



Bay Harbor Islands

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Message From Mayor Fuller



With Thanksgiving now behind us, we welcome the rest of the holiday season and prepare for the coming year. December is a time of joy, as the weather is cooler, lights adorn our homes and Kane Concourse, and family and friends visit to join in celebration. It is also an opportunity to look back on the previous year's accomplishments and to set new goals for 2025. Bay Harbor Islands has had an extraordinary 2024, filled with amazing events, renovated park space, enhancement of offerings for children and seniors, significant progress on public projects, and streamlining of public access to government services. We have also witnessed Kane Concourse come alive with new shops and restaurants.

While we acknowledge our Town's growth has not come without pitfalls such as traffic and nuisance from construction, these matters are being addressed, with progress already being evident. For example, our Town has enhanced penalties and increased enforcement on construction projects that disregard acceptable hours of construction and leave debris in the streets. Bay Harbor Islands is also working in conjunction with neighboring municipalities to reduce traffic back-ups as much as possible given the number of cars on the road and the traffic mess that is 96th Street and Harding Ave. What must be remembered is that these few negatives are vastly outweighed by the positives in our community.

Bay Harbor Islands' success in 2024 will be eclipsed by our achievements in 2025. The forthcoming year includes additional park expansions and renovations, a more robust art festival (at the site of our old Town Hall rather than Kane Concourse), a wider variety of concerts, continued improvement in public access to Town services, enlargement of our offerings for children and adults, our annual Town Picnic, and the completion of our street enhancement. At the same time, we will be planning the future Town Hall, continuing our work on replacing the causeway bridge, finishing our new waterfront park, and seeking to supplement our programs for senior citizens.

Please remember, these events and services do not happen without the dedication and hard work of your Bay Harbor Islands employees. The hardworking women and men that make up the Town's staff deserve to be recognized for their commitment to you, and the hours they put in serving our community. Whether they work in administration, our police department, community center, public works, as crossing guards, or any other area of the Town, these people are the heart and soul of our Town, repeatedly leaving their own families to serve yours. This holiday season, please take a moment to thank these Town employees, as a simple acknowledgment of their sacrifices would be greatly appreciated. To you, your families and loved ones, have a joyous holiday season, and a very healthy and happy New Year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fuller".

Wishing you and yours a joyous holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year!





Council Member D'Amico Completes Certificate from Florida League of Cities



At the November 20th Town Council Meeting, a special presentation of a Certificate of Completion from the Florida League of Cities was made to Council Member Teri D'Amico for completing the 2024 Institute for Elected Municipal Officials II (IEMO II).



Mayor Josh Fuller and Council Member Molly Diallo at the National League of Cities conference.

Free Holiday Parking on Kane Concourse for Shoppers & Diners!
Patrons of our Business District may park for free up to three hours while visiting our local merchants, from December 16 to January 1.
After three hours, parking will be subject to enforcement.

Volunteers for Design Review Board & Parks and Recreation Committee

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands is looking for residents who are interested in serving their community as a volunteer member of the Design Review Board and the Parks and Recreation Committee. The deadline is Friday, December 27, 2024. The Design Review Board reviews and approves new construction, exterior renovations, additions, plan revisions and similar reviews of the Town. The Parks and Recreation Committee provides recommendations or input to the Bay Harbor Islands Town Council and staff regarding current and future park facilities and leisure programs for residents. Please submit your resume and Town application, available on the town website, to Town Clerk Yvonne Hamilton at yhamilton@bayharborislands-fl.gov or drop off at Town Hall. You may call (305) 866-6241 for more information.



Residents Gather for an Ecumenical Holiday

Friends from two condos came to the home of Norma Orovitz for a pre-Sabbath and early Christmas and Chanukah to enjoy the apps, sweets and liquid libations! And a good time was had by all!



A Goodbye Letter From Mayor Ileene Wallace

To Bay Harbor Islands, friends, relatives and colleagues, it is with great joy to inform you I relocated to St. Louis, Missouri so I can be closer to my children and grandchildren. Although I visited the Town many times as a child, I became a resident December 1959. My children Keith and Karen Ruskin were born and raised here, as well as my grandchildren. Their grandfather Dan Ruskin was part of the original development of Bay Harbor Islands in 1947. My mother moved to the Island when she was 87 years old. In 2004, you elected me to represent as Councilwoman on the Town Council. The Council was kind enough to elect me to serve as Vice Mayor, then Mayor. I served this community for 8 extraordinary years. My Council colleagues, the Town Manager, Miami-Dade County and Miami-Dade County School Superintendent, Rudy Crew, acknowledged a great need for a new parking garage. The parking garage also incorporates a citizen community center, Miami-Dade County Library and Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Station.

Thank you for being my friends. Thanks for letting "Sunny" my doggie attend various meetings and celebrations. My husband, Charles Wallace, loved Bay Harbor. Health, happiness and prosperity to all of you. Thank you, Chief Noel, for ensuring that we can safely walk our neighborhoods. To Town administration for all of your cooperation. To the Council members over the years, thank you. And most of all, thank you Sheppard and Ruth Broad, Ann Bussel and all of the Broad family for your kindness and friendship.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Honoring the Military on Veterans Day

On November 11, 2024, Bay Harbor Islands hosted a Veterans Day event honoring all who have served and continue to serve in the United States Armed Forces. Chief of Police Lindsley Noel served as master of ceremonies and the keynote speaker was Major Mary Anna Sheck, U.S. Marines Corps. Invocation and benediction were delivered by Rabbi Zalman Lipskar and comments were heard from Vice Mayor Isaac Salver and Town Manager Jenice Rosado.



Pizza With the Police Opens the Holidays

On November 14, 2024, students and parents enjoyed Pizza With the Police while getting safety advice and meeting the Town's officers. The evening focused on updated regulations on bicycles, scooters, skateboards and similar devices. The officers discussed riding sidewalks, roads and bike lanes. They also talked about helmets, the top speed of 15 mph and riding under lighting at night. These rules help keep our Town safe. Thank you for your cooperation!



Police Play the School Chess Club



Chess with the Chess Club at the Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center - Checkmate...but not for us! From the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department Chief Lindsley Noel, Corporal Davilmar and Corporal Rego joined our friends at Bal Harbour PD to take on the chess masters. Let's just say, the students were a few moves ahead! Thanks for the fun challenge.

BAY HARBOR ISLANDS ARTS FESTIVAL

FEBRUARY 1 & 2 • 10 AM – 6 PM
60 + ARTISTS

LIVE MUSIC AND DJ • ENTERTAINMENT
FAMILY & KIDS ACTIVITIES • LIVE ART ACTIVATIONS



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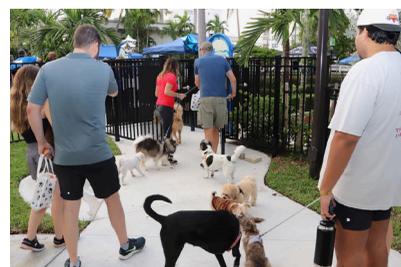
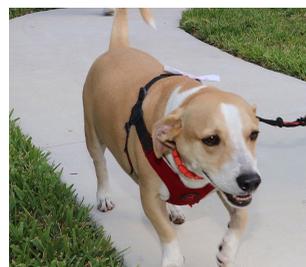
Halloween Brings Children and Parents to Fun

Residents of all ages put on their costumes and masks for the 5th Annual Halloween Parade up and down Kane Concourse and the carnival at the 95th Street. Local businesses and their employees handed out treats and other goodies to the parading children and the carnival in the park brought bags of treats, face painting, games, balloons, a giant slide and refreshments. Thanks to all that participated, especially the businesses, in making the day's events such a huge success.



Ruff! The 92nd Street Dog Park is Open

The dogs of Bay Harbor Islands and their owners arrived with huge smiles at the re-opening of the 92nd Street Park and a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 3rd. The afternoon had treats for all, dogs that were hoping to be adopted, Best Doggies Contest and a Walking Parade for our four-legged friends. The enhanced park has both large and small dog areas, new landscape, benches, gazebos and picnic tables. Thanks to the many who helped in the event.



An BBQ Party Says ‘Goodbye to the Town Hall’



Members of the community, Town Council, and staff gathered at 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace to bid farewell to the old Town Hall before its scheduled demolition. The event was filled with mingling, dancing, enjoyment, and delicious food, a memorable sendoff for this iconic building. Constructed in 1975, the Town Hall has served the community faithfully for decades. Now, it is time for a new, state-of-the-art facility. It will feature modern amenities, expanded parking, community spaces, and potential commercial and retail areas, designed to meet the future needs of Bay Harbor Islands.



The Kane Concourse Bistro is Now Offering Dinner

Residents know the famous breakfasts and lunches at The Bistro on the Kane Concourse and know they can enjoy a delightful dining experience at the same location, with delicious menu of fresh, locally sourced ingredients.

For the complete month of December there will be a special: 10% off for Bay Harbor Islands residents. The special is a thank you to the community and the discount is on any menu item. This exclusive offer is available to all Bay Harbor Islands residents with these terms and conditions:

- Minimum order of \$30 required.
- Must present a valid Bay Harbor Islands resident ID

The Bistro is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner at 1023 Kane Concourse. Call at (305) 866-0404. Visit us today and experience The Bistro difference!

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Having Fall Fun in Bay Harbor Islands



The fall season brings events for all ages, night and day. Top photos: Children brought their blankets and chairs to watch *Migration* at the Movie Night on 95th Street. Below-left: Those who attended the Avalanche & Undercover concert on November 17, kept standing and dancing through the evening. Below-right: the Senior Thanksgiving dinner at The Palm at Bay Harbor Islands.



WINTER 2024

YMCA OF SOUTH FLORIDA | SERVING BAY HARBOR ISLANDS

Art Explosion

Mondays 1:50 – 3 PM (Grades Pre-K-1) 3:05 – 4:10 PM (Grades 2-8)
 Fee: \$50 \$125 (Resident) \$163 (Non-Resident)

Awesome Science

Tuesdays 1:50 – 3 PM (Grades Pre-K-1) 3:05 – 4:10 PM (Grades 2-8)
 Fee: \$50 \$125 (Resident) \$163 (Non-Resident)

Mini Chefs

Wednesdays 1:50 – 3 PM (Grades Pre-K-1) 3:05 – 4:10 PM (Grades 2-8)
 Fee: \$50 \$150 (Resident) \$195 (Non-Resident)

Lego Wizard (Snapology)

Thursdays 1:50 – 3 PM (Grades Pre-K-1) 3:05 – 4:10 PM (Grades 2-8)
 Fee: Registration Fee: \$50 \$120 (Resident) \$156 (Non-Resident)

Velocity Dance

Fridays 1:50 – 3 PM (Grades Pre-K-1) 3:05 – 4:10 PM (Grades 2-8)
 Fee: \$50 \$150 (Resident) \$195 (Non-Resident)

Homework Lab

Monday – Friday 1:50 – 3 PM (Grades Pre-K-1) 3:05 – 4:05 PM (Grades 2-8)
 Fee: \$50 \$150 (Resident) \$195 (Non-Resident)

Volleyball Team

Thursday/Friday 3:05 – 4:05 PM (Grades Pre-K-1) 4:10 – 5:10 PM (Grades 2-8)
 Fee: \$50 \$320 (Resident) \$416 (Non-Resident)

Basketball Practice

Monday/Tuesday 3:05 – 4:05 PM (Grades Pre-K-1) 4:10 – 5:10 PM (Grades 2-8)
 Fee: \$50 \$220 (Resident) \$286 (Non-Resident)

Soccer Drills

Wednesdays 3:05 – 4:05 PM (Grades Pre-K-1) 4:10 – 5:10 PM (Grades 2-8)
 Fee: \$50 \$120 (Resident) \$156 (Non-resident)

Tiny Tots

Sundays 12:30 – 1:30 PM Fee: \$50 \$150 (Resident) \$195 (Non-Resident)

Mommy & Me

Sundays 1:30 – 2:30 PM Fee: \$50 \$150 (Resident) \$195 (Non-Resident)

Adult Tai Chi

Tuesdays 6 – 7 PM Fee: \$50 \$150 (Resident) \$195 (Non-Resident)

Adult Art Class

Thursdays 10 – 11 AM Fee: \$50 \$150 (Resident) \$195 (Non-Resident)

After-School Program

Grades: Pre-K – 8 Until 6 PM Program \$240/ Month Scan to register

Fall Camp

8 AM – 6 PM Grades: Pre-K – 8 Fee: \$50
 \$105 Bay Harbor Residents) \$137 (Non-Residents)

Teacher Planning Day Camp

Friday, Dec. 20 8 AM – 6 PM Grades: Pre-K – 8 Fee: \$50
 \$35 (Bay Harbor Residents) \$26 (Non-Residents)

Weekend Events

Dec. 7 & 21 10 AM – 12 PM Family Archery and Pottery

Parents Night Out

Thursday, December 19 6 – 9:30 PM Drop-off 6 - 6:30 Pick-up 9 - 9:30
 \$30 (residents), \$39 (non-residents)



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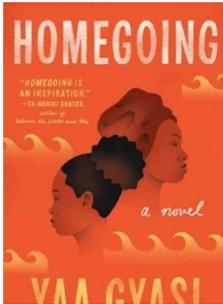
**BAY HARBOR ISLANDS
BOOK CLUB**

**WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 13, 6:30 P.M.**

Homegoing

Yaa Gyasi

A novel of breathtaking sweep and emotional power that traces three hundred years in Ghana and along the way becomes a truly great American novel. Extraordinary for its exquisite language, implacable sorrow, soaring beauty, and for monumental portrait of the forces that shape families and nations. Homegoing heralds the arrival of a major new voice in contemporary fiction.

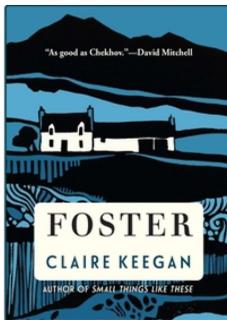


**WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 8, 2025 • 6:30 P.M.**

Foster

Karen Keegan

A small girl is sent to live with foster parents on a farm in rural Ireland, without knowing when she will return home. In the strangers' house, she finds a warmth affection and slowly begins in their care. Then a secret is revealed and, suddenly, she realizes how fragile her idyll is. Beautiful, sad and eerie, it is a story of astonishing emotional depth.



BINGO

Thursday, December 19 • 7 PM

Bring your ugly Christmas sweater!

Morris N. Broad Community Center

ADULT & SENIOR PROGRAMS
New 8-week session classes for adults and seniors starts: November 11 to January 11, 2025 please click here to register.

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 9-10 a.m.
Adult Yoga	\$ 30 / \$50	Saturday only 10-11 a.m.
Senior Yoga	\$ 50 / \$100	Monday/Wed. 9 - 10 a.m.
Senior Tai-Chi	\$ 50 / \$100	Tues/Thur 10 - 11 a.m.
Senior Workout - 108	\$ 25 / \$30	Wednesday 10 - 11 a.m.
Senior Computer	\$ 50 / \$100	Wednesday 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Senior Mat Pilates	\$ 30 / \$40	Tuesday 9-10 a.m.

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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 are at the Morris N. Broad Community Center at 1175 95 Street. The public and members of staff are welcome. The future meeting dates are subject to change. The closer to the date, contact the Office of the Town Clerk or visit the Town's website, www.bayharborislands-fl.gov

UPCOMING TOWN MEETING

No regular meetings are held in December.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 7 p.m.

Committee Meetings: TBA

**DATES ARE SUBJECT
TO CHANGE**

Highlights of the November 20, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

- Adoption of a Resolution renewing an agreement between the Town of Bay Harbor Islands and David Caserta Government Relations, Inc. for consulting services related to government relations efforts at the State level.
- Approval of a Resolution to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Miami-Dade County for publishing public notices on the County's website.
- Adoption of a Resolution approving Task Order No. 001 with AtkinsRealis USA in the amount of \$250,000, to conduct Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment (CCVAs).
- Adoption of Resolutions approving Mutual Aid Agreements and Joint Declarations between the Town of Bay Harbor Islands and the City of Doral and the City of Florida City.
- Approval of an ordinance on Second Reading amending Chapter 24, Section 16 on the Town Code related to the regulations of landscape requirements
- Adoption of a Resolution designating the Thursday prior to the April 1, 2025, General Election for early voting, along with the Saturday before the election, pursuant to Section 6-4 of the Town Code.

At the time this newsletter was printed, the topics below were anticipated for discussion or possible action at January 8, 2025 Regular Council meeting

- Consideration of an ordinance on Second Reading amending Section 12-21 of the Town Code regarding Definitions for Construction Activity.