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One size certainly does not fit all. Amongst Florida’s blessings are its wide variety of city populations, ranging from Miami to small towns in the panhandle, and its diversity in geographic lifestyles, including everything from modern metropolises to rural, farming communities. Unfortunately, year after year, the state legislature in Tallahassee continues to draft legislation that only sees Florida under a single lens. Laws that make sense in Taylor County may create problems in Miami-Dade County. Regulations that do no harm in the Town of Paxton (you can look it up) can be disastrous in Bay Harbor Islands. To be clear, this is not a partisan argument, but simply a fact. Different communities face different realities and challenges.

These differences are the very reason Home Rule is of the highest importance. Home Rule is the policy that local decisions should be made at the local level, and that the state should focus on issues that can only be addressed at the state level (perhaps working to reduce insurance rates – hint, hint). The sad truth is that this year’s legislative session looks to be a direct attack on our way of life in Bay Harbor Islands.

One of the paramount issues in our Town is the height of buildings. We are committed to maintaining a small-town feel, and do not want to end up with the tall towers that dominate some of our neighboring cities’ skylines. Years ago, after a few tall buildings were constructed, the Town’s charter was amended to limit the height of any new structure to 75 feet. This means that not even the Town Council can approve a new building that exceeds the height limitation. Nevertheless, there is a threat. As of the date this Mayor’s Message is drafted, the state legislature is considering a new law that would preempt our Town charter, allowing buildings well in excess of 75 feet and with considerable additional density (which will increase traffic and the strain on our school), and preventing the Town Council from doing anything to stop this unwanted intrusion into our right to self-govern. There is also another proposed bill that would loosen rules for inspections and allow developers to bypass our Town’s review of architectural plans, and yet another that further restricts the Town’s ability to protect residents from rowdy vacation rental visitors. In essence, the legislature is taking away your right to shape your own community. Again, the issue is not whether or not the intent of the bills is well-intended, but rather the importance of letting each community decide what is appropriate given its own circumstances.



Please note that none of these harmful bills was introduced by our state representative or state senator. It is also important to note our Town Council has fought hard to protect Home Rule and your right to decide Bay Harbor Islands’ future, and will continue to do so despite the headwinds imposed by legislators from other parts of the state. Our Town is a gem, and we will not let it get tarnished as a result of some legislators being unable to acknowledge a one size fits all approach does not work in a state as large and diverse as Florida.

MEET OUR BAY HARBOR ISLANDS CANDIDATES FOR THE APRIL 4 ELECTION

The information below was provided by each of the candidates and published verbatim.



FRANCES NEUHUT

Age: 71

Spouse: Denis Neuhut **Family:** Rachel, Samuel

Educational Background: I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health & Physical Education

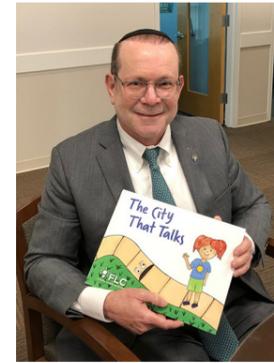
Professional/Occupational Information: I taught Physical Education in Westchester, New York. Pharmaceutical Representative for Parke Davis, and was in charge of the Duane Reade Drug Store Chains in Manhattan.

Resident of South Florida since: 1983 **Resident of Bay Harbor Islands since:** 1985.

Hobbies and Interests: Swimming, Cooking, Gardening and Reading.

Future Goals for Bay Harbor Islands: Stop overdevelopment and overcrowding in to our "Small Town." Preserve our existing municipal parks, off-street parking and build a "new" parking garage. Find out what happened to our (30) Year Contract signed with the Miami-Dade School Board, with capping at 1200 students? Preserve and abide by our Town's Comprehensive Plan and keeping our '75 foot height restrictions with required setbacks, undergrounding (FPL) wiring, and alternative methods to our failed TDR and Parking Trust programs.

Any Comments about Bay Harbor Islands: Funding for an entirely "new" Causeway Island Bridge, and with leaving both the existing bridge and park land for our (BHI) Town Residents to enjoy.



ISAAC SALVER

Public Safety

Under his leadership the Bay Harbor Police Force received full accreditation. Added License plate readers and other high level public safety devises to assist BHIPD in solving ALL crimes. Supported highly trained and experienced School Resource Officer (SRO) for RKB K-8 school. Successfully sponsored efforts to bring a Miami Dade Fire Rescue Sub Station (76) into BHI. Helped to make Bay Harbor Islands one of the Top Ten Safest Cities in Florida.

Recreation Facilities and Amenities

Lead and Supported effort to build the Broad Community Center and adjacent Amphitheater. Built the towns first multi-level parking structure in the Town's history. Added 2 public parks and 2 dog parks. Supporting future enhancements for all parks (including a Kayak launch on 96th Street). Brought in a

Local Library. Free movies, quality concerts and other special events for Bay Harbor residents. And a full weekly schedule of activities and events for Seniors. Brought Town sponsored bus service and Free EV Car ride service to Bay Harbor Islands.

Fiscal Responsibility

Salver led the effort to obtain over 6 million in grants from county, state and federal sources. Led efforts to keep Bay Harbor Islands property taxes amongst the lowest in the county.

Sustainability

Salver supports all new town facilities be built according to Leeds Certified standards. Supported better and more EV charging stations be built in Bay Harbor. Worked with county, state, and federal agencies to monitor and prevent the potential effects of sea level rise. Led the fight to ensure Bay Harbor Islands water and sewer systems are operating at industry standards and will sustain our future growth. Lobbied the legislature and supporting the towns current litigation against the FAA regarding noise from re-routed flight paths at Miami International Airport.



GUSTAVO ORTEGA

Age: 42 **Spouse Name:** Dr. Christina Ortega **Children:** Zoe and Gustavito Ortega

Educational Background: Master of Science -- Childhood Education 1-6, Children with Disabilities 1-6

Bachelor of Arts: Communication and Media

Professional/Occupational Information: Gustavo has been teaching children with special needs (particularly children with Autism) since 2006 and works for Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Gustavo believes working in special education is the best job anyone can have.

A resident of By Harbor since: 2018.

Hobbies and Interest: Gustavo loves to run and be physically active. He has completed several half marathons and also ran the full NYC marathon in November 2022 with his wife, as it was one of her goals

after treatment for breast cancer. In addition, Gustavo loves being outside and going to the beach or the local parks with his kids. He likes to stay active in the community and you can typically find him helping to coach his son's baseball team, volunteering at beach clean-up events, and attending community events.

Future Goals for Bay Harbor Islands: Bay Harbor Islands is a beautiful place to live and grow, but we must all do our part to keep it as a fantastic place. First, we must limit the over development of our islands. The development is beginning to negatively affect our residents because we are losing cultural buildings that represent our history, construction is interfering with parking availability, there is already overcrowding without school, and developers are consistently creating plans for their buildings, docks, etc., that go beyond what our town rules allow for. Second, I would like to work with our school (Ruth K Broad) and the PTA so that our children can have the best foundation possible in order to succeed in their future, which includes developing plans for our kids both in and outside of school. Children need safe and affordable after school activities, as well as good role models. By working together we can help provide for the children of our town on multiple levels. Third, we need to find solutions to limit the Airbnb presence in our town, as multiple residents have voiced their displeasure over short-term rentals and disruptive guests. Fourth, there is room for improvement to address pedestrian safety and traffic issues. These concerns will only become amplified as more and more people move to our town with new buildings being built every day. We need solutions to limit speeding, stop distracted drivers, and protect our residents (and most importantly our children) who utilize our green "sidewalks" that are located on the roads.



ROBERT YAFFE

Age: 65 **Spouse:** Jane Yaffe

Family: David, Carly and Weston; Allison and Marc

Educational Background: Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Hispanic Studies from Vassar College; Juris Doctorate from University of Miami School of Law

Professional/Occupational Information: I am an attorney Board Certified in Condominium and Planned Development Law with a practice concentrating in representing community associations and business litigation.

Resident of South Florida since: 1980 **Resident of Bay Harbor Islands since:** 1988

Future Goals for Bay Harbor Islands: As a member of the Town Council, I have worked to improve our town and maintain the quality of life and sense of community we enjoy, including improving and increasing services, adding parks, our community center and library and maintaining low property tax rates. I am an advocate for transparency in local government and providing workshops for our residents such as the recent community association law update on inspections and reserves. I have also worked in Tallahassee to obtain grants for our parks and infrastructure projects. If reelected, my goals include providing a waterfront park with water-access, improving or expanding our existing parks, maintaining the safety of our residents and our school, supporting our business community and our police, revitalization of Kane Concourse and responsible development.



Election Day - Tuesday, April 4

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands General Election will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Candidates for Town Council

Frances Neuhut Isaac Salver
Gustavo Ortega Robert Yaffe

Voting in Person

State law requires that voters who choose to wait until Election Day go to their assigned polling place. The polling place for both Bay Harbor Islands precincts 007 and 008 will be at the Morris N. Broad Community Center, 1175 95th Street, Bay Harbor Islands, FL 33154.

What to Bring on Election Day

When voting in person, whether at an early voting site or at a polling place on Election Day, photo identification is required. Voters must bring a current and valid identification that contains their name, photograph and signature (if a voter does not have an ID with a picture and signature, then they must provide a picture ID and signature ID from the approved list below).

- Acceptable forms of identification include:
- Florida driver license
- Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
- United States passport
- Debit or credit card
- Military identification

- Student identification
- Retirement center identification
- Neighborhood association identification
- Public assistance identification.
- Veteran health identification card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- A license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm issued pursuant to § 790.06 F.S.
- Employee identification card issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government, the state, a county, or a municipality.

While it is not required that voters bring their voter information card to the polling place on Election Day, it will expedite the check-in process.



Voting by Mail

Requesting a Vote-by-Mail (VBM) Ballot

The deadline to request a VBM ballot is **Saturday March 25, 2023 by 5:00 p.m.** To request your ballot go to tinyurl.com/MDC-Vote-By-Mail.

Submitting Your VBM Ballot

Your VBM ballot must be received at the **Miami-Dade Elections Department (not at the precinct), no later than 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election.**

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.

FACE PAINTING COTTON CANDY

75th Anniversary 5K Race Brings Out Smiles



With more than 100 eager runners of all ages, perfect weather and a new route through the tropical beauty of Bay Harbor Islands, a popular Town tradition roared back with a bang on March 12. The 75th Year Anniversary 5K Race brought out residents and visitors for this fun and safe event. The awards ceremony and the refreshments were available to all. Thanks to all who came out and proudly crossed the finish line.



The overall female and male were Daniela Calzadille and Justin Haber.



Police Department members cheered-on Detective Castellanos (center) who ran his first 5K and came in fourth in his age group.



MULTI-AGENCY

SHRED-A-THON

WITH ELECTRONICS RECYCLING & DEA PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023 10 A.M.- 2 P.M.

Bill Bird Marina (Haulover Park) 10800 Collins Avenue

Only for residents of the participating municipalities. No business shredding. No CDs DVDs, binders, x-rays or plastic will be accepted. There is a 3 box limit.

ID from a participating municipality will be required.

SHOE DRIVE

DONATE ANY PAIR OF NEW OR "GENTLY WORN" SHOES



COLLECTION FROM MARCH 15 - APRIL 14, 2023

Collection bin located at the Community Center

All shoes collected will be donated to Camillus House and the Broward Partnership for the Homeless to benefit the homeless in South Florida



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BAY HARBOR ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT



Honoring Our Police Women

During this Women's History Month, we wish to commend the women of the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department and recognize the contributions made by them and the other women of our department, both past and present.

Police Join in Specialized Exercises

In February, Chief Raul Diaz and BHIPD training instructors joined with the Miami-Dade County police agencies for the training work group for Active Attack Incidents. The goal is to ensure the response plan is consistent among neighboring agencies.

In March, Chief Diaz and Deputy Chief Lindsley Noel attended Operation Heat Shield IV, a regionally exercise focused on advancing community and partnerships across boundaries and multi-disciplinary entities.



First Aid Training

In March, the Police Department officers participated in first aid training to ensure they are up to date on the latest guidelines according to Florida Statute. These training procedures, such as the CPR class at left, are in conjunction with updated training.



Welcome to New Dispatcher



Emely Viera

New Dispatcher Emely Viera was born and raised in Miami. She is the oldest of three siblings and strives to be a role model. In her new position, she looks forward to building a relationship with the community and gain the skills necessary to excel. She is looking forward to working with the BHI team.

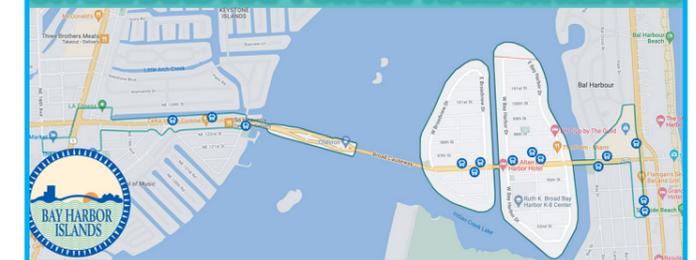
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BAY HARBOR ISLANDS COMMUNITY SERVICES

SENIORS-ON-THE-GO

Three Day Trip to Historic St. Augustine, FL

Pack your luggage! The bus will leave the Morris N. Broad Community Center Friday, April 21 to St. Augustine, FL. See the historic town's attractions, museums, restaurants, beaches and shopping districts. The bus will return Sunday April 23. Residents only. Contact the Community Services for more information (786) 646-9970.



SENIORS ENJOY THE FEBRUARY TRIP



The bus was full of eager Seniors-on-the-Go when they arrived to the Morikami Museum and Gardens.

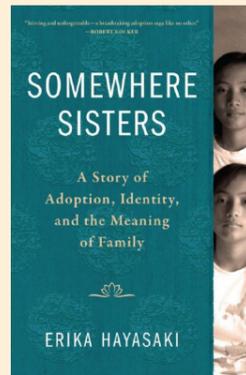
BAY HARBOR ISLANDS BOOK CLUB READS FOR APRIL

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

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 Hayaskaki. 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.



FUN DAY!

SPORTS • GAMES •
FIELD TRIP • ARTS & CRAFTS

Bay Harbor Islands offers a Fun Day during Miami-Dade County Public School Teacher Planning Days. Friday, April 7 • 8 a.m.–6 p.m. At the Morris N. Broad Community Center. Children must bring their own lunch, snacks & water. \$40 residents/\$75 non-residents

EARTH DAY YOGA ON SUNDAY APRIL 16

Join us from 6:30–8 p.m. on Sunday April 16 for an evening of yoga fun while we celebrate our planet. This is a perfect event if you have never had yoga. The cost is \$45 for residents and \$60 for nonresidents.



Register for Summer Camp!

June 12-August 4 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
at the Ruth K. Broad Bay K-8 Center

Residents for 8 weeks is \$820, Non-Residents \$1,220
4 weeks Residents \$420, Non-Residents \$820

tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register

For more information, call (786) 646-9970



APRIL 15 OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

The Outdoor Movie Night will be *Turning Red* at the 95th Street Park at 8 p.m.

The movie is about a 13-year-old girl named Meilin who turns into a giant red panda whenever she gets too excited.

Residents please with ID. Bring your own blanket or chair but no pets, please.



BAY HARBOR ISLANDS COMMUNITY SERVICES

THE FRENCH HORN COLLECTIVE AT CONCERT IN THE PARK

On Sunday, April 23, The French Horn Collective will perform a high-energy fusion of Gypsy Jazz, Hot Swing and original French music at the Concert in the Park at 8 p.m. For residents with ID. Bring your own blanket or chair but no pets, please.



Brazil Big Band and Carnival Dancing at Concert at the Park



The largest attendance of the season enjoyed the Concert in the Park's Gafieira Rio Miami band and the drumming and dancing of Bateria Unidos de Miami.



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

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

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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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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.

- Regular Council
Wednesday, April 10 at 7 p.m.
- Design Review Board
Tuesday, April 11 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.

- Design Review Board
Tuesday, May 2 at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council
Wednesday, May 10 at 7 p.m.

Community Meeting

- Parks & Recreation Community
Wednesday April 13, at 6:30 p.m.

**ALL MEETING DATES ARE
SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Highlights of the Town Council Meeting on March 8, 2023

- Issuance of a proclamation to Judge Marcia G. Cooke, Town resident, who recently passed away.
- 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 to piggyback off the Seminole County Sheriff's Office/Contract with HG2 Emergency Lighting to outfit five new police vehicles with emergency lights and equipment of \$52,245.25, pursuant to Section 2-1(6) of the Town Code.
- Approval of a request to go out to bid for CRS (Community Rating System) re-certification review services, pertaining to flood insurance.
- Consideration of an ordinance on First Reading amending Sections 18-1 through 18-4 of the Town Code delegating permitting authority for work in the Public Right-of-Way to the Town Manager, instead of the Town Clerk.
- Approval of an ordinance on First Reading amending Chapter 5, Section 5-23.01(f) of the Town Code pertaining to meetings of the Design Review Board.

Items below were anticipated for discussion or possible action at the April 10 Town Council meeting. Items are subject to change.

- An ordinance on Second Reading amending Sections 18-1 through 18-4 of the Town Code delegating the authority for issuance of Permits for work in the Public Right-of-Way to the Town Manager.
- An ordinance on Second Reading amending Chapter 5, Section 5-23.01(f) of the Town Code pertaining to meetings of the Design Review Board.
- An ordinance on First Reading amending Sections 23-1, 23-4, and 23-5 of the Town Code to regulate the location of Real Estate Sales Centers in the Town.