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There has never been a better time to be a resident of Bay Harbor Islands. Over the last several years, our Town has progressed into the finest community in Florida. Our shops are thriving, our restaurants are drawing crowds, our parks are expanding (more on that in a moment), community events are frequent and highly attended, and most importantly, our police department is second to none. In fact, many new residents discovered our Town as tourists, and decided to move here after learning how special this town is we call home. We owe our collective gratitude to an amazing Town staff and the dedication of our police officers.

Unfortunately, the recent recognition of our Town as a paradise has also led to issues familiar to many successful communities. Our Town cannot escape the rising housing costs experienced by much of the nation. We are aware the recent escalation in rents is putting an unbearable strain on many long-term Town residents. Given that this is a problem in all areas of Miami-Dade County, there is not much our Town government can do to alleviate the issue. That is not the news many citizens want to hear, but it is the truth, something you always deserve to be provided by elected officials. Nevertheless, there is something you can do to help. If you learn of the possible availability of an apartment or condominium in Bay Harbor Islands, please inform your neighbors and other Bay Harbor Islands residents as soon as possible. While we always welcome new residents, we want current residents to be able to remain a part of this community we all love.



On a much brighter note, our Town Picnic was a huge success, with attendance eclipsing 700 residents. Our gratitude again to the Broad Family Foundation for their continued support of this annual event. May brings us a variety of additional events such as our BHI Car Show, movie night, Police Bike Rodeo, Touch a Truck and another Concert in the Park. Please see the inside of this newsletter for details on each, and we hope you are able to attend them all. Finally, the information about our expanding park space. As noted in previous Mayor Messages, the Town is constructing a new park that will provide residents with water access, including kayak and paddle board launches. The initial designs for the park have been reviewed by our Parks and Recreation Committee, and the Town is working to finalize plans and start construction. This new park, along with other planned initiatives, is but a small demonstration of the Town's progress. Together, we will continue to build and enhance our ideal community.

New Council Member Takes Oath at Organizational Meeting

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands held its annual Organizational Meeting on April 13, a week after the 2022 Municipal election on April 5. Two candidates ran for one open seat on the Town Council and Teri D'Amico was the winner. She took her oath of office given by Interim Town Clerk Yvonne Hamilton (top left).



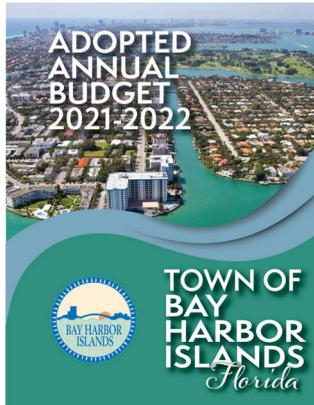
The Town Council then selected Mayor Josh Fuller and Vice Mayor Elizabeth Tricoche to serve another year in their respective roles and they also took the oath of office (top right). Mayor Fuller gave the oath of office to Town Attorney Joseph Geller.



Bay Harbor Islands Town Council for 2022-23. (L-R) Council Members Isaac Salver, Teri D'Amico, Robert Yaffe, Vice Mayor Elizabeth Tricoche, Council Member Molly Diallo, Mayor Joshua Fuller and Council Member Stephanie Bruder.

Finance Director Honored

Congratulations to the Town's Finance Director Peter Kajokas and his team for being awarded the GFOA Award for the Town of Bay Harbor Islands' 2021-2022 Adopted Annual Budget. The prestigious award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting.



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HIRING

TO APPLY, GO TO [TINY.ONE/BHI-GOV-JOBS](https://tiny.one/bhi-gov-jobs) OR SCAN THE QR CODE

TOUCH A TRUCK

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 10 AM - 12 PM
9665 BAY HARBOR TERRACE
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 786-646-9970

TOWN OF BAY HARBOR ISLANDS

Car Show On The Concourse

77TH ANNIVERSARY

May 15, 2022 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 on Kane Concourse
 Bay Harbor Islands
 "The Best Kept Secret on the Water"



BAY HARBOR ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

CONGRATULATIONS TO OFFICERS AND CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR



Detectives Castellanos and Murado have been named the BHI Police Department Officers of the Year and BHI Police Dispatch Supervisor Linda Presendieu PD Civilian of the Year, by their peers in the department. Congratulations to each of you for your outstanding performance and unwavering commitment to excellence in serving the Town. For more info visit www.bayharborislands-fl.gov



Around the BHIPD



In April, members of the Police Department and Explorers participated in the 2022 District 4 Police and Kids Community Fishing Event hosted by Miami-Dade County Commissioner Sally Heyman's Office. A fun time was had by all.

To celebrate Telecommunicators Week, the BHI PD shared its appreciation for the dedication of its five Police Dispatchers: Giselle Estopinan, Tomas Figueroa, Natasha Gomez, Brittney Moise and Police Dispatch Supervisor Linda Presendieu. We thank you all for your service to our community.

On April 20, BHI Police Officer Tim Ledroux represented the Town's PD behind the wheel of our newly wrapped Autism Awareness police vehicle, joining other local agency vehicles in the Autism Acceptance and Awareness Police Caravan 2022 across South Florida.

Mini-FLOW
Florida Licensing on Wheels
FRIDAY, JUNE 10 • 10 AM – 2 PM
MORRIS N. BROAD COMMUNITY CENTER

The Mini-FLOW is a convenient way to renew a driver license or ID card, get a replacement driver license, change your name or address, renew a vehicle registration, obtain a disabled parking placard or purchase a specialty license plate. Fees vary, based on the service.

Go to tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register and click on "Town Events" to make an appointment. If you have not made an account on the event registration site, you must do so to register. Visit flhsmv.gov or call (850) 617-2000 for more information on obtaining a Florida driver license or photo ID card.

POLICE BICYCLE SAFETY RODEO

2022

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SAT., MAY 28 * 9 AM - 12 PM
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ONLINE REGISTRATION AND INFO
AT TINYURL.COM/BHIPD-APP



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT - STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION

Bay Harbor Islands is taking steps to improve the quality of our surface waters by reducing the amount of pollution carried to our waterways due to stormwater runoff. Stormwater is water that originates from rain and enters the Town's stormwater system. Precipitation that is not absorbed into the ground due to an impervious surface, like concrete or asphalt, is considered stormwater runoff. The Town's stormwater system is designed to collect stormwater runoff in catch basins and storm drains and channel that water to our waterways using a network of underground pipes that make up our stormwater system. A variety of toxic pollutants are washed from the streets and parking lots into storm drains, waterways, and ultimately to the ocean. These pollutants include leaking oil, antifreeze, and gasoline from motor vehicles; copper dust which is released from motor vehicle brake pad linings; rubber tire dust; soaps and chemicals used to wash motor vehicles; waste motor oil, from vehicles and equipment; and fertilizers, pesticides and insecticides. This pollution is called non-point source pollution because it comes from unidentifiable sources making it hard to regulate and prevent. Stormwater pollution has a significant effect on surface waters and is a major problem in cities all over the country.



HOW YOU CAN HELP THE TOWN

The best way to reduce stormwater pollution is to stop it at its source. Keep your storm drains clean and free of debris. Remember that pollutants flushed down storm drains directly affects the quality of our waterways and could make them unsafe for boating, fishing, swimming, and other water activities. Here are tips to help keep our waterways clean:

- Don't work on your car in a place where oil and grease could be washed into street gutters. Used motor oil should be contained and taken to a collection center. Most automotive shops provide this service.
- Grass clippings should be bagged and disposed of with yard waste. Dumping grass clippings down a storm drain can slow storm water flow, and clog the drains.
- Do not wash dirty paint brushes under an outdoor faucet. Chances are the dirty rinse water will flow into a storm drain and into our waterways. Water-based paints can be washed in the sink and oil-based paint should be cleaned with a paint thinner, filtered out, wrapped in newspaper and discarded with the trash.
- Pet dropping should not be discarded in storm drains or left in the yard. Dispose it in your garden, trash bins or toilet.
- When washing your vehicle, park on grass or some other area that can absorb the runoff water. Washing your car on the street sends all the chemicals used to clean your car into a catch basin and directly into our water.
- Use pesticides sparingly and don't fertilize right before it rains.
- Try to keep trash and other debris out of gutters and away from catch basins.

ILLICIT DISCHARGES DETECTION AND ELIMINATION

An illicit discharge is defined as any discharge into the Town's storm drain system that is not composed entirely of stormwater. Exceptions include water from firefighting activities and allowable discharges from facilities that are covered by an NPDES permit. Illicit discharges are a problem because, unlike municipal wastewater which flows to a treatment plant, stormwater generally flows directly into our Biscayne Bay without any additional treatment.

WHY DO WE NEED TO IDENTIFY AND REPORT ILLICIT DISCHARGES?

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program was created in 1972 by the Clean Water Act (CWA) and helps address water pollution by regulating sources of pollution to waters of the United States. The Town of Bay Harbor Islands is a municipality permitted under the NPDES program. In order to comply with our permit, the Town must establish regulations prohibiting illicit discharges into the system and provide sufficient means to monitor and enforce local discharge regulations.

WHAT TYPES OF THINGS ARE NOT ALLOWED?

In addition to obvious pollutants such as oils, antifreeze and chemicals, many normal household activities can cause an illicit discharge. Dumping yard waste, draining chlorinated swimming pool water and household wastewater from washing machines, dishwashers or water softening devices into storm drains and canals are also classified as illicit discharges. Even sweeping grass clippings into a storm drain is an illicit discharge. The Town's inlets and pipes eventually make their way to Biscayne Bay. Even if there is no direct connection to a stormwater inlet or pipe, contaminants discharged on the ground can make their way through the groundwater and contaminate the receiving water bodies.

WHAT TO DO IF I SEE AN ILLICIT DISCHARGE

It is imperative that illicit discharges be detected, reported and corrected as early as possible to minimize harm to the environment. If you see or suspect illegal dumping or illicit discharges into the Town's drainage system, call the Public Works Department (305) 866-6241 or email Town Engineer Jose Custodio to jcustodio@bayharborislands-fl.gov. If possible, tell the dispatcher what is being dumped, time of the day, location of the illicit dumping and (if applicable) a license plate number of the vehicle or trailer involved. Include in the email subject line the words "POTENTIAL ILLICIT DISCHARGE" and the closest address to the observed condition. Public Works and Code Enforcement will promptly investigate the matter to determine if an Illicit discharge is occurring and facilitate corrective action if warranted.

More information on the NPDES program can be found at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's web page <https://www.epa.gov/npdes> and information related to stormwater discharge from construction activities is available at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater-discharges-construction-activities>

TIDAL VALVES PROJECT – WEST ISLAND

The Town is moving in the right direction to become more resilient to King Tide events with the installation of in-line check valves (tidal valves, *see left below*) to prevent brackish water from the Biscayne Bay enter the Town streets through the stormwater inlets during a King Tide. We are working with David Mancini & Sons, Inc. to improve the infrastructure to alleviate flooding events caused by high tides. The current project on the West Island is for the installation of eight valves, but the plan is to install these valves in every outfall of the Town including both islands. The work includes the cleaning of these outfall lines where the valves are being installed (see center and right).



TOWN OF BAY HARBOR ISLANDS
CONCERT IN THE PARK
FEATURING PALO!
SUNDAY, MAY 22ND AT 7 PM
AT THE 95TH STREET PARK
RESIDENTS ONLY, WITH I.D. BRING A
BLANKET OR CHAIR BUT NO PETS, PLEASE.

BAY HARBOR ISLANDS
Town Manager's
Causeway Clean-up
SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH AT
8:00 A.M.
MEET UP IS AT THE
CAUSEWAY CHEVRON
REGISTER AT [TINYURL.COM/BHI-APP](https://tinyurl.com/BHI-APP)

Go to: tiny.one/i-volunteer



Basking at the Earth Day Picnic and Celebration

On a delightful spring afternoon, a record number of residents enjoyed food, music, activities, rides and family fun with neighbors at the Annual Anita & Morris Broad Earth Day Picnic and Celebration at the 95th Street Park. Thanks to the Broad and Bussel families, Community Services, Public Works, crossing guards, Police Explorers and the Police Department.



Hundreds Enjoy the Spring Egg Hunt

Children of all ages held tight to their baskets and bags as they poured into the Town's annual egg hunt at the Officer Scott A. Winters Park. Sorted by age, waves of toddlers up to 12-year-olds searched for the golden eggs, took photos with the bunny and had tattoos painted on their arms. Thanks to all for making the event a success.





BAY HARBOR ISLANDS COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

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

GET A JUMP START ON FALL CLASSES AT OUR SUMMER TUTORING PROGRAM!
 4 WEEK PROGRAM - JULY 11 - AUG 8
 9 - 11 A.M., MONDAY - THURSDAY
 TOTALLY FREE FOR BAY HARBOR ISLANDS STUDENTS GRADES K-8

email jjacobi@bayharborislands-fl.gov or call 786-835-8047 for more info!

SPACE IS LIMITED! PROOF OF RESIDENCE REQUIRED



SENIORS ON THE GO

MORIKAMI MUSEUM AND GARDENS

FRIDAY MAY 13, 2022

Bus leaves Community Center at 9:30 a.m. Explore this fascinating center for Japanese arts and culture that includes two museums, several gardens, a library, gift shop and a Japanese restaurant. Residents only. The cost is \$13.



2022 SUMMER CAMP

BAY HARBOR ISLANDS



Register for Summer Camp!

June 13-August 5, 2022, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Ruth K. Broad Bay K-8 Center

SPECIAL CLASSES INCLUDE: FOOTBALL • SOCCER • BASKETBALL • KUNG FU • TENNIS • COMPUTERS • AND MORE!

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OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

Come and see "Clifford the Big Red Dog" on Saturday, May 21, 8 p.m. at the 95th Street Park.

Bring your own chair or blanket, but leave your pets at home. Popcorn and snow cones will be available.



BOOK CLUB MEETS ON MAY 11

The Book Club is back and meeting in person. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Morris N. Broad Community Center and discuss "Renegades: Born in the USA" by Bruce Springsteen and Barack Obama. The June book will be "Cloud Cuckoo Land" by Anthony Doer. All are welcome!



PROGRAMS

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TOT & YOUTH

STORY TIME IN THE PARK - At the Tot Lot at 4 p.m. on the first Friday of the month and at the 98th Street Park at 4 p.m. on the third Friday of the month.

PEE-WEE SOCCER - At the 95th Street Park on Sunday and Wednesday for children, ages 12 months to 5 years. Times vary by age. 8-weeks, \$105 residents.

JUST YOU & ME CLUB - For parent and child ages 2-4. Fridays, 4-5 p.m. 8-weeks \$80 residents/\$140 non.

YOUTH GAME ROOM - Fridays from 3-5 p.m. and weekends from 12-4 p.m.

ADULTS & SENIORS

TAI CHI - At the Morris N. Broad Community Center Tuesday and Thursday, 10:30-11:30 a.m. 8 weeks.

COMPUTER CLASS - Wednesday 11 a.m.-1 p.m. 4 weeks. <https://tinyurl.com/BHI-Seniors>

ADULT YOGA - At the Morris N. Broad Community Center on Monday and Thursday, 9:30-10:30 a.m. 8 weeks. \$90 residents/\$130 non. Saturday yoga class is at 10-11 a.m. 8 weeks. \$30.

ADULT ZUMBA - Tuesday and Thursday 6:30-7:30 p.m. \$80 residents/\$120 non. 8 weeks.

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Mayor

Elizabeth Tricoche
Vice Mayor

Stephanie Bruder
Council Member

Teri D'Amico
Council Member

Molly Diallo
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Isaac Salver
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EMERGENCY: 911

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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.

- Retirement Board, Wednesday, May 11 at 9:30 a.m.
- Design and Review Committee, Wednesday, May 11 at 11:30 a.m.
- Regular Council, Wednesday, May 11 at 7 p.m.
- Special Council, Thursday, May 12 at 6 p.m.
- Design Review Board, Tuesday, May 17, 7 p.m.

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. As the date becomes close, contact www.bayharborislands-fl.gov

Future Tentative Meetings

Design Review Board: Tuesday, June 7 at 7 p.m.

Regular Town Council: Wednesday, June 8 at 7 p.m.

Committee Meetings: TBA

ALL MEETING DATES ARE
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Highlights of the Regular Town Council April 13, 2022

- Oath of Office to new Council Member Teri D'Amico.
- Re-election of Joshua Fuller as Mayor and Elizabeth Tricoche as Vice Mayor by the Town Council, pursuant to Section 2.02 of the Town Charter.
- Approval of a Resolution re-appointing Joseph Geller as the Town Attorney.
- Approval of a Resolution adopting Title VI Plan update for the Town of Bay Harbor Islands. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance.
- Approval of an interlocal agreement between Co-Permittees named in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. FLS000003 and Miami-Dade County providing for performance of professional services by Miami-Dade County, and also between all Co-Permittees (including Bay Harbor Islands) providing for identification and control of pollutant discharges in shared-municipal separate storm sewer systems.
- Approval of an ordinance on second reading amending Chapter 23 of the Town Code of Ordinances establishing additional regulations for Vacation Rentals on the Town's east island, including the requirement for a separate Vacation Rental License with the Business Tax Receipt.