers come to your door, beware.

- Criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts.
- Criminals may also go door-to-door asking for charitable donations. Ask for identification and find out how the funds will be used.

Bay Harbor Islands is a safe community. Let's have a crime free holiday season this year. Crime prevention is one great way to keep the holidays joyful.

Remember, if you see anything suspicious, please say something immediately!

Let's also remember our precious children and walk them to and from parks at night.

Bay Harbor Islands Police Department  
9665 Bay Harbor Terrace  
Bay Harbor Islands, FL. 33154  
(305) 866-6242

## Pura Vida Brings Healthy Eating to Bay Harbor Islands

Pura Vida proudly debuted its eighth all-day café, right here in Bay Harbor Islands! Quality food and first-rate service are uncompromising trademarks guests can look forward to at Pura Vida, situated on the vibrant palm-tree surrounded corner of Kane Concourse and East Bay Harbor Drive. The brand-new location features both an indoor and outdoor space. With a mission to promote a healthy lifestyle and anchor health and wellness-driven communities, Pura Vida has evolved into a hub for like minded individuals. Pura Vida boasts a quality-driven menu catered to help kick-start one's day, offering an extensive All-Day Breakfast Menu, a

noteworthy selection of delicious freshly healthy baked goods and mouthwatering breakfast sandwiches, perfect for a quick grab-and-go breakfast or sit-down brunch with friends. Guests can find the brand's signature menu favorites, as well. Additional branded merchandise, home-made granola and fresh-ground coffee products can also be purchased on-site. For more information visit [puravidamiami.com/merch](http://puravidamiami.com/merch).



*Pura Vida owners  
Jennifer and Omer Horev*



## Trunk or Treat 2021 Delivers Scary Fun Halloween Night

Bay Harbor Islands' 95th Street came alive on Halloween night as a parade of guys and ghouls drove their vehicles down an alley of frightful fun at this year's Trunk or Treat Event. The street was lined with a variety of spooky characters and each vehicle was welcomed with bags of treats and goodies. Thank you to the Community Services and Police Department staff for another successful event.





# BAY HARBOR ISLANDS COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

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

## Seniors on the Go

### SAWGRASS MALL

Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021 • FREE

Bus leaves 10 a.m. from Community Center

Shop at one of the most popular mall in South Florida.



## Seniors on the Go

### FAIRCHILD TROPICAL BOTANIC GARDEN

Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2021 • \$14

Bus leaves 5:30 p.m. from Community Center

Enjoy the Holiday Night Garden - A Magic Light Spectacular



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 • 1 PM**  
**TOWN HALL • 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace**

# ANNUAL SNOW DAY!

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands invites children and families to this popular holiday event that includes rides, refreshments, games and SNOW!



## JOIN THE BOOK CLUB ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Join the Book Club at the Morris N. Broad Community Center on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 7 p.m. The book for discussion will be "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig. The zoom link for the Book Club is <https://zoom.us/j/99028457247>.

**BOOK CLUB**

Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital PRESENTS

*Holiday Safety*

with **Dr. Tamar Levene, MD MS**

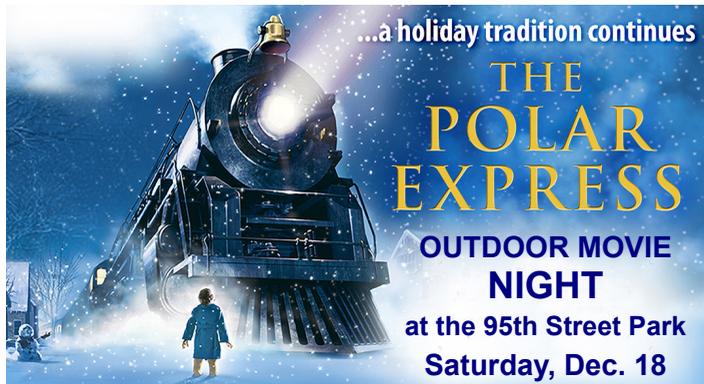
**December 15 at noon on Zoom**

<https://zoom.us/j/98813467474>

## SHOPPING SHUTTLE DATES 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 encouraged. Registration is preferred but not required. Email to [saugustin@bayharborislands-fl.gov](mailto:saugustin@bayharborislands-fl.gov) to register for your selection of the following trips:

- Wednesday, December 1st to Costco
- Wednesday, December 15th to Whole Foods



All aboard for a holiday adventure on The Polar Express at Outdoor Movie Night, Saturday, December 18, 7 p.m. Bring your own chair or blanket, but please leave your pets at home. Popcorn and snow cones will be available!

Join us for

**KIDS** Winter **CAMP**

Ages 5-12

Limited Space Available

**Dec 20th - Dec 30th**  
Closed December 23rd, 24th and 31st

Exciting Activities = Games  
Arts & Crafts = Field Trips  
Don't Forget Your Lunch & Snacks

1st Week: \$100 Residents/ \$130 for Non-Residents  
2nd Week: \$120 Residents/ \$150 Non-Residents

For More Information visit the Town's Website:  
[https://www.bayharborislands-fl.gov/154/Community\\_Services](https://www.bayharborislands-fl.gov/154/Community_Services)

### SENIOR COMPUTER CLASS RETURNS

More than half of today's senior population are Internet-friendly users. Stay in contact with your children, grandchildren, other relatives, old friends and new. Register for activities and programs and even do your shopping. There's no need to rely on others – knowledge is power! Sign up today!  
<https://tiny.one/BHI-Seniors>

**Senior Computer Class** - Morris N. Broad Community Center on Wednesdays, from January 5-26, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fee is \$40 residents/\$60 non residents.

## PROGRAMS

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

### TOT & YOUTH

**Story Time in the Park** - At the Tot Lot on the first and third Friday of the month at 4 p.m. and at the 98th Street Park on the second and third Friday of the month at 4 p.m.

**Pee-Wee Soccer** - At the 98th Street Park on Sundays for children, ages 12 months to five years. Times vary by age. Classes are October 3 to November 28, 2021. The 8-week session is \$95 for residents.

**Kids Piano** - Ongoing for 8-weeks, one-hour sessions are on Wednesdays from 2:15 p.m. for ages 6 to 14, \$150. Six students maximum.

### ADULTS & SENIORS

**Tai Chi** - At the Morris N. Broad Community Center Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.–11 a.m. \$40 for 8 weeks.

**Zumba for Adults** – At the Morris N. Broad Community Center on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**NEW CLASS ▶ Adult Yoga** – At the Morris N. Broad Community Center on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

### Let's Talk Health

Health Lecture from Aventura Hospital & Medical Center. This month's virtual Health Lecture will take place on Thursday, December 16, at noon. To join the lecture go to <https://zoom.us/j/95724984815> and Zoom with us!



### Tennis Program

Check out our new tennis program. To register go to <https://tiny.one/bhi-tennis-prog> to see what is new or to sign-up for a class, lesson or court time.

**FREE PARKING ON KANE CONCOURSE! BEGINNING DECEMBER 15TH**

BAY HARBOR ISLANDS  
POLICE

Joshua D. Fuller <i>Mayor</i>	Maria D. Lasday <i>Town Manager</i>
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Molly Diallo <i>Council Member</i>	Raul M. Diaz <i>Chief of Police</i>
Jordan W. Leonard <i>Council Member</i>	Peter V. Kajokas <i>Finance Director</i>
Isaac Salver <i>Council Member</i>	
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**[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**.

NO COUNCIL MEETING IN DECEMBER

- Planning & Zoning Board, Tue., Dec. 7 at 7 pm

The Town Public Meetings will be held at Town Hall Council Chambers. The public and other members of staff are welcome to participate in person. The following future tentative meeting dates are subject to change, therefore, closer to the date, please contact the Office of the Town Clerk or visit the Town's website at [www.bayharborislands-fl.gov](http://www.bayharborislands-fl.gov)

## Future Tentative Meetings

Planning & Zoning Board: Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Regular Council: Wednesday, January, 12, 2022

COMMITTEE MEETINGS TBA • MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## Highlights of the Nov. 10, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

- Approval of an ordinance on second reading requested by Council Member Yaffe and co-sponsored by Council Members Salver and Leonard amending Chapter 24 of the Town Code establishing registration requirements for condominiums and requiring the delivery of engineering reports, reflecting the condition of the buildings, including structural and life safety components, to the Town's Building Department.
- Approval of an ordinance on second reading approving Budget Amendment No. 3 to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget to adjust funds within the General Fund and Sewer Fund appropriations.
- Approval of an ordinance on second reading amending Section 20-5 and 20-6 of the Town Code increasing the monthly charges for water service to \$5.00 per one thousand gallons and to increase the minimum monthly service charges for each water meter to \$23.25.
- Approval of an ordinance on second reading amending Section 20-9 of the Town Code to increase the monthly base and flow charges for sewer service.
- Approval of a Mutual Aid Agreement between City of North Miami and Bay Harbor Islands Police Departments for shared police services.
- Approval of a proposal with AXON Technologies for the procurement of police officers body worn cameras.
- Approval to allocate \$1,000 to Camillus House, a non-profit organization.

## SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY BY JOINING A COMMITTEE AND/OR BOARD

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

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

**Charter and Ordinance Committee** serves in an advisory capacity to the Town Council and recommend, any amendments necessary to reform or update the Town Charter and Code.

**If you are interested in volunteering to serve, submit a letter of interest and resume to the Town Clerk Alba L. Chang at [achang@bayharborislands-fl.gov](mailto:achang@bayharborislands-fl.gov)**