



# Bay Harbor Islands

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## Message From Mayor Fuller



The delayed release of this month's newsletter provides the opportunity to reflect on Bay Harbor Islands' Art Festival and related events that occurred at the end of January through the first two days of February. We kicked off our weeklong celebration with a movie and discussion about Christo's wrapping of islands in Biscayne Bay in 1983, and then followed three days later with an event showcasing students' art at our Ruth K. Broad K-8 (the kids' art was amazing). Then came our main event – the 3rd Annual Bay Harbor Islands Art Festival.

This year's festival utilized the site of our old town hall, which had been demolished and cleared away only two weeks prior. The event was a huge success, with residents and visitors enjoying a record number of artists' booths, clear weather, fantastic music and great performances by our local dance troupes. Events such as the art festival (and related activities) help define us as a community, demonstrating how our Town is enhanced by activities that draw us together to experience world-class amenities while retaining our small-town feel.

As to the site of our previous town hall, the Town Council is moving forward evaluating options as to its replacement. The future structure will include not only new administrative offices, but also a new police station. Additional space for resident use and possible ground-floor retail are also being considered. Your input on the future offerings would be greatly appreciated.

In the meantime, the Town is moving forward with its other major project, namely the replacement of the Broad Causeway bridge. The Town has committed to funding the next stage of design and engineering, and at the same time is actively seeking federal and state financial support, as the bridge has a regional impact, the cost of which should not be borne by Bay Harbor alone. Given the essential nature of the project, and the fact the process of designing and building a bridge takes years, your Town Council started the process several years ago to ensure there will be no disruption to your access to the mainland. If you are not familiar with the current plans for the bridge replacement, please visit the Town's website, where you will find a short video showing the current design of the project.

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

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MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
ON APRIL 1, 2025

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# TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands' annual municipal election will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at the Morris N. Broad Community Center at 1175 95 Street, Bay Harbor Islands, Florida, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Two seats on the Town Council (currently held by Council Members Stephanie Bruder and Molly Diallo) will come up for vote in this election. Both precincts will vote at the Morris N. Broad Community Center.

## EARLY VOTING DATES

Morris N. Broad Community Center  
Thursday, March 27, 2025 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Saturday, March 29, 2025 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

## VOTER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

You will need to register your residential address by March 3, 2025, 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 registering. (If you are already registered at your current Bay Harbor Islands residential address, you need not reregister.) If you are not registered to vote at your current Bay

Harbor Islands' residential address, register to vote online at [register to vote florida.gov/home](http://register.to.vote.florida.gov/home) or by mail.

Voter Registration Applications are available at Town Hall or at any state Driver's License office. Due to 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 1st election, you must submit your request to Miami-Dade Elections Department no less than 12 days prior to the election (March 20, 2025). You may do at: [tiny.one/VotebyMail](http://tiny.one/VotebyMail) or by

calling (305) 499-8444.

To be a candidate for a Town Council seat, contact Town Clerk Yvonne Hamilton at 305-866-6241 or email at: [yahamilton@bayharborislands-fl.gov](mailto:yahamilton@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.

## QUALIFYING DATES

Begins: Thursday, Feb. 20, 2025 at 9 a.m.  
Ends: Sunday, March 2, 2025 at 5 p.m.

## Dear Bay Harbor Islands Residents,



As we step into this exciting new year, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to our incredible community. Your enthusiasm, participation, and support make Bay Harbor Islands such a special place, and I couldn't be more proud to serve you.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Bay Harbor Islands Arts Festival and our recent Concert in the Park. These events are truly brought to life by your energy and engagement, and I'm thrilled for what's ahead! We have an amazing lineup of upcoming events, starting with the Town's 5K Run & Walk on Sunday, February 23. Get ready for a fun-filled Outdoor Movie Night on Saturday, March 15, followed by another fantastic Concert in the Park on Sunday, March 16. Our senior events continue throughout the season, and we can't wait to celebrate together at the Town Picnic on Sunday, April 6. Be sure to visit our official website at [www.bayharborislands-fl.gov](http://www.bayharborislands-fl.gov) for all the details.

One of the things that makes Bay Harbor Islands so special is our walkability – everything you need is just steps away. I encourage you to take advantage of our beautiful surroundings, visit our local businesses, and continue to support the wonderful shops and restaurants that make our Town so unique.

We've also been working hard behind the scenes to improve our infrastructure and enhance your quality of life. In collaboration with the Florida Department of Transportation, we have addressed traffic concerns at 96th Street and Collins Avenue in Surfside. Additionally, we are actively securing grants for bridge repairs and funding for a new municipal complex, ensuring a bright and sustainable future for our Town. Thank you for being such an engaged and supportive community. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and working together to keep Bay Harbor Islands a thriving, welcoming, and beautiful place to call home.

*With appreciation,*

*Council Member Stephanie Bruder*



COUNCIL CORNER



# Welcome to Officer Jorge Martinez Arias



POLICE DEPARTMENT



The Bay Harbor Islands Police Department has proudly sworn in Officer Jorge Martinez-Arias as the newest member. A 2024 graduate of Miami-Dade College and Miami-Dade North Campus Police Institute, Officer Martinez is driven by perseverance and teamwork. Before joining us, he worked as a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu instructor while pursuing a career in law enforcement. In his free time Officer Martinez trains in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, working toward his black belt. We're excited to have him on board and can't wait to see the positive impact he'll make in our community.

## UP-TO-DATE AT BAY HARBOR ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT



### Students Learn Safety on the Streets

In January, Corporal Rego talked with students about the updated Micromobility Ordinances to ensure they stay informed and safe on streets and sidewalks. Here are key takeaways:

- Dismount & walk across bridge sidewalks (Sec. 18-9).
- Yield to pedestrians & follow the 15 mph sidewalk speed limit (Sec. 18-10).
- Use designated bike lanes & have proper lighting at night.
- Parking only in designated areas – no blocking sidewalks. (Sec. 18-11).
- Helmets required for riders under 16 (Sec. 18-12).
- Fines start at \$50 for violations, with increased penalties for repeat offenses (Sec. 18-13, 18-14).
- We appreciate everyone's cooperation in keeping Bay Harbor Islands safe for all.

### Officers Join Together to Save a Dog



A huge thank you to Sergeant Grimes, Corporal Lima and the Alpha Shift team for Pursuing Excellence in Operation Rescue. An abused puppy in critical condition was brought to our police department and Sergeant Grimes contacted a local veterinarian who treated for malnutrition, infections and a serious leg wound. The puppy was on its way to recovery. Corporal Lima reached out to @bigdogranchrescue and despite being at capacity, his persistence secured a spot. He and his wife transported the puppy to the rescue, and the dog was warmly welcomed and named Tigger. Thanks to the officers and staff, who donated the medical costs, Tigger is now starting a new chapter full of love and care.



### Celebrating National Law Enforcement Appreciation

The dedication, integrity and teamwork of the men and women of the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department were honored for keeping our community safe every day. Join us to celebrate the annual National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day by showing your support for our Police Department.



# In Bay Harbor Islands - Art is in the Heart

The third annual Bay Harbor Islands Arts Festival brought two marvelous days for art lovers from residents and friends through South Florida. On February 1 and 2, tents were filled with all types of beautiful art, jewelry and clothing. Families enjoyed games for children of all ages, activities, food, music at the new location for the Arts Festival. Thanks to all who attended and worked to make the weekend special.





## Bay Harbor Islands Enjoy Art Close to Home

A group from Bay Harbor Islands interested in the arts came to Morris N. Broad Community Center on January 17 for the first Art Appreciation Lecture Series. Council Member Teri D'Amico introduced the event and talked about the power of art, imagination and creativity. D'Amico then started the 1983 film *Islands*, a documentary of the artists Christo and Jeanne Claude who wrapped 11 islands in Biscayne Bay with pink fabric. The beauty of the bay was spread across the globe and to the international art world. Many believe the event of *Islands* was a birth and growth of the Miami's art scene.

The Lecture Series is open to all residents and Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 students. **For more information call (305) 866-6241,**



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EverGlow Nail Salon is a new hidden gem in the heart of Bay Harbor Islands. We are certified and licensed technicians with OPI, Akzentz-High ProFormance builder gel, Dazzle Dry and Après Gel-X. We carry top quality brands that are non-toxic, HEMA-free products, like Dazzle Dry's entire line which is hypoallergenic. Our Salon is equipped with state-of-the-art high-tech equipment just to ensure our clients are comfortable while loving their service. We take pride in being a clean salon while using the best hospital-grade disinfectants, to clean our surfaces and our tools.

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Our services include regular manicure/pedicures, Dazzle Dry manicures/pedicures, regular gel (shellac) manicure/pedicures, Dry Russian manicures/pedicures, Dip Powder Manicures, Hard Builder Bio Gel, Après Gel X, Luminary Gel manicures & Poly Gel.

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# 5K

**BAY HARBOR ISLANDS ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025 • RACE TIME 8 AM**

**For Register & Map go to:  
<https://triregistration.com/BayHarbor/>**

• Packet Pickup from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. • Awards: Top Overall & Age Groups • Plenty of food & refreshments



**Thursday  
February 20th  
6 PM**

**At Morris N. Broad Community Center  
(Must register online!)**



**Outdoors Movie**  
Families and children enjoyed the Outdoor Movie of *Despicable 3* in January 9.

## WINTER 2024

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### 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: \$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)

### 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)

### 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)

### 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



## BAY HARBOR ISLANDS BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12 • 6:30 P.M.

**Comfort of Crows** Margaret Renkl

Margaret Renkl presents a literary devotional: 52 chapters that follow the creatures and plants in her backyard over a year. The portrait shows the joy in the ongoing pleasures of the natural world, and the grief over winters that end too soon and songbirds that grow fewer and fewer.

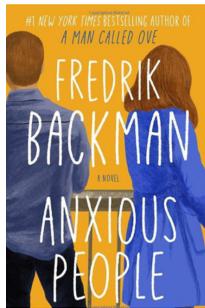


WEDNESDAY, MAR. 12 • 6:30 P.M.

**Anxious People**

by Fredrik Backman

A failed bank robbery that turns an apartment viewing into a hostage situation and the subsequent investigation into it. The victims are argumentative and difficult, the bank robber is distraught, and the realtor is incompetent. When gunshot goes off and police find an apartment covered in blood, it gets serious. Backman is a New York Times bestselling author, columnist, and blogger and has been published in over 40 countries.



**NEW**

**KIDS PIANO**

Saturdays - 1 pm – 2 pm \$180

Saturdays - 2 pm – 3 pm \$180

Saturdays - 3 pm – 4:15 pm \$180

## ADULT & SENIOR PROGRAMS

New 8-week session classes for adults and seniors starts January to March. **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.

## The New Year Begins with Concert and Movie

The first concert of 2025 at 95th Street Park brought a cool evening and the music of The Motowners. The singing from 60s and 70s and the dancing kept everyone warm.



## THE UNDERCOVERS

will be at the 95th Street Park on February 23, 2025 at 7p.m.

**Bring your own blanket or chair and proof of residence.**

**No Styrofoam, glass containers or pets.**

# FLHSMV

FLORIDA HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Must have an Appointment • (305) 404-2271

**Florida Licensing On Wheels (FLOW)**  
Friday, February 28, 2025, 10 am to 2 pm

**Morris N. Broad Community Center**  
1175 95th St, Bay Harbor Islands, FL 33154

Joshua D. Fuller  
*Mayor*

Isaac Salver  
*Vice Mayor*

Stephanie Bruder      Teri D'Amico  
*Council Member      Council Member*

Molly Diallo      Eric Rappaport  
*Council Member      Council Member*

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*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. 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 Town Clerk or visit the Town's website, [www.bayharborislands-fl.gov](http://www.bayharborislands-fl.gov)

**UPCOMING TOWN MEETING**

Regular Council Meeting  
February 20, 2025 at 9 a.m.

**FUTURE MEETING DATES**

Design Review Board  
March 4, 2025 at 7 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting  
March 12, 2025 at 7 p.m.

**Committee Meetings: TBA**

**DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**Highlights of the January 8, 2025, Regular Council Meeting**

- Adoption of a resolution approving a combined voluntary cooperation and operational assistance Mutual Aid Agreement with Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police for Law Enforcement services.
- Adoption of a resolution urging members of the Florida Legislature to support the 2025 Florida League of Cities Legislative Priorities.
- Adoption of a Resolution ratifying the appointment of Annette Epelbaum Cannon, Esq. as Special Magistrate to conduct Administrative Hearings on Code Violations for the Town of Bay Harbor Islands, pursuant to Section 5¾-3 of the Town Code.
- Approval of an ordinance on First Reading amending Section 23-5 of the Zoning and Planning Code to prohibit the sale, leasing, rental, display or repair of automobiles, trucks, boats, trailers or recreational vehicles in the B-1 Business District.

**At the time of printing this newsletter, the topics listed below are anticipated for discussion or action at the February 12, 2025.**

- Consideration of an ordinance on First Reading amending Section 23-4 of the Town Code to establish minimal commercial use in the RM-1 and RM-2 Multiple Family Districts.
- Consideration of an ordinance on Second Reading amending Section 23-5 of the Zoning and Planning Code to prohibit the sale, leasing, rental, display or repair of automobiles, trucks, boats, trailers or recreational vehicles in the B-1 Business District.
- Consideration of an ordinance on Second Reading amending Section 11-8.2 of the Town Code regarding Adopted Levels of Service and Concurrency review requirements.