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We embark on this New Year full of hope, aspirations and resolutions (admit it, we all promised ourselves we would do something this year - there is a reason gym memberships jump in January). Each turn of the calendar creates new possibilities, personally and for our community as a whole. While the holiday spirit may wane, the sense of joy experienced by being with friends and neighbors need not diminish in any manner. Make an effort to stay close with the people you love, you'll be thankful at the end of the next year. It is equally important we take a moment at the start of the year to look back at our history and recognize how lucky we are to live in our beautiful community.

Bay Harbor Islands is currently in its 75th year of existence, and the time has come to celebrate our beloved home. The Town will host a weekend of festivities February 3rd-5th. Details of the events are within this newsletter, and more will follow via additional notices. The main event will be our first Bay Harbor Islands Arts Festival, which will take place on Kane Concourse on February 4-5. The festival will include art, music, food, kids' activities, and a BHI resident-only section. Please mark your calendar now to make sure you do not miss this full-fledged party celebrating year 75.

On a non-event related note, it is high-time we start discussing a safety issue throughout the Town. The immediate result of the cooler temperatures is the increase in people walking our streets, whether they be residents taking a stroll (with or without dogs), tourists visiting our shops, or friends just visiting our area. Unfortunately, the number of vehicles speeding and/or disregarding stop signs is alarmingly increasing. Our officers are, as usual, making all efforts to protect our citizens. However, we need to help, as well. Far too often, the person disregarding the traffic rules is a resident of BHI. When a specific drive becomes second nature, it is easy to become too comfortable and confident, simply ignoring speed limits and stop signs, and justifying it as something done hundreds of times prior. Please remember, it only takes one mistake to ruin multiple lives. We all cherish that this is a walking community. Let's keep it that way by being a little more careful on the roads.

Time to end this on a happier note. We begin this year with a celebration, and the knowledge our Town continues to expand its offerings to residents. Concerts, parks, movie nights, car shows, an art festival, snow day, senior events, camps, community programs, Pizza with the Cops, holiday events, veteran ceremonies, free ride share, after-school programming and more, the list of events goes on and on. On top of that, we enjoy an amazing police department that secures our safety, Town Hall employees that respond quickly and professionally to all inquiries, and a thriving commercial district with an increasing number of dining options. Together, over the last year we have not only maintained our small town feel while increasing the Town's offerings, we have improved our community in countless ways. 2022 was a great year for Bay Harbor Islands. 2023 will be even better.



BAY HARBOR ISLANDS

ART | FOOD | MUSIC

FEBRUARY 4 & 5 • 11 AM - 6 PM
ON KANE CONCOURSE

60+ ARTISTS

LIVE MUSIC & DJ

ENTERTAINMENT

FAMILY & KIDS ACTIVITIES

LIVE ART ACTIVATIONS

CRAFT FOODS & DRINKS

ARTS FESTIVAL

CONCERT SATURDAY 6 - 10 PM



(Go to tiny.one/BHI-ArtsFest for details!)



RESIDENTS ONLY

Paella TOWN PICNIC

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 • 11 AM - 3 PM

AT THE 95TH STREET PARK

1185 95 STREET

FEATURING LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

Free with photo ID & proof of Town residence.

Kosher food options will be available.

Paella will contain chicken NOT seafood.

Go to tiny.one/bhi-75th for more.



Sgt. Munschy and Officer Ortega Receive Quarterly Awards

Sgt. Patrick Munschy and Officer Mirta Ortega were named Officers of the Quarter, July-September 2022, for their actions in a domestic violence call.

On August 24, they were dispatched to a home where a man had battered his elderly parents. When they arrived at the scene, Sgt. Munschy found the suspect fleeing in his vehicle. When Sgt. Munschy asked the suspect to leave the car, he made verbal threats. Then he exited the vehicle and approached Sgt. Munschy in a fighting stance. Officer Ortega attempted to stop the suspect and he struck on her

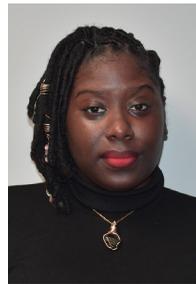
left arm. Both Sgt. Munschy and Officer Ortega deployed their Tasers, rendering him compliant. The suspect was placed into custody.

Due to the swift actions of the two, they were able to apprehend the suspect without further harm to the victims. Their brave actions demonstrate their dedication to their duties and unwavering determination in serving and protecting the community.

Sgt. Patrick Munschy and Officer Mirta Ortega were honored on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at Town Hall along with other Quarterly Award winners. The Police Department also celebrated members recently promoted.

**MAKE LIFE TOUGHER FOR
WOULD BE THIEVES.
LOCK IT &
POCKET
YOUR KEYS!**

Welcome to New Dispatcher



Ineshia Dantzler

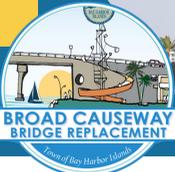
Bay Harbor Islands Police Department welcomes our newest employee, Ineshia Dantzler. Before moving to Miami, Ineshia was with the Department of Homeland Security Federal Protection Service. She worked as an alarm monitor, telecommunicator and dispatcher for Washington, D.C, Maryland and Virginia. Welcome Ineshia to our team!

December Pizza With The Police



The December Pizza With The Police event brought a standing-only group of children and families at the Morris N. Broad Community Center. Lt. Joe Locke discussed a variety of safety tips for the holidays. Officer Mirta Ortega presented a video focusing on how and where children and adults can ride the new battery-powered bicycles, scooters and skateboards. After the program, the children were surprised by gifts given by officers in holiday costumes.





FACT SHEET

BROAD CAUSEWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Broad Causeway Bridge from Causeway Island to East of West Broadview Drive

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY MIAMI DADE-COUNTY, FLORIDA

Financial Project ID: 452428-1-21-01 | Federal Aid Number: N/A | Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM): 14520 | Town of Bay Harbor Islands Project Number: BC-160

OVERVIEW

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands is conducting a Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study for the Broad Causeway Bridge, also known as the Shepard Broad Causeway Bridge, Replacement. The drawbridge is part of the Broad Causeway and connects the Town of Bay Harbor Islands with the City of North Miami. The study limits are from Causeway Island to east of West Broadview Drive. The project is located in the Town of Bay Harbor Islands in Miami-Dade County.

PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS

The primary objective of this study is to replace the aging Broad Causeway Bridge with a new structure that meets current design standards and is consistent with the United States Coast Guard regulatory requirements. The new bridge may include provisions for dedicated bicycle lanes and sidewalks to comply with American with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements along with guardrails for pedestrian safety; provide safe access for multi-modal transportation and improve east-west access from the mainland of Miami-Dade County to the Town of Bay Harbor Islands, Village of Bal Harbour, and the Town of Surfside.

This is a Town of Bay Harbor Islands project. Since Federal funding may be utilized in future phases of the project the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 6 Office will provide technical assistance during PD&E Study and the FDOT Office of Environmental Management will be the lead Federal agency for the environmental review.

GOALS

- PROVIDE NEW STRUCTURE
- IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY
- ENSURE SAFETY
- PROVIDE TRANSIT, BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

SCHEDULE

The PD&E Study started in November 2022 and is expected to be completed by April 2025. The design phase begins once the PD&E Study is complete. Public involvement is encouraged throughout the entire study.

YOU ARE INVITED



Please join the Town of Bay Harbor Islands at a Public Kick-off Meeting regarding this project.



Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 6 p.m.

IN-PERSON MEETING:

Town Hall Council Chamber, 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace, Bay Harbor Islands, Florida 33154

The in-person meeting will be in compliance with all current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines and social distancing will be followed.

The public meeting will consist of a formal presentation starting at 6:15 p.m. followed by an open discussion. Questions will be responded to as time permits, in the order received. If your question is not responded to during the meeting, a response will be provided in writing. Persons wishing to submit statements, in place of or in addition to oral statements, may do so at the meeting or by sending them to the **Community Outreach Specialist, Jeanette Gorgas, at 786-239-8862 or via email at jgorgas@mrgmiami.com**. All statements postmarked on or before February 21, 2023, will become part of the meeting record. This letter is being sent to all property owners and tenants within 500 feet of either side of the proposed project and the other public officials, regulatory agencies, organizations and individuals interested in the project.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in the meeting is asked to advise the Town at least seven (7) before the meeting by contacting **Jenice Rosado, Assistant Town Manager, at 305-866-6241 or in writing at the Town of Bay Harbor Islands, 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace, Bay Harbor Islands, Florida 33154 or by email at jrosado@bayharborislands-fl.gov**.

WHAT IS A PD&E STUDY

A PD&E Study is a step in the FDOT's highway development process that the Town of Bay Harbor Islands will utilize. A PD&E Study assists the Town of Bay Harbor Islands in determining the location, conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed roadway improvements. During the PD&E Study process, feasible alternatives are developed for bridge/roadway improvement projects. These "Build" alternatives are evaluated based on environmental, engineering, and socioeconomic conditions, safety needs and public input. The need for additional right-of-way for stormwater and environmental mitigation will also be evaluated during the PD&E Study phase. The "No-Build" alternative is evaluated throughout the Study process. This "No-Build" alternative leaves the existing bridge as it is with repairs and maintenance as required. If the Study results in a "Build" alternative being selected, the project may proceed to the next phase, which is the Design Phase. During the PD&E phase, the preliminary engineering and documentation required for funding will be completed. This includes the review and analysis of potential impacts from the proposed project on the social, natural, physical, and cultural resources in the surrounding environment.

GET INVOLVED

Public involvement is an extremely important part of a PD&E Study, to inform citizens about the project and provide interested persons an opportunity to be involved in the development of the project. The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022, and executed by Federal Highway Administration and FDOT. The Town of Bay Harbor Islands and FDOT encourage public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. There will be several opportunities to participate in public meetings and individual stakeholder discussions.

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<https://www.bayharborislands-fl.gov/>



Thanks to Many, Children Enjoyed a Special Holiday

Thanks to the generosity of our residents, neighbors and businesses, the Town of Bay Harbor Islands and Police Department were able to brighten the holidays for many children through our annual Toy Drive and Shop with the Cops programs. Thank you to all who donated.



Smiles From All as Snow Day Returns

After two years of no snow, the children and families of Bay Harbor Islands roared back to the excitement and fun of Snow Day on December 19, next to the Town Hall. The snow was piled-high along Bay Harbor Terrace, letting children play and watch a friendly snowball fight. The snow slide brought kids at all ages, where a ride on a tube brought screams of fun by all. Face painting, popcorn, train rides and, of course, sno-cones were also available! Thanks to all who made the event a success.





SENIORS-ON-THE-GO

KNAUS BERRY FARM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023

Seniors-on-the-Go can't wait for the delight of sweet cinnamon buns and strawberry shakes at the 66-year old Knaus Berry Farm in the Redland. Once a mom and pop roadside stand, the farm is now a winter season destination in South Florida.



The bus leaves from the Morris Broad Community Center at 9:30 a.m.



MAKE THE
TEACHER PLANNING DAYS

FUN DAYS!

SPORTS • GAMES • FIELD TRIP • ARTS & CRAFTS

Bay Harbor Islands offers a Fun Day during Miami-Dade County Public School Teacher Planning Days.

- Monday, Jan. 23 • Friday, April 7 8 a.m.–6 p.m.
- At the Morris N. Broad Community Center.
- Children must bring their own lunch, snacks & water.

For each day: \$40 residents/\$75 non-residents

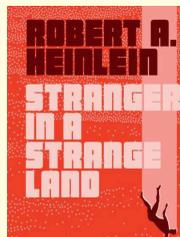
BAY HARBOR ISLANDS BOOK CLUB READS INTO THE NEW YEAR

Join us every second Wednesday of the month at the Morris Broad Community Center. All are welcome to the club!

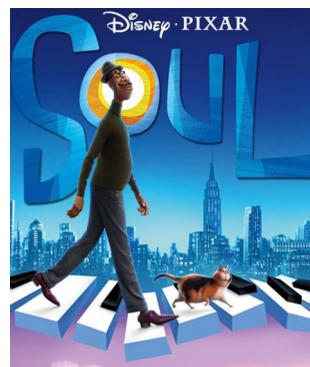
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M.

STRANGER IN A STRANGE LAND, ROBERT HEINLEIN

This best-selling 1961 Hugo Award-winning science fiction novel by Robert A. Heinlein is a story of a human raised by Martians on Mars. He returns to Earth as a young adult and explores the interaction and transformation of culture on Earth.



Outdoor Movie Night, January 28 at 7 PM, Featuring "SOUL" at the 95th Street Park



SOUL introduces Joe Gardner, a middle-school band teacher and jazz pianist who has a near-death experience and gets stuck in the afterlife, contemplating his choices and regretting the existence that he mostly took for granted. SOUL is rated PG. Bring your own blanket or chair but no pets, please.

New Year, New Classes at Morris Broad Community Center

• Insight for Life for Kids and Teens.

Learn how to manage stress, peer pressure, develop creativity, emotional resilience and feel empowered. This powerful course was created to help kids and teens discover their unique talents and learn valuable tools and techniques that will prepare them for success in school and life.

• Clarity Catalyst.

This 8-week program is based on the famed Stanford University Master's Degree Course, Creativity in Business. Whether you are in a career or life transition, this class can ignite self-discovery, empowerment and personal insight.

• Belly Dancing Fitness.

This 8-week class combines belly dancing and fitness principles for a safe, low impact dance workout that benefits the body and mind.

• Mat Pilates & Restorative Chair Pilates.

Mat Pilates is a program for all ages, using strengthening and lengthening exercises that focus on the core while training the arms and legs.

Restorative Chair Pilates is a class designed for seniors, with an emphasis on injury prevention and movement efficiency.

REGISTER AT tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register



BAY HARBOR ISLANDS COMMUNITY SERVICES

Songs of the Season at 95th Street Park Holiday Concert



The December 4th concert at the 95th Street Park brought residents and guests to enjoy the holiday music of the Swing All Stars. Many were in the dancing mood, making the evening fun for all.



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

Morris N. Broad Community Center
 1175 95th Street • (786) 646-9970
 Open Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.,
 Saturday-Sunday 9:30 a.m.- 6 p.m.

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

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Mayor

Elizabeth Tricoche
Vice Mayor

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Council Member

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Council Member

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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.

- Bridge Replacement Kick-Off
Thursday, Feb. 9 at 6 p.m.
- Regular Council
February meeting is TBA

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.

Community Meetings – TBA

ALL MEETING DATES ARE
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Items below were anticipated for discussion or possible action at the Jan. 11, 2023 Town Council meeting. Items are subject to change.

- Consideration of an ordinance on Second Reading amending Sections 23-16.1 and 23-16.2 of the Town Code pertaining to Moratorium and Zoning in Progress.
- Consideration of an ordinance on Second Reading amending the Town Code, by creating a new Section 23-30.1 with provisions for Mechanically Stacked Parking Lifts.
- Appeal by Carroll Walk Condominium Association, Inc. of the Design Review Board November 1st approval of a new multi-family dwelling 9781 East Bay Harbor Drive.

