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March is upon us, and with it comes a renewed focus on our Town's infrastructure and facilities. Yes, that is not a very exciting topic, but it is a necessary one. For the past few years, the Town has made a concerted effort to improve and modernize our water/sewer system, increase drainage, repair roads, digitize our records, conduct previously deferred maintenance and repair our bridges. Some of the improvements are visible, others are not. Regardless, they all serve an essential purpose...ensuring the Town remains operating at a peak level (and that your plumbing works).

Those efforts continue unabated, and the focus is now firmly on the bridges, including the drawbridge. Many of you attended the informational meeting about the bridge on February 9th. If you were unable to join us, please note there will be multiple other opportunities for the public to provide input as the project progresses. This is the start of the journey, not the end. Please participate, as this bridge project will help define Bay Harbor Islands for the next 75 years.

Speaking of 75 years, thank you to everyone for joining us on the February 3rd-5th weekend to celebrate the Town's 75th anniversary. The events, which culminated in the first Bay Harbor Islands Art Festival and our citizen-only paella lunch were a huge success, despite Mother Nature providing a record amount of rain. Everyone should be proud our community was able to host an event of such scale, and it is our hope all residents join us in similar festivities in the future.

Last month, the Town also hosted an informational session explaining the new Florida laws regarding condominiums. These new regulations affect every condo owner, and it is imperative all condominium associations become familiar with the new laws. If you were unable to attend the Town's session, please contact Town Hall for a copy of the PowerPoint. Every year at this time, the Florida Legislature contemplates new regulations on you, as well as the weakening of home rule (the ability of BHI and other communities to govern themselves at a local level). The members of the Town Council work tirelessly to protect your right to local, self-government, and to provide you a voice in Tallahassee.

Most importantly, March is a wonderful time to enjoy the benefits and services available by living in Bay Harbor Islands. This newsletter, as is always the case, includes a calendar of events within the Town. Take advantage of everything the Town offers; these services are meant for you. Progress is being made on future offerings such as the kayak/paddleboard launch park, artificial reefs (get out your snorkeling gear), and improving the dog parks. All of these are just a taste of what we have to offer residents, but it is up to you to take a bite.



*Josh*



# 75TH ANNIVERSARY BAY HARBOR ISLANDS 5K RACE

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023  
RACE TIME 8:00 A.M.

ENTRY FEES: ADVANCE \$30, RACE DAY \$37, UNDER 18 \$15

GO TO [HTTPS://TINY.ONE/BHI-5KRACE](https://tiny.one/BHI-5KRACE) FOR COMPLETE DETAILS & REGISTRATION



## Kick-Off Meeting of the Broad Causeway Bridge Replacement

Bay Harbor Islands and members of Atkins hosted the first public meeting of the replacement of the Town's Broad Causeway Bridge. The meeting on February 9, was the first of many workshops and public hearings from the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study in the next two years. The PD&E is the process of determining the location, engineering and design and the social, economic and environmental effects. The PD&E process complies with National Environmental Policy Act, Federal and State environmental laws and requirements involving federal funding.

The current bridge is 72 years old and in fair condition, but it does not meet today's road standards. The best solution to address its deficiencies, maintain it as an emergency evacuation route and improve safety and traffic flow is to replace the existing bridge.

Look for upcoming meeting dates in future editions of NewsWaves or visit the Town's website at [bayharborislands-fl.gov](http://bayharborislands-fl.gov)





# 2023 Town Council Election

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands' annual municipal election will take place on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Both precincts will vote at the Morris N. Broad Community Center, 1075 95th Street. If you are a new voter or have moved, you will need to register at your residential address by March 6, 2023 in order to be eligible to cast your vote. (Under state law, new registrations must be received by the county's Elections Department 29 days prior to the election.)

You may obtain a Voter Registration form at any state Driver License office, the Town Clerk's office, or online at [www.miamidade.gov/elections/voter-registration.asp](http://www.miamidade.gov/elections/voter-registration.asp). If you are already registered at your current Bay Harbor Islands residential address, you do not need to reregister.

If you are a new voter or have moved, a resident must be at least 18 years of age and be a citizen of the United States. There is no minimum residency requirement for registration.

Due to recent changes in Florida law, all requests for vote-by-mail ballots expired at the end of 2022. If you wish

to vote-by-mail in the Town's April 4th election, please submit your request by March 6th online at [tiny.one/Vote-by-Mail](http://tiny.one/Vote-by-Mail) or call Miami-Dade County Elections Department at 305-499-8444. Mail ballots must be received at the Miami-Dade County Elections Department (not at the precinct) no later than 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

If you wish to become a candidate for a Town Council seat, please contact the Town Clerk for more information.

All prospective candidates are urged to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 305-866-6241, in advance, to schedule an appointment to file qualifying documentation. An appointment will ensure that appropriate personnel is available to process the qualifying papers.



## QUALIFYING DATES:

**BEGINS:** Thursday, February 23 at 9 a.m.

**ENDS:** Friday, March 3 at 5 p.m.

## QUALIFYING OFFICER:

Yvonne P. Hamilton, Town Clerk, Town of Bay Harbor Islands, 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace, Bay Harbor Islands, FL 33154

E-mail: [yhamilton@bayharborislands-fl.gov](mailto:yhamilton@bayharborislands-fl.gov)

Phone: 305-866-6241

## MUNICIPAL QUALIFICATIONS:

In accordance with Section 2.03 of the Town Charter, candidates for the office of Council Member shall be permanent residents and registered electors of the Town for at least 12 months immediately preceding the election.

## IN MEMORIAM

### Resident Judge Marcia Cooke Made History in Federal Bench



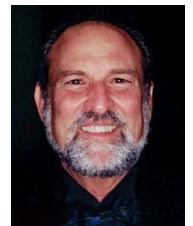
Marcia Cooke, who lived in Bay Harbor Islands, was the first black woman Federal Judge of Florida. Attorney Marcia Gail Cooke served as the Senior United States District Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

She was appointed to the bench in Miami in 2004 by President George Bush and confirmed by the Senate. Before coming to Miami, she was a federal magistrate judge in Detroit and handled high-profile cases including the infamous "dirty bomber." She died recently after battling health issues in the past year. She was 68.

### Richard Kroop Served as the Town's Special Master

Richard Kroop, known by his friends as Rik, passed away on February 16, peacefully and painlessly with his family at his side. Rik was an attorney and honorably served as Bay Harbor Islands' Special Master for many years.

Rik was a long-time Bay Harbor Islands resident and is survived by his wife Ceil and son Marc. The Bay Harbor Islands Town Council, administration and staff members who knew and worked with Richard wish to express our deepest condolences to his family and all who loved him.





Town of Bay Harbor Islands

# 3D MAMMOGRAMS

Join Us March 7th  
8:00am- 3:00pm  
Morris N. Broad Community Center  
11.75 95th St.  
(Parking available in parking garage)



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## SPRING EVENTS & SERVICES

### SUNDAY MARCH 12 • CONCERT AT 7 P.M.

Concert in the Park will bring the music of the local Nikki Kidd Band and their popular variety of jazz, dance, rock and pop. For residents with ID. Bring your own blanket or chair but no pets, please.



### SATURDAY MARCH 18 OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT AT 8 P.M.



Outdoor Movie Night will be at the 95th Street Park showing *Lyle, Lyle Crocodile*. The movie follows a reptile who lives in a house in New York. Lyle helps the Primm family with chores and playing with the kids but one family wants him in a zoo. For residents with ID. Bring your own blanket or chair but no pets, please.

### THURSDAY APRIL 21 • DRIVER LICENSE SERVICES

The Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles will return to Bay Harbor Islands with the Mini-FLOW services at the Morris N. Broad Community Center. Watch for more information.



# ANNUAL SPRING EGG HUNT

## SUNDAY, APRIL 2 11 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

5 years and under: 11 - 11:20 a.m.  
6 to 8 years: 11:30 - 11:50 a.m.  
9 years and above: 12 - 12:20 p.m.

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Bay Harbor Islands culminated its grand 75-year anniversary celebration with a tremendous Arts Festival weekend for residents and friends. Starting from a special Outdoor Movie Night, to Kane Concourse filled with tents displaying a variety of beautiful art, activities for families and children, two excellent concerts on the festival stage and the gathering of the Town's residents at a paella lunch to end the successful event.





**Outdoor Movie Night • Friday, Feb. 3**  
Families spread out on the grass at the 95th Street Park to enjoy *The Last Jedi*.





Hundreds of art lovers attended the Festival and many guests from neighboring towns enjoyed the music, activities, children's games, food and refreshments. Thank you to everyone who participated and worked to make the weekend so special.



*The Orlando Mendez Band played on Saturday night.*







# BAY HARBOR ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Celebrating Crossing Guard Appreciation Day



Bay Harbor Islands recently honored their crossing guards for keeping children safe on their journey to and from school and helping those crossing streets during events. Crossing Guard Appreciation Day was February 3rd, just before their stellar work of safely crossing hundreds at the Town's 75th Arts Festival weekend. Thank you for your outstanding work!



### Pinning Ceremony for Officer Rego

At the February Town Council Meeting, Police Chief Raul Diaz led a pinning ceremony for new Bay Harbor Islands Police Officer Tomas Figueiroa Rego (L). In attendance were his wife and children and dozens of police officers from Bay Harbor Islands and City of Miami to show their esteem on the special night.



**MULTI-AGENCY**  
**SHRED-A-THON**  
 WITH ELECTRONICS RECYCLING AND  
 DEA PRESCRIPTION DRUG  
 TAKE BACK  
 SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023  
 10 A.M.-2 P.M.  
 Bill Bird Marina (Haulover Park)

### Mirtha Ortega is Named Police Officer of the Year

Officer Mirtha Ortega was awarded Bay Harbor Islands Police Officer of the Year for 2022 at this year's annual awards dinner. She was honored for her dedication and professionalism while serving the Town of Bay Harbor Islands community.



(L-R) Lt. Joe Locke, Police Chief Raul Diaz, Officer Mirtha Ortega and Deputy Chief Lindsley Noel.

ALWAYS BE IN THE KNOW - FOLLOW US!  
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# BAY HARBOR ISLANDS COMMUNITY SERVICES

Morris N. Broad Community Center  
1175 95th Street • (786) 646-9970

Open Monday to Friday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday 9:30 a.m.- 6 p.m.

## SENIORS-ON-THE-GO

### JUNGLE QUEEN RIVERBOAT SATURDAY, MARCH 25

The bus leaves from the Morris N. Broad Community Center at 4:30 p.m. for the Jungle Queen Riverboat trip. Residents only. Enjoy a day on Ft. Lauderdale's longest running tourist attraction that offers a riverboat cruise and island adventure. The cost is \$25 and includes dinner.



## GET READY FOR SENIORS SOCIAL!

The next Senior Social will be Thursday, March 16 at 6-8 p.m. The free event will be at the Morris N. Broad Community Center and will include music, refreshments and friends! The Senior Socials are every three months and the first one was a delight for all who attended. We will see you there!

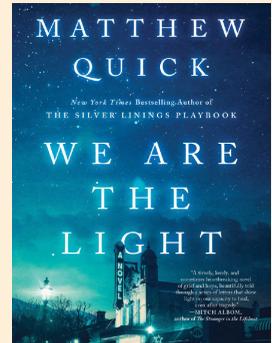
## BAY HARBOR ISLANDS BOOK CLUB READS FOR MARCH & APRIL

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 6:30 P.M.**

### WE ARE THE LIGHT BY MATTHEW QUICK

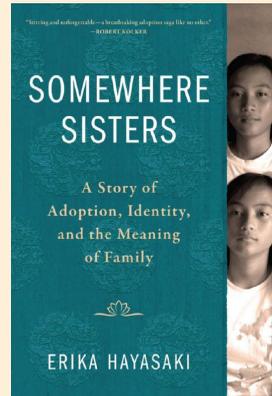
From the New York Times best-selling author of *The Silver Linings Playbook*, *We are The Light* is an unforgettable novel about the quicksand of grief and the miracle of love.



**WEDNESDAY APRIL 12, 6:30 P.M.**

### SOMEWHERE SISTERS BY ERIKA HAYASAKI

This story of adoption, identity and the meaning of family is all in this book by Erika Hayasaki. A National Public Radio Best Book of 2022, *Somewhere Sisters* is about twins born in Vietnam raised on opposite sides of the world and reunited as teenagers.



## New Classes at Morris N. 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](https://tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register)



# BAY HARBOR ISLANDS COMMUNITY SERVICES

## Spring Break Camp!

MARCH 20 - 24 • 8 AM - 6 PM  
at the Morris N. Broad Community Center

SPORTS • GAMES • FIELD TRIP • ARTS & CRAFTS

SPACE IS LIMITED

CAMPERS MUST BRING THEIR OWN WATER, SNACKS AND LUNCHES EACH DAY

For more information, please call (786) 646-9970

## Outdoor Movie Night at 95th Street Park



At left, families and children enjoyed *Soul* at the Outdoor Movie Night at the 95th Street Park.

The next movie is *Lyle, Lyle Crocodile* on Saturday, March 18. Note that this will begin at 8 p.m. Bring your own blanket or chair but no pets, please.

### 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](https://tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register)

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*Vice Mayor*  
Stephanie Bruder  
*Council Member*  
Teri D'Amico  
*Council Member*  
Molly Diallo  
*Council Member*  
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*Council Member*  
Robert Yaffe  
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## Upcoming Town Meetings

The Town Council welcomes attendance and participation at meetings. 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.

- Design Review Board  
Tuesday, March 7 at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council  
Wednesday, March 8 at 7 p.m.

Public Meetings will be held at the Morris N. Broad Community Center, until further notice. All persons are welcome to attend in person. Future tentative meeting dates are subject to change. Future tentative meeting dates are subject to change.

- Design Review Board  
Tuesday, April 11 at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council  
Wednesday, April 19 at 7 p.m.

Community Meetings – TBA  
**ALL MEETING DATES ARE  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

## Highlights of the Town Council Meeting on Feb. 1, 2023

- **Approval** of a Resolution revising Resolution No. 2268 to amend parking meter rates, from \$2.00 per hour to \$1.00 per 30/minute.
- **Approval** of a Resolution establishing a rate structure for use of the town's Electric Vehicle Charging Station at \$4.00 per hour.
- **Approval** of an ordinance on Second Reading amending Sections 9-29 and 12-27 of the Town Code to modify civil penalties.
- **Approval** for operation of a Sales Center to be located at 1170 Kane Concourse, in connection with the development of a 7-story, 27-unit multifamily residential building at 9740 and 9760 West Bay Harbor Drive.
- **Approval** of Parking Trust Payment Agreement with Kane BH Property 1, LLC for payment of \$1,680,000 to the Town's Parking Trust for 48 parking spaces, pursuant to Section 23-29.1 of the Town Code for the proposed commercial development to be located at 9555 Bay Harbor Terrace.
- **Approval** for operation of a temporary Sales Gallery to be located at 1160 Kane Concourse, in connection with a mixed-use development (commercial, office, and residential) at 1177 Kane Concourse.

**Items below were anticipated for discussion or possible action at the March 8 Town Council meeting. Items are subject to change.**

- Discussion and Possible action regarding Town Hall Facilities.