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While we were spared the worst of Hurricane Ian, we witnessed a taste of the power of a major storm. Here's the truth... Bay Harbor Islands did experience some flooding and our infrastructure was damaged. Many of our streets were underwater, and our sewer pumps were overwhelmed. Thankfully, our Public Works Department (and other staff) rose to the occasion, and our residents did not suffer any loss of water service to their homes. Nevertheless, the heavy rain event demonstrated our vulnerability and reinforced what we already knew... more needs to be done to protect our islands from flooding.

Here's another truth ... your Town Council is working to limit our exposure to future flooding events. As islands, we cannot completely prevent flooding, nor can we alone solve the global issue of rising sea levels. However, we can take precautionary measures that improve drainage and reduce our chances of a local catastrophic flooding event. Our sewer pumps are being replaced with more powerful units, we are working on replacing our emergency generator, the Town Council voted to seek a private company to evaluate the installation of injection wells, we are limiting the reverse flow of water from our street drains, and additional measures are being considered to further mitigate future damage. None of these actions alone solve the problem, but cumulatively they will reduce flooding.



Another issue being addressed by the Town Council is parking. There is no debate the lack of parking spaces for residents is frustrating, a nuisance and detrimental to our quality of life in Bay Harbor Islands. The construction of new residences (which also brings daily workers), the recent popularity of our Town for permanent rather than seasonal residents, and the thriving commercial district have all placed an extraordinary strain on our existing parking supply. In response, the Town is planning on building an additional parking garage, has limited new developments' ability to reduce their on-site parking requirements, and is evaluating additional actions to improve residents' priority to existing street parking.

Despite these growing pains, Bay Harbor Islands is rapidly improving and planning for an even better future. Our concert series is upon us, the car show was a success, additional restaurants and stores are opening, movie nights are filled with residents, and we are in the planning stages for our first arts festival, which will take place February 4th-5th (please save the date). It takes time, but we are determined to address all of our infrastructure matters (including the construction of a replacement of the causeway bridge), while at the same time minimizing impact on all of us that call Bay Harbor Islands home.



BAY HARBOR ISLANDS WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

BAY HARBOR ISLANDS ARTS FESTIVAL

Bay Harbor Islands Arts Festival February 4 - 5, 2023

In honor of our 75th anniversary, the Town of Bay Harbor Islands is excited to present our inaugural Arts Festival, February 4 – 5, 2023.

This two-day event will showcase works of art from all genres displayed along beautiful Kane Concourse, a wide variety of food and beverages, family activities, live music and more. So, mark February 4th & 5th on your calendars and be sure to join us!

- 60+ renowned artists
- Live art activations
- Live concerts & DJ music
- Food & beverage stations
- Family & children activities
- Free to public & pet friendly

Shepard Broad Causeway Updates & Information

As of October 1, 2022, both the SunPass and Toll-by-Plate rates were increased for Causeway usage, along with the cost of Pass Plans. Other changes have been implemented as well, over the past year and a half.

In June of 2021, a major milestone in national toll interoperability was achieved when Florida Toll Enterprise (FTE) began accepting EZPass for electronic payment of SunPass tolls and introduced SunPass PRO – which can be used on EZPass roads. Other toll-system transponders are now accepted for electronic toll payments (ETC) at SunPass tolls, as well. This allows seasonal residents and visitors to benefit from the lower SunPass rates, via their home-state toll-transponders. However, if you happen to have an out-of-state toll-pass transponder AND a SunPass, be sure to remove one of them from your vehicle or you will likely be charged twice.



and utilizes an Electronic Toll Collection system to process transactions. In order to benefit from a toll pass or other discount, you must utilize a SunPass transponder. Plates are not electronic so cannot be utilized for this purpose. If your transponder is not reading consistently, you may need to purchase a new one or reposition it.

For more information on this topic or to ask for help, email tbhi@bayharborislands-fl.gov or visit the Town’s website at www.bayharborislands-fl.gov and click on the “Shepard Broad Causeway” button.

PASS PLANS

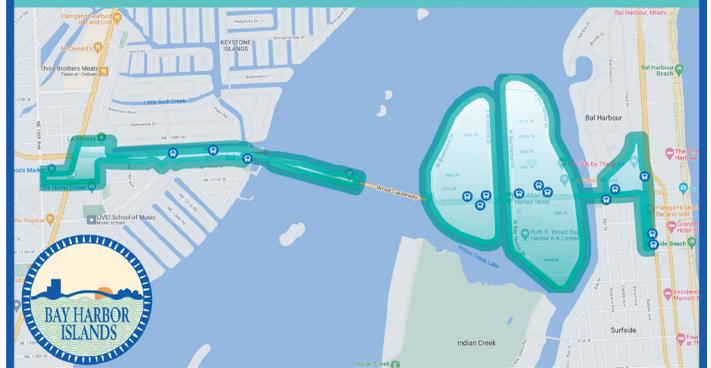
In July of 2021, the Town moved the Pass Plan application and payments to an online app, for new Pass Plans and renewals. The application can now be completed on a computer, tablet or smartphone. Additional changes were also made to facilitate application reviews. All applicants must now submit a photograph of their Florida Vehicle Registration and Florida Driver License. And payment is no longer submitted along with your application. The application will first be reviewed and verified by SunPass, before you get approval to pay, so check your SunPass account BEFORE you apply so you won’t be rejected.

One thing that hasn’t changed is the importance of having a correctly mounted, working transponder, and a properly funded SunPass account. The Shepard Broad Causeway, like most toll roads, is fully automated and unmanned

Coming to Bay Harbor Islands in mid-November - *Freebee*

The Freebee service will operate from 8 AM to 6 PM, 7-days a week, travelling up & down 96th in Bay Harbor Islands, to 123rd Street, stopping at popular commercial destinations (LA Fitness, Walgreens, restaurants, etc.) along the way. It will also travel to Whole Foods on Biscayne Boulevard, to the Bal Harbour shops and to the commercial district in Surfside, as far as 94th Street.

ON-DEMAND MAP FOR BAY HARBOR ISLANDS





BAY HARBOR ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

BAY HARBOR ISLANDS ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, November 11, 2022 • 9-11 AM

MAYOR JOSEPH J. GARDNER
GOVERNMENT CENTER
9665 BAY HARBOR TERRACE



Police Department Joins Recovery Efforts for Hurricane Ian



The Bay Harbor Islands Police Department (BHIPD) deployed officers to assist in the recovery efforts in southwest Florida after Hurricane Ian. They were assigned under the umbrella of the Miami Dade Chief's Association of Police and Miami Beach Police Department's unified command. Personnel deployed were Officer Robert Cargill, Corporal John Davilmar (center), Detective Alan Castellanos, Officer Timothy LeDroux (right).





BAY HARBOR ISLANDS COMMUNITY SERVICES

SAVE THE DATES



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 Veterans Day Celebration

Friday, November 11 • 9-11 a.m.

Mayor Joseph J. Gardner
Government Center

9665 Bay Harbor Terrace



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 Concert in the 96th Street Park • 7 p.m.



Bringing back the songs of the Temptations, Four Tops and Diane Ross, the Motowners will have you dancing and reminiscing. Residents only with I.D. Bring a blanket or chair, but no pets.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 Senior Social • 6-8 p.m.

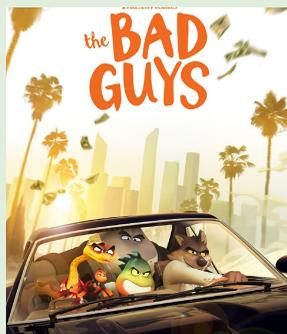
A free event with music, refreshments and friends!
At the Morris N. Broad Community Center.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Outdoor Movie Night

7 p.m. at the 96th Street Park.
Have fun with *The Bad Guys* as these criminal animals pretend to reform as model citizens.

Bring your own chair or blanket, keep pets at home. Popcorn and refreshments will be available.



DECEMBER

Sunday, Dec. 11 - Holiday Concert • 7 p.m.

The nationally-known musicians and vocalists of the Swing All Stars band will perform at the 96th Street Park.

Saturday, Dec. 17 - Outdoor Movie Night • 7 p.m.

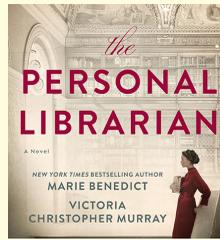
Enjoy the fun of *Minions: The Rise of Gru* at the 96th Street Park.

BAY HARBOR ISLANDS BOOK CLUB READS FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Join us every 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Morris Broad Community Center. All are welcome to the club!
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, AT 6 P.M.

THE PERSONAL LIBRARIAN

BY MARIA BENEDICT & VICTORIA CHRISTOPHER MURRY

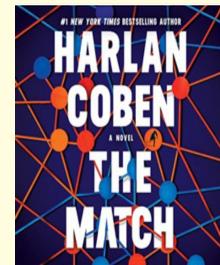


This is a remarkable novel about J.P. Morgan's personal librarian, Belle da Costa Greene, the Black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as white to leave a lasting legacy.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, AT 6 P.M.

THE MATCH

BY MARLAN COBEN



From the modern master of suspense, author Harlan Coben, is a gripping new thriller. Wilde follows a tip that may reveal the truth behind his abandonment, only to end up in the sights of a ruthless killer. Wilde returns to the Ramapo Mountains, in the a failed bid at domesticity, which confirms what he's known all along:

He belongs on his own, free from the comforts and constraints of modern life.

AFTER-SCHOOL RECREATION PROGRAM

Sports, art, music, language and tutoring are at the Town's popular After-School Recreation Program at the Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center.

Fees are based on annual or seasonal rates.
(complete 2022-2023 school year)

SIGN UP ONLINE
at tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register
PROGRAMS ARE UNDERWAY !

Morris N. Broad Community Center
1175 96th Street • (786) 646-9970
Open Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.,
Saturday-Sunday 9:30 a.m.- 6 p.m.



BAY HARBOR ISLANDS COMMUNITY SERVICES

SENIORS-ON-THE-GO

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY MUSEUM OF ART SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Located in downtown Fort Lauderdale, NSU Art Museum provides the highest level of visual artistic expression from around the world. Enjoy diverse and innovative exhibitions, dynamic education, public programs and an exceptional collection.

Proof of Town residence is required. Residents may bring guests but must register them. The bus will depart from Morris N. Broad Community Center at 10 a.m. Cost is \$8.

Next Senior on the Go – Trip to Knaus Berry Farm at January 18, 2023. Bus leaves at 9:30 a.m.



Winter BREAK CAMP

From Tuesday Dec. 27– Friday Jan. 6
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
space will be limited

SENIORS-ON-THE-GO VISIT VIZCAYA ON OCTOBER 22



ADULT & SENIOR PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	RESIDENTS/NON	DAYS & HOURS
Senior Yoga	\$50/\$100	Mon/Wed 9:30–10:30 a.m.
Senior Tai-Chi	\$50/\$100	Tues/Thur 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Senior Computer	\$50/\$100	Wed 11 a.m. –1 p.m.
Adult Yoga	\$90/\$150	Monday/Thurs 9–10 a.m.
Adult Zumba	\$90/\$150	Mon/Wed 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Mindfulness Classes (adult)	\$525/\$615	2 hours, coming soon
Senior Art Classes, 2 hours	\$80/\$130	Sunday 9:30–11:30 a.m.
Belly Dancing (all levels)	\$105/\$145	Sun/Wed 10–11a.m.
Mat Pilates	\$90/\$150	Tues/Thur 10:30–11:30 a.m.

TOT & YOUTH PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	RESIDENTS/NON	DAYS & HOURS
Pee Wee Soccer	\$105/\$200	Hours vary
Just You & Me Club	\$80/\$150	Friday 4:30–5:30 p.m.
Kids Piano	\$180/\$270	Wed hours vary
Kids Yoga	\$80/\$180	Mon/Fri (hours vary)
Mindfulness Classes - youth	\$300/\$450	1 hour, coming soon

YOUTH GAME ROOM HOURS

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

AFTER-SCHOOL RECREATION PROGRAMS

(9 MONTHS, TWICE A WEEK FROM SEPT.- JUNE)

PROGRAM	RESIDENT/NON	SEASON
Basketball (competitive)	\$375 \$600	Jan–June
Kung Fu	\$625 \$850	Aug - June
Soccer (competitive)	\$550 \$775	Aug - June
Volleyball	\$375 \$600	Oct - Jan
Art	\$625 \$850	Aug - June
Spanish	\$575 \$800	Aug - Dec
French	\$575 \$800	Aug - Dec
Study Hall/Homework Help, 1 day	\$200 \$425	Aug - Dec
Study Hall/Homework Help, 2 day	\$400 \$625	Aug - Dec
Study Hall/Homework Help, 3 day	\$600 \$825	Aug - Dec
Dance Classes	\$825 \$1,050	Aug - Dec
Flag Football	\$375 \$600	Aug - Dec
Portuguese	\$550 \$775	Oct - Jan

TO REGISTER PLEASE VISIT
tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register

Public Works Staff Worked Throughout Hurricane Ian

Before, during and after the Hurricane Ian Emergency, our Public Works staff worked continuously, providing support to our residents and maintaining the Town. Staff distributed approximately 1,000 sandbags to our residents, installed flood panels in the Town's Community Center to prevent flood problems, cleaned the Causeway the day after the hurricane and worked in our Main Sewer Pump Station to ensure its continuous operation for the Town.



Open House at the Morris N. Broad Community Center



Despite a Sunday thunderstorm, residents and families received a warm welcome at the October 8th Open House at the Morris N. Broad Community Center. Visitors were encouraged to register for programs and activities available this fall and into 2023. From yoga to belly dancing, to art classes and after-school programs, staff and teachers explained the list of programs available. The Open House also celebrated Hispanic Heritage with decorations, music and refreshments throughout the afternoon.



Make Holiday Season a Safety Season For Residents

When shopping during this year's holiday season, remain aware of your surroundings. Do not leave expensive purchased items inside your car such as laptops, iPhones, clothing and bags. Thieves target consumers who buy items left in the trunk or inside the car.

Never leave empty boxes with product labels outside your home on trash day. This is an easy sign for burglars looking for expensive items.

If you plan to leave your home during the holidays, please notify the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department so your residence can be added to our watch list. Have your neighbors call dispatch if they see anyone unknown/suspicious on your property. Social media is everyone's best friend, but post your vacation photos after returning from your vacation, instead of while you are away, so as not to advertise you are not home.

Be Aware of King Tides

Bay Harbor Islands residents should be aware of King Tides from November 6-9 and November 23-27. These higher-than-normal tides last about three hours. They occur annually and predictably in fall. High water levels caused by King Tides can cause flooding on streets or near waterways and the coast. Areas of the City at low elevation that are not coastal may also experience flooding during King Tides.





Autos and More Brings a Crowd to the Car Show on the Concourse

From new racing cars, to restored antiques, to one-of-a-kind machines built in a garage, the Car Show on the Concourse brought car lovers of all ages to Bay Harbor Islands Downtown Business District, on October 23rd. The variety of cars, music, refreshments and the beautiful fall Sunday kept the crowd coming throughout the afternoon.



Annual County Water Treatment November 6-20

From November 6 to 20 the Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department in partnership with the Florida Department of Health of Miami-Dade County will conduct an annual water chlorination using the free chlorine treatment to ensure safe drinking water for residents.



Chlorination is the process of adding chlorine to drinking water to kill parasites, bacteria and viruses, and provides protection against water-borne disease outbreaks. During this time period, customers may notice a chlorine taste or smell in the water. This is a temporary condition and does not cause adverse health effects. However, dialysis patients, individuals with health concerns, owners of tropical fish, restaurants and store owners with fish holding tanks are advised to seek professional advice.

Joshua D. Fuller
Mayor

Elizabeth Tricoche
Vice Mayor

Stephanie Bruder
Council Member

Teri D'Amico
Council Member

Molly Diallo
Council Member

Isaac Salver
Council Member

Robert Yaffe
Council Member

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Joseph Geller
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Police: (305) 866-6242

EMERGENCY: 911

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.

- Election Day
Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Regular Council,
Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.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.

Design Review Board,
Tuesday, December 6 at 7 p.m.

Regular Council,
Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Community Meetings – TBA

Highlights of the Town Council on October 19

- Consideration and Ratification of a proposal by David Mancini & Sons, Inc. for the amount of \$145,351.97 for the Emergency By-pass work for the Town's Sewer Main Pump Station D.
- Authorization of the Town Manager to execute a Grant Agreement (LPA0255) with the FDEP for the amount of \$197,500.00 to upgrade the sanitary sewer system from Bay Harbor Terrace to the Main Pump Station from 15-inch to 18-inch to add more capacity to the system on this segment.
- Award of construction contract to Engineer Control Systems, Corp. for the amount of \$2,868,537.00 for the Rehabilitation of the Broad Causeway Bridge No. 875101 Project (BC-158).
- Approval of a Resolution urging Congress to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program,
- Approval of a proposal from David Mancini & Sons, Inc. for the amount of \$1,194,350.00 for the emergency replacement of the three (3) sanitary sewer pumps at Main Pump Station D, in accordance with Section 2-1.3 of the Town Code, Emergency procurements.
- Authorization of the Town Manager to enter into an Agreement with Waypoint Contracting, Inc. for the Design-Build Project BHI-228 - 92nd Street Dog Park Extension.



LOOKING TO SERVE YOUR TOWN?

Bay Harbor Islands is seeking volunteers to serve on the Design Review Board. If you are interested, submit a letter of interest and resume to Town Clerk Yvonne Hamilton at yhamilton@bayharborislands-fl.gov.

Go to bayharborislands-fl.gov/213/Design-Review-Board for more info.