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Spring has sprung in Bay Harbor Islands! Just as each day gives an opportunity to start anew, spring brings new beginnings for our entire community. Town summer camp registration is opening, flowers and banners are being changed on Kane Concourse, the 92nd street park expansion is beginning, and even more public service projects continue to come online.

Recently much of South Florida has been inundated with prolific rainfall.

Over the last few years, the Town Council has updated the sea wall height requirements, made conscious efforts to employ zero net emissions goals and policies, begun projects to continue to reduce water infiltration, and adopted polices to comply with FEMA's BFE update. The council will continue to discuss and employ projects with the support of the Town's dedicated staff to address and reduce the effect climate change has on our lovely home.

But community is created not only by large scale service and projects such as water mains, parks, and community police funding, but also small but mighty gestures like holding the door for someone else, driving with reduced speed and increased awareness, being respectful to neighbors, supporting local businesses, and volunteering within the community. In essence, it is based upon each member of our Town's commitment to make Bay Harbor Island's a safe and community-oriented environment.

The constituency also has the power to affect change through votes and voice. Bay Harbor Islands has seven independently elected officials placed in our seats by majority vote to serve the Town to the best of our abilities. This year, in support of open communication with the community, council members will be invited to contribute a message to this newsletter. We also have our email addresses published on the Town's website. Please feel free to contact any one of us with questions or needs.

Inside this newsletter are upcoming events and current Town action spotlights. What is in this newsletter is a small representation of the projects and support the staff and council has in place and in the works to support and improve the quality of life in Bay Harbor Islands. On behalf of the Council of Bay Harbor Islands, thank you for the opportunity to serve.



Elizabeth Tricoche

Bay Harbor Islands Annual Organizational Meeting



The Town of Bay Harbor Islands held its annual Organizational Meeting at the Community Center on April 10, a week after the 2023 Municipal election on April 4. Of four candidates for two open seats, the winners were Council Members Isaac Salver and Robert Yaffe. They received the oath of office given by Town Clerk Yvonne Hamilton.

The Town Council then elected Elizabeth Tricoche to serve as mayor and Josh Fuller to serve as vice mayor. They also took the oath of office (below left).

Mayor Tricoche gave the oath of office to Town Clerk Yvonne Hamilton and Town Attorney Joseph Geller (below right).



Council Donate their Annual \$1 Dollar Salary



The 2023-2024 Bay Harbor Islands Town Council show their one-dollar salary checks, which were donated to the charity of their choice. (L-R) Council Members Teri D'Amico, Robert Yaffe and Isaac Salver; Vice Mayor Joshua Fuller, Mayor Elizabeth Tricoche and Council Members Stephanie Bruder and Molly Diallo.

Recycling Schedule Change

Recycling pick-up on the West Island will now take place on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Recycling pick-up on the East Island will continue to be Mondays and Thursdays.

Garbage and Bulk Trash pickup remains same:

- Garbage pick-up East Island – Monday, Wednesday and Fridays
- Garbage pick-up West Island – Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays
- Bulk Trash pick-up on both Islands - Thursday



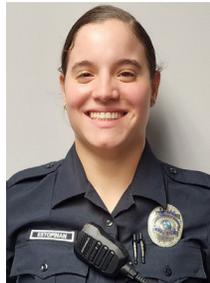
(L-R) Town Manager Maria Lasday, Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Jared Perdue and Council Member Stephanie Bruder met with FDOT to seek funding for our bridges and for the replacement project.



BAY HARBOR ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Giselle Estopinan Joins Police Department

Join us in welcoming our newest team member, Officer Giselle Estopinan. She graduated from the Miami Dade College School of Justice training academy on March 14. She was honored with the academic achievement award along with the top achievement award for Womens Physical Fitness.



Giselle has been part of Bay Harbor Islands since she was nine. She attended Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center from third to eighth grade and became a Police Explorer for the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department in 2014. She was an Explorer until her senior year of high school and graduated from the Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial High School.

She first became a dispatcher for BHIPD and is excited to continue her career as a Police Officer for the Town. Her hobbies include working out, MMA training, going to the beach and spending time with her family. Congratulations to Giselle!



Autism Awareness in April

Bay Harbor Islands Police Department brought attention to Autism Awareness Month in April. Check out our Autism Awareness Police vehicle and the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue truck. Our Police Department is committed to helping those with

autism. Whether you have autism, love someone who does or want to support an accepting and kind community, you can help those with autism reach their full potential.

Visit autismspeaks.org/wam for resources and tools to engage and advocate in your community and learn the impact of your support through Autism Speaks.



Officers Show Off Their Chef Skills for a Special Cause

On April 15, the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department participated in the 7th Annual Police vs. Fire Pig Roast. The BHIPD teamed up with Bal Harbour, Surfside, Indian Creek, North Bay Village and Sunny Isles Police Departments as the "Six Islands and a Pig" This annual event is an opportunity to raise awareness and help a fellow police officer and his family.

All the donations from the event went directly to Gabby Rivera, a 7-year old girl and daughter of a police officer who is battling diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG). The "Six Islands and a Pig" Team took first place in the event, beating out over 11 other agencies.



ALWAYS BE IN THE KNOW - FOLLOW US!

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92nd Street Dog Park to be Renovated

Bay Harbor Islands is giving the 92nd Street Dog Park a makeover!

In April, the Town entered into an agreement with Waypoint Contracting to renovate the dog park. The new park will have two areas, one for large dogs and another for small dogs.

The design concept for the park was created by Florida International University students, and the final design was performed by Miller Legg & Associates, Inc. The project is set to break ground in July and should be completed by October 2023.

The key components of the park designs are:

- A pavilion in each dog park
- Meandering sidewalk paths with pavers
- Newly painted fence
- New exercise equipment
- Bike repair station
- New outdoor furniture
- Additional landscaping
- New irrigation system



Bobcats Chess Club Shine at District Championship

This April, the Bobcats Chess Club at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center, competed in the District Chess Championships. They went up against the best chess teams in Miami-Dade County. It was their first year competing in all categories and they exceeded everyone's expectations. The K-1 grades took home third place; 2-3 grades were fourth place and the middle-school team took first place!

In the individual competitions, Bay Harbor Islands resident Leo Munoz-Perez took 2nd place and Bay Harbor Islands resident Timothy Efimov took 1st place!



Join us for the Annual

BHI Causeway Cleanup

Sunday, June 11, 2023 at 8:00 AM
Register at tiny.one/bhi-clean





Spring Egg Hunt Brings Children of All Ages

Hundreds of children and families enjoyed a sunny morning at Officer Scott A. Winters Park at the Town's Annual Spring Egg Hunt. Three different age groups lined up, waiting for a whistle that brought a wave of kids grabbing plastic eggs until their bags were full. Each group searched for the golden egg (see winners at bottom left). The event also included face painting and cotton candy.





BAY HARBOR ISLANDS COMMUNITY SERVICES

SENIORS ENJOY THE MARCH TRIP

On March 25, a group of Seniors-on-the-Go enjoyed an island adventure at the Jungle Queen Riverboat trip and dinner.



SENIORS GO TO ST. AUGUSTINE, FL

Our Seniors hit the road for an April weekend of taking in the attractions in historic St. Augustine.



HAVING FUN AT THE SENIORS SOCIAL

On March 16, the Seniors Social gathered at the Morris N. Broad Community Center for an evening of fun that included music, refreshments and friends!

Council Member Bruder visits with residents at the March Seniors Social at the Morris N. Broad Community Center.



JOIN OUR SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP

Hone your hoop skills at one of our 2-week Basketball Camps, this summer! Camp runs from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Each 2-week session includes practice, games and equipment. Residents \$400 and non-residents \$500.



BAY HARBOR ISLANDS BOOK CLUB READS FOR MAY AND JUNE

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 6:30 P.M.

CATALOGUE OF UNABASHED GRATITUDE BY ROSS GAY

This collection of poems, a National Book Award finalist, is steeped in nature, childhood, relationships and gratitude. *Catalogue of Unabashed Gratitude* is the 2022-2023 National Endowment for the Arts Big Read Selection.

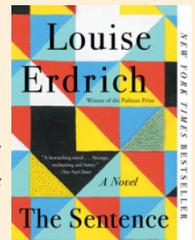


WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 6:30 P.M.

THE SENTENCE

BY LOUISE ERDRICH

In this New York Times best selling novel, Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award-winner author Louise Erdrich creates a wickedly funny ghost story. It is a tale of passion, of a complex marriage and of a woman's relentless errors.



SATURDAY, MAY 20 OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

Outdoor Movie Night will be on Saturday, May 20 at 8 p.m. The dinosaurs are back with *Jurassic World Dominion* (PG-13), the final installment of the Jurassic Park series.

Residents and their guests only, with ID. Bring your own blanket or chair but no pets, please.



SUMMER BAY HARBOR ISLANDS 2023 CAMP

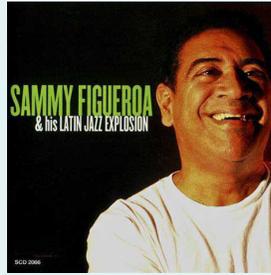
REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP!
 June 12-August 4, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center
 8 weeks: \$820 for residents, non-residents \$1,220 • 4 weeks: \$420 for residents, non-residents \$820
 Sign up at tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register. For more information, call (786) 646-9970



SAMMY FIGUEROA & THE LATIN JAZZ EXPLOSION AT CONCERT IN THE PARK

Our Sunday, May 21, Concert In the Park will feature legendary percussionist Sammy Figueroa and his band, The Latin Jazz Explosion, starting at 8 p.m. Known as one of music's leading percussionists, Sammy and his band play jazz with fun and fire, sure to delight everyone.

Concerts in the Park are for residents and their guests only. Bring a blanket or chair but no pets, please.



Nikki Kid Band Brings Jazz to Concert in the Park



The March 12, Concert in the Park had residents dancing through the night to the popular variety music of local Nikki Kid Band.

Next Concert in the Park is May 21, Sammy Figueroa & the Latin Jazz Explosion.

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/Thu 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/Thu 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

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.

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

Elizabeth Tricoche
Mayor

Joshua D. Fuller
Vice Mayor

Stephanie Bruder
Council Member

Teri D'Amico
Council Member

Molly Diallo
Council Member

Isaac Salver
Council Member

Robert Yaffe
Council Member

Maria D. Lasday
Town Manager

Yvonne Hamilton
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Joseph Geller
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Upcoming Town Meetings

The Town Council welcomes you to attend and participate at meetings. Meetings, unless they are 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, May 2 at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council
Wednesday, May 10 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, June 6 at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council
TBA at 7 p.m.

**ALL MEETING DATES ARE
SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Highlights of the Town Council Meeting on April 10, 2023

- Approval of a Resolution ratifying the appointment of Christopher Benjamin as Special Magistrate to conduct Administrative Hearings on Code Violations for the Town of Bay Harbor Islands.
- Enactment of 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 from the Town Clerk to the Town Manager.
- Approval of 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.
- Approval of an ordinance on First Reading amending Chapter 5, Article II of the Town Code, creating a new section to be numbered 5-30 entitled "Additional requirements and procedures for site development approvals."
- Approval of an ordinance on First Reading amending Chapter 23, Article 1 - Zoning Regulations, modifying certain provisions relating to buildings and structures projecting into the side and rear yard setbacks of interior and waterfront lots on the West Island; to ensure a consistent and harmonious development pattern townwide.
- Approval to lease a vehicle for the Public Works Water Division from Bancorp utilizing the "Piggyback Provision" pursuant to Section 2.1-2 of the Town Code from the State Contract pricing from the City of Tallahassee.
- Approval to lease a vehicle for the Public Works Water Division at \$13,108/year for 5 years/ total cost of \$65,580.00 from Bancorp, utilizing the "Piggyback Provision pursuant to Section 2.1-2 of the Town Code" from the State Contract pricing from the City of Tallahassee.
- Approval to demolish the Town Hall Building.
- Approval to commence the 2023 Update to the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

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

- Consideration and Approval of an ordinance on Second Reading amending Chapter 23, Article 1 - Zoning Regulations, modifying certain provisions relating to buildings and structures projecting into the side and rear yard setbacks of interior and waterfront lots on the West Island; to ensure a consistent and harmonious development pattern townwide.
- Consideration and Approval of an ordinance on Second Reading amending Chapter 5, Article II of the Town Code, creating a new section to be numbered 5-30 entitled "Additional requirements and procedures for site development approvals."