



# Bay Harbor Islands

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Happy February, Bay Harbor Islands! And what a busy month this is shaping up to be. By the time you read this message our second Arts Festival weekend will have come and gone but there is still much to come. The Town has put together a full calendar of events for you to enjoy these next months – the 5K Run/Walk, concerts and outdoor movies, the Car Show on the Concourse, our annual Egg Hunt and more. These events were created with our residents in mind, so we hope you will take the time to enjoy them.

January was full of activity, as well. We officially welcomed our new Deputy Chief of Police, Donald Blanchard and saw Joseph Locke get promoted to Captain. We enjoyed Pizza-With-The-Police, a concert and had our first Snow Day in January.

There was much going on for your Town council and administration, as well. The town manager, members of our council and I made trips to Tallahassee to meet with members of our legislature and FDOT, to advance our cause to secure funding for the Bridge replacement and support for other important projects. The temporary Town Hall is ready to go and plans for demolition of the old buildings are being put in place. These long-term projects are so very necessary to the life of our Town and we will continue to work hard to see them move forward.

But for now, let's enjoy this cooler weather and all the joys life has in store for us. Enjoy time outdoors, watch a concert in the park, visit the shops and restaurants in our Town. Share some special time with the ones you love – and if you are shopping for a Valentine's Day gift or planning a special night out, I hope you'll do it here, in our lovely Bay Harbor Islands.



*Stephanie*



## TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands’ annual municipal election will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Two seats on the Town Council (currently held by Mayor Elizabeth Tricoche and Vice Mayor Joshua Fuller) will come up for vote in this election. Both precincts will vote at the Morris N. Broad Community Center, 1075 95th Street.

### EARLY VOTING

The Town Council has implemented early voting during Town elections. The dates for the April 2, 2024 General Election are Thursday, March 28, 2024 and Saturday, March 30, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### VOTER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

If you are a new voter or have moved, you will need to register at your residential address by March 4, 2024 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.) 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. (If you are already registered at your current Bay Harbor Islands residential address, you need not reregister.)

If you are not already registered to vote at your current Bay Harbor Islands’ residential address, you can register to vote online at <https://registertovoteflorida.gov/home> or by mail. Voter Registration Applications are available at Town Hall or any state Driver License office.

Due to recent changes in Florida law, requests for vote by mail ballots expire at the end of each calendar year. If you wish to vote-by-mail in the Town’s April 2nd election, you must submit your request to the Miami-Dade Elections Department no less than 12-days prior to the election (March 21, 2024). You may do so at [tiny.one/VotebyMail](mailto:tiny.one/VotebyMail) or by calling at (305) 499-8444.

To become a candidate for a Town Council seat, please contact Town Clerk Yvonne Hamilton at (305) 866-6241 or via email at [yhamilton@bayharborislands-fl.gov](mailto:yhamilton@bayharborislands-fl.gov) for more information or to schedule an appointment in advance to file qualifying documentation. An appointment will ensure that appropriate personnel are available to process the qualifying papers.

### ELECTION QUALIFYING DATES

Starts: Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 9 a.m.

Ends: Sunday, March 3, 2024, at 5 p.m.

## A Message from Town Manager Maria Lasday

These are exciting times for Bay Harbor Islands. In the last year, we celebrated our 75th Anniversary and launched our first arts festival and The Childrens Trust program. We obtained over a million dollars in grants to fund Police department upgrades and sewer infrastructure and \$600,000 for resiliency projects. We enhanced the Town’s CodeRED notifications, adding extreme weather alerts and opt-in translations for Spanish, French and Portuguese speakers to keep more of our residents informed.

We’ve expanded our online services for greater efficiency and access to include Public Records Requests, Parking Leases, Condo Association Registration, ROW Permits and more, and we completed a redesign of the Town’s website to make it more user friendly. Town staff worked hard to upgrade our parks, roadways, bridges, public safety, infrastructure, storm water management and environmental resiliency - all to make our Town a better place to live.

Key personnel were hired: a Chief of Police, Finance Director, Public Works Director and Town Engineer. Over 100-new cameras were added to our security grid, two new police officers were brought on board and a full-time marine patrol officer assigned to patrol our shores. To provide convenient free transportation for residents, we implemented the Freebee On-Demand shuttle program.

The design plans were finalized for the 92nd Street Dog Park renovations and engineering plans for the 96th Street Kayak Launch project are underway. Most importantly, we facilitated the launch of the Broad Causeway Bridge Replacement Project PD&E Study.

Building a new bridge to replace our 72-year old drawbridge is the most important project the Town has undertaken in over 70-years; since the existing bridge was built, in fact. Planning for the project and working to secure funding to move it forward are critical to this Town and your council, administration and I are up to the task.

*- Maria*



## “Lock it, Take it, Tag it” Introduced at Pizza With The Police

The Police Department began the new year with an informative Pizza With The Police on January 4th, introducing



the “Lock It, Take It, Tag It” program. Officers distributed free tracking tags to residents for use on vehicles, electric bikes and other valuables. The tags allow users to track and locate their missing or stolen tagged property. If needed, they can share the information with the Police so they might assist with rapid recovery of the tagged item.

## New Deputy Chief and Captain Celebrated



On January 10th, a promotional ceremony was held for Captain Joseph Locke and Deputy Chief Donald Blanchard at the Morris N. Broad Community Center. The event was attended by family, friends, coworkers, and members of surrounding local agencies. It was a time of celebration as both the Captain and Deputy Chief were honored for their dedication to public safety and the community.

TOWN OF BAY HARBOR ISLANDS

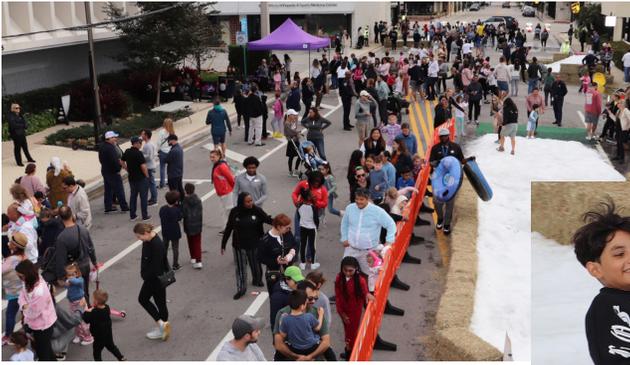
*Car Show on  
The Concourse*

*March 17th, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
along beautiful Kane Concourse*

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<http://tinyurl.com/bhi-car-show>

**BAY HARBOR ISLANDS 5K  
FEBRUARY 25**

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# COOL SNOW DAY IN JANUARY

On January 21, the Town of Bay Harbor Islands held our annual Snow Day event on Bay Harbor Terrace, bringing fun and excitement to hundreds of children and families. On that cool afternoon, crowds gathered to enjoy the train, face painting, tattooing, popcorn and sno-cones, and SNOW! Squeals of joy from riders in tubes, speeding down the high slide and children tossing friendly snowballs could be heard all around. Thanks to all who attended and made this event such a huge success.

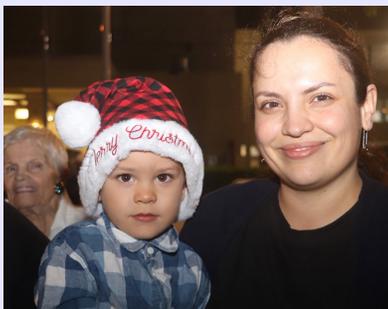


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## The Season at Concert in the Park

The dynamic Tango Dreams brought a fusion of new and traditional tango, vocals and music to residents of all ages on December 17. Look for more upcoming Concerts in the Park. The concerts are for residents and their guests. Bring your own blanket or chair and proof of residence. No Styrofoam, glass containers or pets.



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHTS

# Praschnik Fine Jewelers

Praschnik Fine Jewelers has been designing and manufacturing exceptional jewelry for over 55 years. This acclaimed family name in jewelry has earned recognition for quality, design, and craftsmanship, winning prestigious awards, over the years. They believe jewelry marks special moments in life and should last generations. Using only the best materials and expert craftsmen to ensure their pieces stand the test of time, jewelry from Praschnik inspires confidence in those who wear or gift them. Their studio in Bay Harbor Islands offers a vast selection of jewels, from classic to high fashion designs. From jewelry-making, repair, and replacement to an extensive collection of unique jewelry pieces ready for sale, Praschnik is your ultimate destination for all your jewelry needs. Their team can also refinish,



modify, fix or redesign jewelry to your exact specifications.

Praschnik Fine Jewelers is located at 1090-A Kane Concourse. The store is open Monday-Friday, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Stop in or call (305) 866-4323 to learn more about this fine jeweler or view their collections online at [fine@praschnik.com](mailto:fine@praschnik.com).

# BAY HARBOR DRUGS + BEAUTY BAR



Bay Harbor Drugs & Beauty Bar is a European-style pharmacy in the heart of Bay Harbor Islands. Bay Harbor Drugs has been providing for residents' prescription needs for over 50-years in the same location. Adam Hasid, its current owner and pharmacist, took the helm 10-years ago and expanded the store's offerings to more than just prescriptions, making it the one-of-a-kind shop it is today. Bay Harbor Drugs & Beauty Bar offers health & wellness items, unique gifts, beauty products and more, as well as prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs, medical supplies and equipment.

Bay Harbor Drugs is located at 1015 Kane Concourse, in Bay Harbor Islands and is open Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and on Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

For information call (305) 397-8319, fax: (305) 397-8459 or email [bayharborrx@gmail.com](mailto:bayharborrx@gmail.com). You can also follow @bayharborrx on Facebook and Instagram.

**Mobile Mammograms on 95th Street!**  
**Tues. March 12th, 8 AM - 3 PM**  
*Adjacent to the Morris N. Broad Community Center*  
For more info or to make an appointment visit [floridamobilemammography.com](http://floridamobilemammography.com) or call 800-320-3602.

**Town of Bay Harbor Islands Annual Egg Hunt!**  
**Sunday, March 24th**  
**11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**  
**Officer Scott A. Winters Park on 98th Street**



# BAY HARBOR ISLANDS COMMUNITY SERVICES

## SENIORS-ON-THE-GO MIAMI BEACH BOTANICAL GARDEN SUNDAY, FEB. 18, 2024

The Town's Seniors-on-the-Go will visit the popular Miami Beach Botanical Garden, an urban green space with native plants and trees including bromeliads, palms, cycad, orchids and more. Those on the trip will walk through paths to a Japanese garden, ponds, fountains and a wetland with mangrove and pond apple trees.

This event is free, but bring money for lunch. Seniors-on-the-Go is only for Town residents. For information and registration contact Shanika by email [saugustin@bayharborislands-fl.gov](mailto:saugustin@bayharborislands-fl.gov) or call (305) 404-2271. Seats are limited. The bus will depart from Morris N. Broad Community Center at 9 a.m., rain or shine.



## Tweens Celebrate Back to School with Music, Games and Pizza at Morris N. Broad Community Center

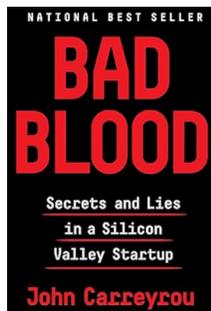


## BAY HARBOR ISLANDS BOOK CLUB READS FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH

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

***Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup***  
John Carreyrou

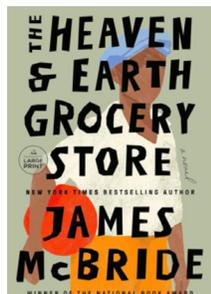
This nonfiction book by investigative journalist John Carreyrou, follows the rise and fall of Theranos, a multi-billion-dollar biotech startup. The book dives into massive fraud that perpetrated the company. Financial Times and McKinsey both gave the book the 2018 Best Business Book of the Year.



WEDNESDAY, March 13, 6:30 P.M.

***The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store***  
James McBride

This beautiful novel is set in Chicken Hill, a neighborhood of Pottstown, Pennsylvania in the 1920s and 1930s. It tells the story of the Black Americans and Jewish European immigrants living with shared ambitions and sorrows. In 2023, the novel was awarded the Kirkus Prize for Fiction and named Best Book of the Year by Amazon and Barnes & Noble.



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## FEBRUARY EVENTS

### Sunday, February 11

Valentines Concert in the Park, 7 p.m.  
(*Ella & The Bossa Beat*) (Adults only)

### Saturday, February 17

Outdoor Movie Night, 7 p.m. (*Elemental 2023*)

### Sunday, February 25

5K Run/Walk starts at 8 a.m.  
Registration opens at 6 a.m.

### Sunday, February 25

Concert in the Park, 7 p.m. (*Spam Allstars*)

## MARCH EVENTS

### Saturday, March 16

Outdoor Movie Night, 8 p.m.

### Sunday, March 17

Car Show on the Concourse, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Sunday, March 17

Concert in the Park, 7 p.m.  
(*South Florida Jazz Orchestra*)

### Sunday, March 24

Annual Egg Hunt, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

## New Class: Workout - 108

A new class for both adults and seniors is now available on Wednesday at the Morris N. Broad Community Center (see below). This training system is more than an exercise and stretch. Each workout is an experience to mobility, balance, coordination, core stability, endurance, strength, cardiovascular fitness and recovery. Learn these principles to everyday movements and continue to strengthen your body. Enjoy this class to positively affect health, fitness and every aspect of life.



## ADULT & SENIOR PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	RESIDENTS/NON	DAYS & HOURS
Adult Yoga	\$ 90 / \$150	Monday/Thurs 9-10 a.m.
Adult Zumba	\$ 90 / \$150	Mon/Wed 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Adult Mat Pilates	\$ 90 / \$150	Tues/Thurs 6:15-7:15 p.m.
Adult Workout - 108	\$ 30 / \$50	Wed. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Adult Mixed Yoga	\$ 25 / \$40	Friday 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Adult Yoga	\$ 30 / \$50	Saturday only 10-11 a.m.
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 Workout - 108	\$ 25 / \$30	Wednesday 10:30- 11:30
Senior Computer	\$ 50 / \$100	Wednesday 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

## TOT & YOUTH PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	RESIDENTS/NON	DAYS & HOURS
Pee Wee Soccer	\$155 / \$205	Mon & Wed, 4:30-5:15 p.m.
Kids Piano	\$180 / \$270	Saturday, 12-1, 1-2 p.m.

**Morris N. Broad Community Center**  
1175 95th Street • (305) 404-2271

## AFTER-SCHOOL RECREATION SPORTS LEAGUE 2024

PROGRAM	RESIDENT	NON	SEASON
Basketball (Competitive)	\$475	\$675	Jan - June 24
Spring Basketball Travel Team	\$650	\$950	Jan - June 24
Kung Fu	\$375	\$575	Jan - June 24
Soccer Spring Season	\$385	\$495	Jan - June 24
Spring Soccer Travel Team	\$450	\$650	Jan - June 24
Volleyball Spring Season	\$385	\$495	Jan - June 24
Cheerleader	\$525	\$725	Jan - June 24
Portuguese	\$375	\$575	Jan - June 24

**REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!**  
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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

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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.

The Town Public Meetings will be held at the Morris N. Broad Community Center at 117595 Street. The public and members of staff are welcome to participate in person.

- Regular Council Meeting  
Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2024, at 7 p.m.

### Future tentative meeting dates:

- Design Review Board  
Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting  
Wednesday, Mar. 20, 2024, at 7 p.m.

**Committee Meetings:** TBA

**DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

## Highlights of the January 10, 2024, Regular Council Meeting

- Approval of a proposal in the amount of \$34,626 from WSP Environment & Infrastructure Inc. to assist with lowering the Town's FEMA CRS Classification.
- Approval of an invoice in the amount of \$54,855.00 from Maestre Construction for the repair of a sewer leak on the Town's 16-inch sewer force main in the Town Hall parking lot, under the Emergency Procurement Provision pursuant to Section 2-1.3 of the Town Code.
- Approval of a resolution authorizing publication of required legal notices and advertisements on a publicly accessible website, pursuant to State law.
- Approval of a resolution denouncing the use of sexual violence and rape as a weapon of war by the terrorist group Hamas against women in Israel; doing so in the name of Naama Levi and asking that the International Committee of the Red Cross visit the remaining hostages in Hamas captivity.
- Approval of an ordinance on first reading amending Chapter 5 of the Town Code, entitled Buildings and Construction, by creating Section 5-26 to provide for Site Development Plan Exemption for Town Projects.
- Approval of an ordinance on first reading amending Section 5-6 of the Town Code to provide for appeal after payment of code violations.
- Approval of an ordinance on first reading amending Sections 1-2, 2-21, 18-24, 2- 1.1, 53/4-8, 23-16.1, and 18-25 of the Town Code defining "Publication" of Public Notice in order to provide a definition of and remove the requirement for newspaper publication.
- Approval of an ordinance on first reading creating Section 14-18 of the Town Code regarding Hate Crimes.

### At the time of printing, the topics below were anticipated for discussion or possible action at the February 21, 2024, Regular Council meeting.

- Approval of an ordinance on second reading amending Chapter 5 of the Town Code, entitled Buildings and Construction, by creating Section 5-26 to provide for Site Development Plan Exemption for Town Projects.
- Approval of an ordinance on second reading amending Section 5-6 of the Town Code to provide for appeal after payment of code violations.
- Approval of an ordinance on second reading amending Sections 1-2, 2-21, 18-24, 2- 1.1, 53/4-8, 23-16.1, and 18-25 of the Town Code defining "Publication" of Public Notice in order to provide a definition of and remove the requirement for newspaper publication.
- Approval of an ordinance on second reading creating Section 14-18 of Town Code regarding Hate Crimes.