



# Bay Harbor Islands

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As we enter the latter part of summer, a new school year approaches, and with it a responsibility for us all to take extra caution when driving around our Town. Young children will fill our streets, cross our roads, and, as children tend to do, suddenly appear where we least expect. Please put your phone down and pay attention to the road. A child's life is worth far more than checking a text.

At the same time, the Town is in budget season, which means we are currently assessing our finances to determine how to provide residents the most services while remaining within our financial means. Your Town Council is very aware recent inflation and fuel costs are taking a bite out of everyone's personal budget. That is why we are intent on not increasing taxes, yet maintaining Bay Harbor Islands' wide variety of benefits to its residents. While recent construction has been difficult to live through, the added tax revenue from these developments is greatly assisting in funding the Town's essential services.

While living within our budget, the Town is proceeding with multiple projects, including a park with water access (and a kayak/paddleboard launch), renovated traditional parks and dog parks, repaving our older roads, building an artificial reef (get your snorkel ready), designing a replacement for the drawbridge, upgrading our sewer and water lines, installing electric charging stations, adding parking for the commercial district, increasing Town events and expanding offerings at the community center. Even with the cost and efforts expended for all of these projects, our Town remains financially healthy and committed to providing exceptional service to its residents. If there are any other projects or services you wish the Town to consider, please do not hesitate to contact Town Hall or any member of the Town Council.

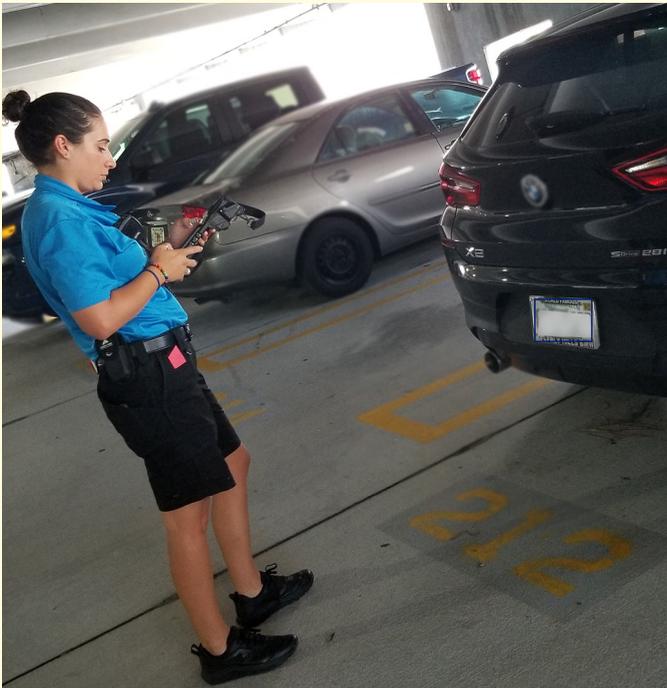
Bay Harbor Islands continues to serve as a model small community within a large metropolis. Our success is not due to any one factor, but rather the combination of incredible residents, devoted leadership, open government, smart fiscal management, professional law enforcement and Town staff that routinely goes well beyond their job requirements. Together, let's have a safe new school year, and a spectacular end of summer.



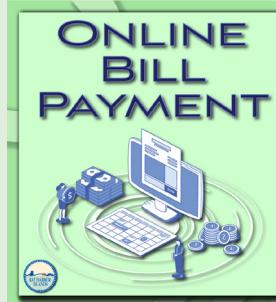


## Welcome Parking Enforcement Officer Lucia Almerares

Welcome our new team member, Officer Almerares. She will be assisting our Parking Enforcement, Police Department and Code Compliance in the off-hours and on weekends, enforcing parking regulations in our business district, responding to reserved parking complaints, photographing suspecting code violations and more. Please be sure to wave hello!



## Sign Up for Electronic Billing



Get your water bill via email or text! Go to [tinyurl.com/bhi-app](https://tinyurl.com/bhi-app), fill out the form and you are in! You can pay your water bill online as well.

You can also purchase a Toll Pass Plan, pay your Exclusive Parking Lease, Business Tax and more at [tiny.one/bhi-pay](https://tiny.one/bhi-pay).

### Selling your home? Moving? Don't forget to close your water account. You may be due a refund for a deposit!

**Call the Water Department at 305-866-6241**

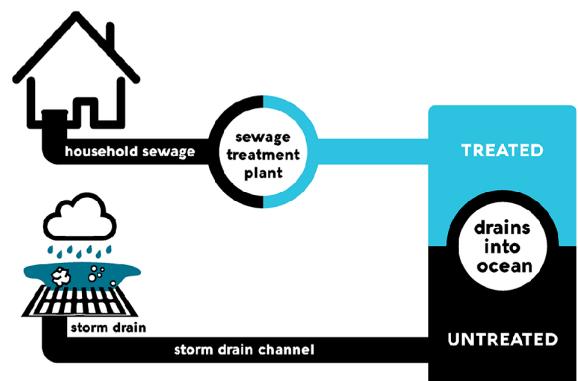
## Storm Drains Are Not Sewers

Each year, millions of gallons of water run into the Town's storm drains and flow untreated into our surrounding waterways. Unfortunately, some people seem to confuse storm drains with sewers. It is important that everyone knows the difference.

Water inside our homes and businesses from sinks, bathtubs, washing machines, and toilets flows from your pipes into the sanitary sewer system. This water is channeled to a wastewater-treatment facility where it is treated or cleaned before being released to the ocean.

Water outside our homes and businesses is carried by the storm drain system, into underground pipes and open ditches and, untreated or cleaned, is discharged into our local waterways, eventually flowing into the ocean.

Help protect our waterways. Visit <https://www.bayharborislands-fl.gov/408/Storm-Drains-are-NOT-Sewers> to learn more and as with any crime – if you see something, say something! Report illegal dumping and other environmental complaints to the Division of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) complaint desk at 305-372-6955 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or by emailing [environmentalcomplaints@miamidade.gov](mailto:environmentalcomplaints@miamidade.gov).





## Police Participate in Active Shooter Training

The BHI Police Department is committed to providing our officers the most advanced technology, equipment, best practices, and training available. To this end, the department has been engaged in active shooter training exercises. This annual training is designed to prepare our officers for this type of emergency. Your BHI Police stand fully trained, equipped and ready should they be faced with an active shooter scenario.



## Explorers to Receive Badges



Join us at the Wednesday, August 10 Council Meeting at 7 p.m. as the BHI Police Explorers are presented with their badges!

## Obscuring Your License Plate Will Cost You

The Bay Harbor Islands Police Department is actively enforcing Florida Statute, 316.605 which prohibits drivers from obscuring their vehicle license plate by any means – and that includes plate frames, covers, trailers, bicycle and wheelchair racks, dirt and grease.

Florida Statute 316.605 requires that, “all letters, numerals, printing, writing, the registration decal, and the alphanumeric designation shall be clear and distinct and free from defacement, mutilation, grease, and other obscuring matter, so that they will be plainly visible and legible at all times 100 feet from the rear.”

**PIZZA WITH THE POLICE**  
**7 PM THURSDAY AUGUST 11TH**  
**AT THE MORRIS N. BROAD COMMUNITY CENTER**

*Come have a slice and get some safety advice!*

*Drowning in despair?  
 You don't need to go it alone.  
 Dial 9-8-8  
 wherever you are.*



# BAY HARBOR ISLANDS COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

Call (786) 646-9970 • Open Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday-Sunday 9:30 a.m.- 6 p.m.

## SENIORS ON THE GO

### PHILLIP & PATRICIA FROST MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2022

Join us for a visit to world-renowned Phillip & Patricia Frost Museum of Science. The cost of the trip is \$30 per person and includes entrance to the planetarium, aquarium and an array of exhibits. Proof of Town residence is required for registering. Residents may bring guests but must register for their group. The bus will depart from the Morris N. Broad Community Center at 9:30 a.m. on August 13th.



## SENIORS ON THE GO: ALL ABOARD FOR ART, LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT

In June, a group traveled to South Florida's Redland for the annual **Fruit & Spice Summer Festival** and enjoyed a showcase of local agriculture and rare fruits to learn about, taste and buy.

Residents learn about the tropical jackfruit tree and its huge fruit.



On this trip the Seniors on the Go explored the **Morikami Museum and Gardens** in May and enjoyed Japanese arts and culture in the two museums, beautiful gardens, lake, library, restaurant and gift shop.



◀ This group took a riverboat cruise and island adventure on Ft. Lauderdale's longest running tourist attraction, the **Jungle Queen Riverboat**. The evening included dinners and show.



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## AFTER-SCHOOL RECREATION PROGRAM

Sports, art, music, language and tutoring are waiting for students at the Town's popular After-School Recreation Program at the Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center. Fees are based on annual (complete 2022-2023 school year) or seasonal rates.

**SIGN UP ONLINE BEGINNING MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022**

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

**PROGRAMS WILL BEGIN MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2022**



## SENIOR MATINEE

### GRUMPIER OLD MEN

Enjoy the popular film of the elderly and contentious friends Max (Walter Matthau) and John (Jack Lemmon) who bicker when their kids get engaged. But the real flares start between the men when newcomer Maria (Sophia Loren) comes to town. The free matinee will be at the Morris Broad Community Center and showed at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 14. Please arrive early for seating.



## BAY HARBOR ISLANDS BOOK CLUB AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER READS

Join us every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Morris Broad Community Center. New faces are always welcome!

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

#### THE GUNCLE BY STEVEN ROWLEY

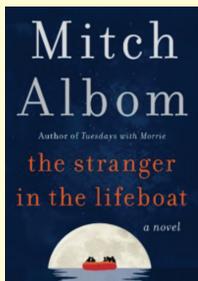
From the bestselling author Steven Rowley of *Lily and the Octopus* and *The Editor*, *The Guncle* is a warm, funny novel about a once-famous gay sitcom star whose unexpected family tragedy leaves him with his niece and nephew. It is deeply moving and laugh-out-loud funny!



### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

#### THE STRANGER IN THE LIFEBOAT BY MITCH ALBOM

#1 New York Times Bestseller, author of *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* and *Tuesdays with Morrie*, *The Stranger In The Lifeboat* begins when an explosion on a yacht leaves ten people struggling to survive in a lifeboat. They spot a man floating on the waves. They pull him in, and he claims to be God. This is a novel of profound hope and faith.



## Resident Morris Rapport Celebrates His 102nd Birthday



For more than six years, Morris Rapport has been a regular at the Community Center's Tai Chi classes. On July 22, Morris celebrated his 102nd birthday! Members of the class helped him celebrate with gifts and a cake. Happy Birthday, Morris!

## PROGRAMS

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### TOT & YOUTH

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

**PEE-WEE SOCCER** - At the 95th Street Park on Sundays and Wednesdays for children, from 12 months to 5 years. Times vary by age. \$105 residents/\$120 non, 8-weeks.

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

### ADULTS & SENIORS

**TAI CHI** - Tuesday and Thursday, 10:30-11:30 a.m., \$50 residents/\$70 non, 8 weeks

**COMPUTER CLASS** - Wednesday 11 a.m.-1 p.m. \$50 residents/\$60 non, 4 weeks.

**ADULT YOGA** - Monday and Thursday, 9:30-10:30 a.m. \$90 residents/\$130 non. Saturday yoga class is at 10-11 a.m., \$30 residents/\$50 non, 8 weeks.

**ADULT ZUMBA** - Monday and Wednesday 6:30-7:30 p.m. \$80 residents/\$120 non, 8 weeks.

### YOUTH GAME ROOM HOURS

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



**Mini-FLOW**  
Florida Licensing on Wheels  
AT  
MORRIS N. BROAD COMMUNITY CENTER

Please go to [tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register](http://tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register) and click on Town Events to make an appointment. You will need an account to register. First come, first served.

# How Old is Your SunPass Transponder?

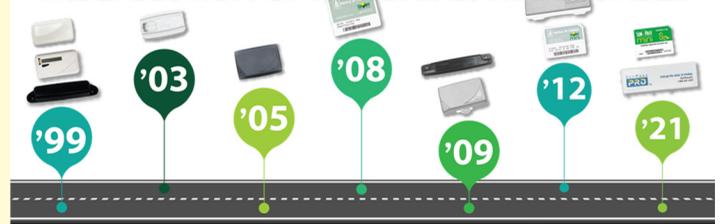
The Broad Causeway SunPass Toll turns 8-years-old this September and many of you are still using the same transponder you purchased back then. If that sounds like you, it's time you invest in a new one. If your portable transponder is more than 4-years old and your sticker more than two, not only are they past their warranty date, they are also likely to be less reliable. Since the Broad Causeway SunPass Toll is an unmanned toll, having a working transponder is vital, especially if you own a Pass Plan. To replace or purchase a new SunPass transponder, visit [www.sunpass.com](http://www.sunpass.com).

Why is it so important? Well, here's how it works:

- As a car approaches the toll plaza, sensor strips embedded in the road alert the electronic toll-system that a car has entered. These sensors also detect the number of axles a vehicle has, as well as the speed the vehicle is travelling.
- Cameras positioned at various locations in the toll-lane record video and still photos of the vehicle and its license plate(s).

- Antennas are positioned above each toll lane. If the vehicle passing beneath has a readable transponder, the radiofrequency (RF) field emitted from the antenna activates the transponder.
- The transponder then broadcasts a signal back to the antenna/reader containing its transponder tag number.
- That information is transferred from the lane antenna to the central database allowing the transponder transaction to be properly processed.
- If no signal is received from the transponder, the video and stills are sent on to FDOT for toll-by-plate processing.

## THE EVOLUTION OF THE SUNPASS TRANSPONDER



# SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m.  
9665 Bay Harbor Terrace



Join us for the official dedication of the gift of Love from former Mayor Linda Zilber to the Town of Bay Harbor Islands

# TOWN OF BAY HARBOR ISLANDS



SEPTEMBER 11, 2001  
REMEMBRANCE



SEPTEMBER 11, 2022  
AT 9:00 AM



# NEVER FORGET.

ALWAYS BE IN THE KNOW - FOLLOW US!



@bhipolice  
@bayharborislands

# Back to School Tips for Parking and Safety

The first day of school at Ruth Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center is Wednesday, August 17. Parking Enforcement is reminding parents and guardians about what you should and should not do while dropping off and picking up students each day.

- DO park and walk your child to or from the school entrance.
- DON'T leave your vehicle unattended in the carpool lane or park in private lots, spaces marked RESERVED or anywhere else illegally, even for just a few minutes. Unattended and illegally parked vehicles will be cited or towed.
- DO park in the Municipal Parking Garage or, if the Garage is full, park in the 95th Street lot just east of the 95th Street Plaza. Parking is free at both locations on weekdays during school zone times, 7:30-8:45 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m., except Wednesday afternoons when it's free from 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- DON'T obstruct traffic when dropping off or picking up your child. There is no stopping, standing or parking anywhere on 95th street during school zone hours.

- Never block access to or from the Fire Station. This area must remain clear to allow the Fire Department to respond to emergencies.
- DO follow the traffic pattern that directs drivers who choose not to park in the garage or lot to the designated drop off and pick up point.
- DON'T jaywalk when walking to and from school with your child. Children will learn from your example.
- DO cross at the corner of the street and remind your children to do the same.
- DO remind your children that they must walk their bikes when using crosswalks and to listen to the crossing guards as they are there to keep them safe. Crossing guards will be present at every major intersection for this purpose.
- DO remind your children that safety is our biggest concern so please: no skateboards, bicycles, running or electric scooters are allowed in the Municipal Parking Garage.
- DO enjoy the rest of the summer and have a super start to the new school year!



## NEW BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

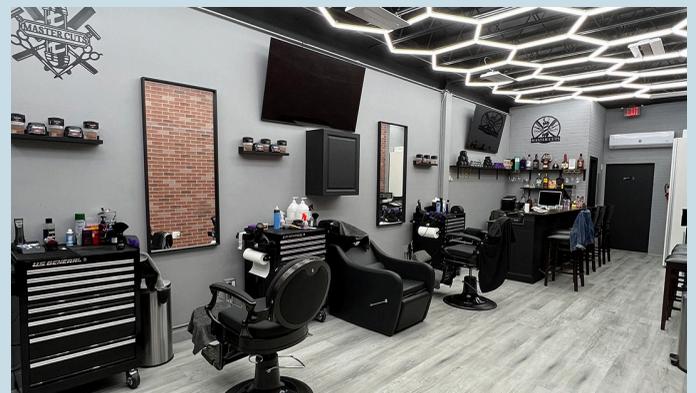
### Master Cuts Barbershop is Looking Good

Just off Kane Concourse at 9570 Bay Harbor Terrace is Master Cuts Barbershop, offering all types of haircuts to young and old. In addition to haircuts, staffers Alex and Sam cut beards, provide hot towel shaves and do quick shape ups for hair and beards.



They also have discounts for kids and seniors (65+).

Master Cuts Barbershop is open Sunday–Thursday, 10 a.m.– 7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and is closed Saturdays. Make an appointment today. Call (305) 890-8101.



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**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.

- Regular Council, Wednesday, Aug. 10 at 7 p.m.
- Development Review Committee, Aug. 11 at 11 a.m.
- Design Review Board, Tuesday, Aug. 16 at 7 p.m.
- Special Master hearing, Wednesday, Aug. 30 at 10 a.m.

Public Meetings are held at the Mayor Joseph J. Gardner Government Center. All persons are welcome to attend in person.

The following future tentative meeting dates are subject to change.

## Future Tentative Meetings

- Design Review Board, September 6, at 7 p.m.
- Special Council, First Budget Public Hearing on Tentative Budget, Sept. 14, at 6 p.m.
- Regular Council, Sept. 14, 2022 at 7 p.m.
- Special Council, Final Budget Public Hearing, Sept. 28 at 6 p.m.

Town Hall and the Morris N. Broad Community Center will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 5, 2022.

## Highlights of the Special Town Council on June 29

- Approval of a Resolution increasing the amount of the per parking space fee under the Town Parking Trust Program from \$20,000 to \$35,000 per space.
- Approval of an ordinance on Second Reading amending Section 23-12(15)(a) of the Town Code to establish land development regulations for balconies on buildings constructed in the Gateway "G" District.
- The grant of an appeal to Bay Harbor Islands Property Owner II for development of the proposed La Baia North Project at 9431, 9461 and 9481 East Bay Harbor Drive, which will consist of a seven-story, 57-unit condominium dwelling structure. Approval of a Parking Trust Payment Agreement for payment of \$780,000 to the Town's Parking Trust for a portion of the required parking spaces in lieu of the Developer providing all of the project's required on-site parking. Approval of alternative parking arrangements with 24/7 valet parking and tandem parking.

## Topics anticipated for discussion or possible action at the August 10 Town Council meeting

- Consideration of a request by BH Investment, LLC, to be heard during Public Hearing, for a variance from Section 23-12(6)(b) (iii); Section 23-12(8); Section 23-12(6)(v) and Section 23-12(6) (a)(x) of the Town Code to construct a boat dock facility at 1135 103<sup>rd</sup> Street.
- Consideration of an ordinance on second reading amending Chapter 5, Section 5 3/4-16 of the Town Code clarifying the authority of the Litigation Committee.