



# Bay Harbor Islands

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Summer is in full swing, and it has certainly not been a quiet start to the season. The torrential rains that recently flooded South Florida streets did not spare Bay Harbor Islands. The unprecedented unnamed storm swamped our roadways, stranded children at day camp, destroyed cars and left debris all over our town. Nevertheless, our police, administration and public works departments handled the challenge with professionalism and dedication. They worked long hours clearing the streets, rescuing residents, moving stalled vehicles, protecting our water and sewer systems and removing debris from drains. Most admirably, they did so at the cost of being away from their own homes that were similarly affected. Further, they performed these essential services under the direction of our new Town Manager, Jenice Rosado (it was her second day - talk about a tough way to start a new job).

We congratulate Ms. Rosado on her new position, and are excited to work with her as she sets the course for our community. At the same time, we offer our appreciation for the work of our former Town Manager, Maria Lasday, and wish her well. As for the storm, it provided us an opportunity to prepare for the possibility of a named storm later this year, although I certainly wouldn't term this a "dry run." Predictions call for a very active hurricane season, and the recent water event should serve as a warning of the potential destructive power of a hurricane, especially given the recent storm did not even include high winds. Please consider this in your preparations for hurricane season, and recognize the importance of heeding warnings, including to evacuate if so ordered. It is not just a saying, it is the truth – property can be replaced, lives cannot.

Meanwhile, the Town Council is working on the upcoming year's budget. Thank you to everyone that reached out with recommendations and thoughts on how to improve Town services, as well as with information on which programs they believe should be added or removed. There is still time to provide your input, and attendance at our budget meetings is highly encouraged. The intent of the Council is to adopt a lean budget that expands services without passing additional cost to residents. We are also discussing the potential design and amenities of our future town hall, a structure, which when completed, will greatly enhance activity offerings to residents.

Finally, the Town Council is actively working to minimize or eliminate construction debris, including nails, that has routinely ended up in our roadways. Enhanced clean-up requirements and enforcement, as well as further restrictions on the ability of construction workers to loiter during pre-work hours are intended to improve our quality of life and to dampen the impact of the large number of on-going construction projects. Enjoy your summer.





## Jenice Rosado Named Town Manager

Jenice Rosado, the new Town Manager of Bay Harbor Islands, brings more than 15 years of progressive experience in local government. She has served the Town for five years holding positions of HR Director and Deputy Town Manager. Prior to her career in local government, she worked for Greenberg Traurig, LLC where she implemented and oversaw the Conflicts Management Department for the law firm.

At our Town, she has successfully navigated complex organizational structures, changed initiatives focused on enhancing operational efficiency, fostered collaboration among diverse stakeholders, and ensured strategic alignment with the Town's goals. She also obtained several important grants such as The Children's Trust grant that funded the Bright Paths programming, the Freebee On Demand service program, the Mobile DMV program and was instrumental in coordinating critical needs for our community during the COVID pandemic.

Ms. Rosado holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology with a minor in Political Science from Florida International University. She holds the designation of Credentialed Manager from the International City Manager's Association (ICMA). Ms. Rosado was born and raised in Miami-Dade County. In her free time, she enjoys boating and enjoying nature together with husband Alex, daughter Grace and beloved dog, Nala.

The Town Manager said, "I look forward to guiding our community through upcoming critical infrastructure improvement projects and will continue efforts to enhance our Town's beautification."



## COUNCIL CORNER

### *Council Member Robert Yaffe*

At May's Meeting, the Town Council passed an ordinance to limit the effect of construction activity on residents. The new ordinance prohibits workers from arriving at a construction site earlier than 8:30 a.m., 30 minutes prior to the 9:00 a.m. start time. Fines and penalties for any construction activity before or after permitted hours of construction have been increased. The fine for a first violation is \$1,000 and fines increase with successive violations. Stop work orders may also be imposed for violations.

Significant changes to the Florida Condominium Act became effective on July 1, 2024. If you own or live in a condominium or serve on a condominium's board of directors, these changes will have an impact on your rights and obligations. The changes include but are not limited to:

- Associations must adopt hurricane protection specifications and can require all unit owners to install hurricane protection, including impact windows.
- In a residential condominium of more than 10 units, the board of directors must meet at least once each quarter and at least 4 times each year, the meeting agenda must include an opportunity for unit owners to ask questions of the board concerning finances, the status of construction projects and other matters.
- If the board of directors meets to approve a contract for goods or services, a copy of the contract must be provided to unit owners.
- Newly elected or appointed members of the board of directors must complete educational curriculum of at least 4 hours on building inspections, reserves, financial literacy, elections, notice and meeting requirements and other subjects. Directors must complete at least 1 hour of continuing education each year.
- A condominium with 25 or more units must have a website.
- Official records are made more accessible to unit owners. Criminal liability may be imposed for a director who willfully and repeatedly destroys records or refuses to release records.
- Criminal liability may also be imposed for election interference such as ballot tampering or voter intimidation.
- Community association managers must return association records within 20 business days after termination of a management agreement.

Please remember that condominium associations must register with the Town and with Miami-Dade County annually. Registration assists the Town in providing important information to associations and their members during hurricane season and at other times.





# BAY HARBOR ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

## News at the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department

Carlos Ramirez has joined Bay Harbor Islands Police Department as a Parking Enforcement Specialist.

From Venezuela, he came to Miami 22 years ago and attended Miami-Dade College for pregraduate courses. He and his family live in the Town. Welcome Carlos to our team.



Bay Harbor Islands Police members and Town Officials attended the South Florida Police Benevolent Association Awards Gala. Enforcement professionals from Miami-Dade were recognized for their dedicated service and contributions to public safety.



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### ATTENTION VETERANS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS:

Do you know a veteran in town or are you a veteran yourself? We'd like to connect with you!

We are compiling a list of veterans in the community to offer services and support. If you're interested or know someone who might be, please reach out to us.

SCAN TO SUBMIT CONTACT INFO



Contact us at 305-586-9387 or [communications@bayharborislands.net](mailto:communications@bayharborislands.net)



In rain coats and rubber boots, police personnel showed dedication and effort during flood storms that left residents unable to get home safely. Officers assisted stranded citizens, directed traffic and kept roadways free of stranded vehicles. Their commitment to the community is commendable.



Emergency Management updates and bulletins are ongoing to keep the community informed on weather conditions. The BHIPD emergency management staff will be meeting with North Miami Police Department next week to discuss logistics, readiness and planning for the current hurricane season.

## Meeting of the Broad Causeway Bridge Replacement



On June 24, 2024, residents, Town staff and members of Atkins held the third public meeting of the replacement of the Town's Broad Causeway Bridge. Dozens of studies, photos, images, charts, videos, schedules and other information were available to those at the Morris N. Broad Community Center. Residents were able to speak or write their ideas about a new bridge.

This Project Development and Environment (PD&E) period includes the location, engineering, design and the social. This is a lengthy process, taking as much as 7-10 years, which is why the Town is starting now.



If you missed the workshops and/or wish to know more about the project visit:

[tiny.one/BHI-Bridge-Study](https://tiny.one/BHI-Bridge-Study)

# BE PREPARED FOR HURRICANE SEASON

## BEFORE

- **MAKE SURE YOU ARE SIGNED UP FOR CODE-RED NOTIFICATIONS AND YOUR CONTACT INFO IS UP TO DATE.** Follow @bhpolice and @bayharborislands on social media and the Town's website bayharborislands-fl.gov so that you don't miss important news and information.
- **REVIEW YOUR HURRICANE PLAN NOW.** Prepare your home ahead of any storm threats and plan your evacuation route and destination. Create a hurricane supply kit checklist for yourself, your family and pets.
- **AT-RISK SENIORS AND RESIDENTS** who require special transportation or life-saving medical equipment must register in advance for the Miami-Dade County Emergency & Evacuation Assistance Program (EEAP). You can do so by calling 3-1-1.
- **PROTECT YOUR HOME AND PROPERTY** by securing windows and doors with approved storm shutters. Bring in patio furniture, garbage cans, bins, portable basketball nets and any other items that could become airborne. If the power is lost, only use battery-powered lighting
- **SAFELY TRIM BACK TREES** close to Florida Power and Light (FPL) electric lines and other utility lines. Do not wait until a storm is imminent.



## DURING

- **IF A MANDATORY EVACUATION IS ORDERED** you are encouraged to stay in a hotel or with family or friends outside the evacuation area. Evacuation centers will open, but they should only be considered a last resort - especially if you have pets. If you choose to ignore a mandatory evacuation order and instead shelter-in-place, be aware that emergency personnel will not be available. They will have already evacuated.
- **BAY HARBOR ISLANDS IS ZONE B** in the Miami-Dade County Storm Surge Planning Zones, so storm surge and interior flooding are possible. If flooding threatens your home, turn off electricity at the main breaker. Stay in a sheltered room in your home and away from windows. If you are in a high-rise building, stay on floors above flood water or storm surge, but not higher than the 10th floor where the wind is stronger.



## AFTER

- **STAY INDOORS** until the all clear is given before venturing outdoors. Avoid flooded areas both on foot and while driving. Monitor notifications and other communications such as waste collection and hurricane debris pickups. Obey any curfew and emergency orders.
- **IF YOU HAVE EVACUATED, PLEASE BE PATIENT.** It may take several days to return. Have your picture ID ready when returning. Residents will not be allowed until all is clear is issued by the Police Department. Residents and business owners will be notified when to return via CodeRed notifications and the Town's social media.
- **BE PATIENT.** The Town will work diligently to get things back to normal.



 **CodeRED™**  
**SIGN UP TODAY**

**WHEN DISASTER STRIKES, STAY SAFE.**  
**TEXT BHICODERED TO 99411 TO REGISTER**

# BE PREPARED FOR HURRICANE SEASON

## CHECK YOUR EMERGENCY KIT

Before a hurricane comes to our area, have your emergency kit prepared. The kit should be portable and contain the supplies and documents you will need in the event of an emergency or immediate evacuation. Residents should plan to have a three to seven-day supply.

- At least one gallon of water per day, per person
- Non-perishable snacks and packaged or canned food
- Manual can opener
- Change of clothing, rain gear, and sturdy shoes
- Prescription medications
- First-aid kit
- Personal hygiene items
- Items for infants, elderly or disabled family members
- Garbage bags
- Fully charged portable electronic devices with charger, and backup batteries
- Flashlight, battery-powered radio, and batteries
- Cash
- Important documents in a waterproof container or bag

## Keep The Lights On: Trim Back Your Trees Close to Lines

The Town Public Works Department is working with Florida Power & Light (FPL) to identify trees encroaching on power lines that need to be trimmed in municipal parking lots, parks and public right-of-way. FPL encourages municipalities and homeowners to keep trees from growing into the power lines. Trees should be trimmed within 10 feet of power lines. This includes service lines that run from the FPL pole to the house. Any contact from a pruning tool near a power line can be fatal.

Hardwood trees can usually be structurally pruned and kept from growing into power lines. Palm trees grow verti-

cally and cannot be structurally pruned. Trees and palms shouldn't be trimmed if they are likely to fall onto a power line or within 10 feet of a power line. Palm trees growing close to power lines should likely be cut down to prevent a service outage to the community.

FPL has a trimming cycle: Main Line Trimming –every 3 years Lateral Line Trimming – every 6 years.

For more information on whether trees are too close to the electric lines, please go to the link for FPL "Vegetation Request" <https://www.fpl.com/reliability/trees.html>

## How FPL Trims Trees

Florida Power & Light uses qualified arborists who follow by the International Society of Arboriculture and National Arborists Association guidelines for trimming trees. The best pruning trees away from power lines is called "directional pruning." This removes entire branches and limbs from the main trunk. Future tree growth is then directed away from the power lines and re-growth is reduced.

Experience and research show that directional pruning does not interfere with the tree's defense system that protects it from decay.



# HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE! DO YOU HAVE A PLAN?

For tips, visit: [tinyurl.com/BHI-Ready](https://tinyurl.com/BHI-Ready)



**BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT**

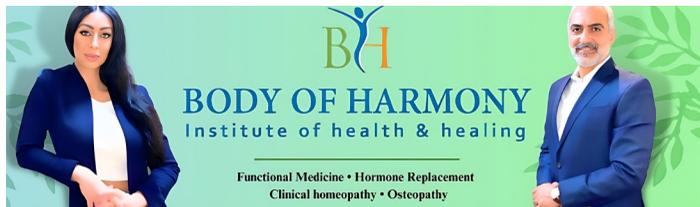
# Parties, Events & Classes are Sparking at Art Cafe

Art Cafe, nestled in the heart of Bay Harbor Islands, is a vibrant recreational art studio founded by local mothers. They provide a diverse array of supplies, materials and artistic activities designed to spark your creativity. Offerings include weekly group and private art classes for all ages, from toddlers to seniors, as well as birthday parties, private events and art camps on no-school days. From enjoyable guided paint nights for social outings and parties to in-depth art instruction in acrylics, watercolors, and mixed media such as collage, clay, and abstract work, we provide a diverse range of learning opportunities for everyone.



Art Cafe is the perfect place to unleash your artistic spirit.

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## SENIORS BINGO NIGHT

Residents enjoyed fun and friends at Bingo evening on June 20th at Morris N. Broad Community Center. Refreshments were provided and all hoped to be winners.

## Summer Comes Alive at Adventure Camp



**Extended Summer Camp**  
August 5th - 9th  
8 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Residents - \$135.00  
Non-Residents - \$192.50  
[tinyurl.com/BHI-CAMP](http://tinyurl.com/BHI-CAMP)  
to register!

## Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center Student of the Year

At the June 18th Council meeting student Alison Madlhosingh was honored as the outstanding Student of the Year. Congratulations, Alison!



(L-R) Council Member Robert Yaffe, Mayor Joshua Fuller, Alison Madlhosingh, Council Members Teri D'Amico, Molly Diallo, Stephanie Bruder and Eric Rappaport.

**YMCA**  
COMING SOON

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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

HEALTHY LIVING

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

## BAY HARBOR ISLANDS BOOK CLUB READS FOR SUMMER

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 6:30 P.M.

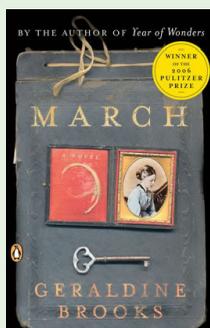


**Girls Like Us: Carole King, Joni Mitchell, Carly Simon - and the Journey of a Generation**

Sheila Weller

A groundbreaking and irresistible biography of three of America's most important musical artists - Carole King, Joni Mitchell and Carly Simon - it charts their lives as women at a magical moment in time.

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



**March**

Geraldine Brooks

From the author of the *Year of Wonders*, a historical novel and love story set during the front lines of the American Civil War. Author Geraldine Brooks gives us a absent father from Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women* - and conjures a brutality, stubborn courage and transcendent love. *March* won the

2006 Pulitzer Prize for Literature.

## 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.
Senior Mat Pilates	\$ 25 / \$40	Tuesday 9:30-10:30 a.m.

## Get Your Driver License Services at July 26th



Please go to [tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register](https://tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register) and click on Town Events to make an appointment. You will need an account to register. First come, first served.

Joshua D. Fuller  
*Mayor*

Isaac Salver  
*Vice Mayor*

Stephanie Bruder  
*Council Member*

Teri D'Amico  
*Council Member*

Molly Diallo  
*Council Member*

Eric Rappaport  
*Council Member*

Robert Yaffe  
*Council Member*

Jenice Rosado,  
*Town Manager*

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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.

Public Meetings will be held at the Morris N. Broad Community Center at 1175 95 Street. The public and members of staff are welcome to participate in person.

- Special Council Budget,  
Thursday, July 25, at 6 p.m.
- Hurricane Preparedness Workshop  
Monday, July 29 at 6 p.m.

### Future tentative meeting dates:

- Design Review Board  
Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2024, at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting,  
Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2024, at 7 p.m.

**Committee Meetings: TBA**

**DATES ARE SUBJECT  
TO CHANGE**

## Highlights of the June 18 Regular Council Meetings

- Adoption of a resolution approving the Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center Nurse Initiative Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Miami Beach ("CMB"), North Bay Village ("NBV"), the Town of Bay Harbor Islands ("TBHI"), the Town of Surfside ("TS"), Bal Harbour Village ("BHV"), and the Miami Beach Chamber Education Foundation, Inc. ("MBCEF") (collectively, the "Parties"), to provide for funding and for the implementation of a Nurse Initiative for the school year 2024-2025, at a pro rata share of \$8,112.
- Adoption of a resolution approving the renewal of a Mutual Aid Agreement and Joint Declaration between the Town of Golden Beach and the Town of Bay Harbor Islands for shared law enforcement services.
- Approval of Resolution approving Change Order #4 in the amount of \$594,000 to the agreement with Engineering Controls Systems Corp for the BC-158 Shepard Causeway to cover additional costs for increased spall repairs and materials.
- Approval of a resolution approving Change Order Number 1 to the Agreement with BCC Engineering, Inc. for \$102,985.00 for Construction Engineering (CEI) Services for the Indian Creek Bridge & Pipe Saddle Repairs (No. 875013) (BC-159).
- Approval of a resolution approving Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$231,200 to the agreement with Lead Engineering Contractors, LLC for the BC-159 Indian Creek Bridge & Pipe Saddle Repairs Bridge FDOT Post No. 875013.
- Approval of emergency procurement form certain vendors totaling approximately \$35,000, pursuant to Section 2-1.3 of the Town Code regarding damages incurred from the severe weather storm on June 11th and 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Approval of an ordinance amending Section 5-2.2 of the Town Code making the Owner of the property which is doing construction responsible for payment of cost related to pre-construction survey and/or seismic monitoring required on neighboring properties within 300 feet of a construction site, in accordance with subsection Section 5-2.2(1).
- Appointment of Jenice Rosado as Bay Harbor Islands' Town Manager.
- Approval of a resolution deferring appointments to the Design Review Board and the Parks & Recreation Committee to the next regular council meeting and allowing existing members to continue to serve until the Council makes new appointments.
- Approval of a proposal from Church by the Sea to provide space at the Church for the Town's Emergency Management Operations Landfall Team.