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UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands Town Council welcomes your attendance and participation at all meetings. Unless regarding topics specifically exempt by state law, meetings 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 1175 95th Street. The public and other members of staff are welcome to participate in person. The following future tentative meeting dates are subject to change, therefore, closer to the date contact the Office of the Town Clerk or visit the Town's website at www.bayharborislands-fl.gov

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

- Regular Council (Tentatively) August 13 at 7 p.m.
- Design Review Board – September 2 at 7 p.m.
- First Budget Public Hearing – Sept. 11 at 6 pm
- Regular Council Meeting–September 11, at 7 p.m. (Rescheduled from previous date of Sept. 10)
- Second Budget Public Hearing- Sept. 25 at 6 p.m.

**Committee Meetings: To be announced
DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

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Vice Mayor



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Council Member



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Council Member



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Joseph Locke
Interim Chief of Police

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Message From Mayor Isaac Salver



As we enter August and the peak of hurricane season, I want to remind our residents to stay informed and prepared. The Town continues to prioritize emergency readiness, with staff working diligently in coordination with county, state, and federal partners to ensure Bay Harbor Islands is equipped to rapidly respond to any potential storm. I encourage all households to review their emergency plans, secure necessary supplies, and stay connected through CodeRED alerts and official County and Town updates.

Since emergency preparedness remains a top priority, I am proud to share that Bay Harbor Islands was awarded \$900,000 from the State of Florida's FY 2025-26 budget to support and enhance our Emergency Management operations. This investment will help strengthen our planning, coordination, and response capabilities during hurricanes and other critical events. We are grateful to Representative Fabián Basabe, Senator Shevrin Jones and Governor DeSantis' Office for their leadership and commitment to our community's safety.

The Town Council and I have worked tirelessly seeking funding for our causeway. Also included in the state budget is \$1 million in funding for the future replacement of the Broad Causeway Bridge. This vital infrastructure project will ensure continued safe access to and from our Town and help reinforce long-term connectivity and resiliency for Bay Harbor Islands.

Public safety continues to be a core focus. To support this effort locally, Bay Harbor Islands has partnered with RedSpeed, a traffic safety technology provider. Automated speed enforcement will begin at the start of the school year August 14, 2025. Cameras and enforcement technology will be installed in designated school zones. Compliance is required during student arrival and dismissal hours. This initiative reinforces our commitment to protecting students, families, and pedestrians throughout our community. I encourage ALL residents and commuters to observe the School Zone speed limits and hours of enforcement! The new system does NOT require a motorist to stop to receive a citation. This system will bolster the routine police details in charge of traffic safety.

The month of August means the Florida League of Cities will host its 2025 Annual Conference in Orlando. Council members and key staff members will participate in 3 days of lectures, seminars, and workshops focused on important matters affecting municipalities. During this conference, we have a unique opportunity to learn "best practices" in policy, leadership, and technology to deliver more efficient services to the residents of Bay Harbor Islands.

It is truly a privilege to represent Bay Harbor Islands in statewide conversations about the future of local government. Thank you for your continued support, civic engagement, and partnership as we work together to ensure the safety, strength, and success of our community.

Warm regards, Mayor Isaac Salver

Town Manager's Message



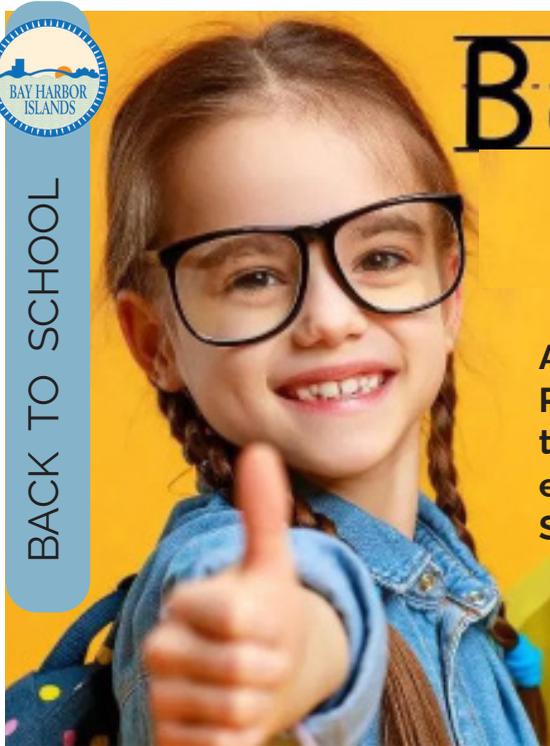
It is a privilege to serve as the Town Manager for Bay Harbor Islands. With nearly two decades of public service, primarily through a career in law enforcement, I've had the opportunity to lead in areas ranging from emergency response and public safety to organizational development and community engagement. This background has shaped my commitment to service, accountability, and building strong partnerships to support thriving communities.

As your Town Manager, my goals are to expand and enhance the services we provide to residents, implement the Town Council's vision with transparency and efficiency, and continue strengthening the infrastructure that supports our daily lives. In recent months, we've implemented new payroll and public safety technology, expanded youth programming, and secured state funding for key capital projects. Whether it's improving our public spaces, advancing capital projects, or enhancing quality-of-life programs, I am focused on creating long-term value for the people of Bay Harbor Islands. I look forward to the journey ahead, together.

From Town Manager Lindsley Noel



BACK TO SCHOOL



Back to School

For Our Bay Harbor Islands Families

As the new school year approaches, students at Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center are preparing to return to the classroom – and Florida is making it easier than ever for families to save with the Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday, running August 1-31, 2025.

Here's what you need to know to make the most of this opportunity:

What's Tax-Free This August?

You can shop tax-free on the following items:

- ◆ Clothing, footwear, and accessories priced \$100 or less per item
- ◆ School supplies priced \$50 or less per item
- ◆ Learning aids and jigsaw puzzles priced \$30 or less
- ◆ Personal computers and accessories priced \$1,500 or less (for non-commercial, personal use)
- ◆ Full details here: [Florida Department of Revenue – 2025 Back-to-School Tax Holiday](#)
- ◆ Tip: Many online retailers apply tax exemptions automatically when shipping to a Florida address—just make sure your final item price stays under the listed limits.

Spotlight on Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center

Located in the heart of Bay Harbor Islands, Ruth K. Broad continues to set the standard for academic excellence. As your family prepares for the school year, take advantage of these tax savings to stock up on essentials – from uniforms and backpacks to laptops and learning tools.

- ◆ First day of school: [Miami-Dade Public Schools Calendar](#)

Shopping Timeline & Tips

- ◆ **Before August 1** – Make your shopping list and compare deals
- ◆ **August 1-31** – Shop in-store or online with tax-free benefits
- ◆ **Keep receipts** – Exchanges for exempt items are still tax-free after August

Additional resources:

- ◆ [Avalara: Florida 2025 Tax Holidays Overview](#)
- ◆ [Kiplinger: Back-to-School Tax-Free Weekends](#)
- ◆ [ABC News: What's Tax-Free This Year](#)

If you have any questions or need assistance preparing for the school year, our team is always here to help.





Introducing Chief Luis E. Alvarez: Our New Police Chief



The Town of Bay Harbor Islands is proud to welcome Chief Luis E. Alvarez as its new Chief of Police. Chief Alvarez brings more than 30 years of distinguished law enforcement experience to our community.

He began his career with the New York City Police Department and spent nearly three decades with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, where he rose through the ranks to serve as Assistant Chief. His extensive background includes leadership in operational, investigative, and executive roles. Throughout his career, Chief Alvarez has overseen key bureaus such as Investigations and Support Services and has provided direct oversight of patrol operations across multiple districts. He is experienced in managing complex public safety events, including presidential visits, civil unrest responses, and large-scale public gatherings. Most notably, he served as Incident Commander for the 2024 Florida Panthers Stanley Cup Parade.

A forward-thinking leader, Chief Alvarez has been instrumental in integrating advanced technologies such as license plate readers, shot detection systems, and real-time crime analysis tools to enhance policing effectiveness and public safety.

He is also known for implementing proactive policing strategies, restructuring organizational units to improve efficiency, and emphasizing community-centered problem solving. His experience includes contract negotiation, fiscal management, and strategic planning.

Chief Alvarez holds a Master's degree in Criminal Justice from Arizona State University and a Bachelor's degree in Business Management from Wagner College. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and has completed executive leadership training through the Police Executive Research Forum and the Southern Police Institute.

Chief Alvarez is a strong advocate for professionalism, accountability, and building trust within the community. He is honored to serve the residents of Bay Harbor Islands and looks forward to continuing the department's tradition of excellence.



Chief Alvarez first day at Bay Harbor islands, July 28, 2025



Officers Graduating from D.A.R.E

Congratulations to Corporal Gonzalez and Officer Romo on Officer graduating from D.A.R.E. Officer training! This training is very important to educating and empowering our youth.

Officer Garcia Joins Police Department



We proudly welcomed Officer Joelvis Garcia to the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department during his official swearing-in ceremony.

We're excited to have Officer Garcia join our team as we continue our mission to serve and protect with dedication, integrity, teamwork, and respect.

Welcome aboard, Officer Garcia!

Grant Grimsley is Employee of the Month

The Bay Harbor Islands is proud to recognize Public Works employee Grant Grimsley as our June 2025 Employee of the Month! Grant's dedication, reliability, and positive attitude make a lasting impact on both his team and our community. Whether he's assisting with town beautification efforts, responding to service requests, or lending a hand during special events, Grant consistently goes above and beyond. Please join us in congratulating him on this well-deserved recognition!



Alexander Garcia – Soon-To-Be Building Official

Alexander Garcia is proud to serve the Town of Bay Harbor Islands as the soon-to-be Building Official. With extensive experience in the building and inspection field, he brings a deep understanding of construction standards, code compliance, and the importance of public safety in community development.

Driven by a passion for public service, Mr. Garcia values clear communication, transparency, and efficiency in the permitting and inspection process. He is committed to fostering strong working relationships with residents, contractors, and staff to support safe, sustainable growth throughout the Town. Mr. Garcia looks forward to working collaboratively with the community.



New Training to the Teenage Explorers



The Police Department's Post #4 Explorer Program helps teenagers pursue excellence. Here are the new trainers who will acquire their knowledge and competence: Public Service Aide Danny Shih, Officer Jaileen Romo and Officer Jorge Martinez-Arias.

Children Learn the Laws of Electric Bikes, Scooters and More

With so many types of electric bicycles, scooters and skateboarding on roads and sidewalks, the Police Department wanted children to know the laws and how to stay safe. Those at the Community Center learned about laws such as always wearing a helmet, not riding too fast, and keeping aware of your surroundings.





Welcome to Mamale, a New Kosher Restaurant in Town



Located at 1017 Kane Concourse Mamale is dedicated to bringing you the best kosher food in Town. We believe in quality, community, and fresh ingredients that shine through in every dish we serve. At Mamale, every meal is a celebration of flavor and tradition. Whether you're joining us for a quick bite or family gathering, you'll experience warm hospitality and food made with passion and care.

Best Kosher Food in Town

At Mamale, we believe every bite should tell a story of flavor, quality, and passion. That's why we source only the finest ingredients, ensuring every meal is fresh, flavorful, and perfectly cooked. Our commitment to excellence doesn't stop at the kitchen, it's reflected in our welcoming atmosphere for all our guests. Come experience why Mamale is quickly becoming a neighborhood favorite!



1017 Kane Concourse • 786-648-9045

Opening Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM – 8:00 PM,
Friday 8:30 AM – 4PM, SAT – Closed,
Sunday 8:30 AM – 8:00 PM.

Order online at: www.getsauce.com/order/mamale/menu

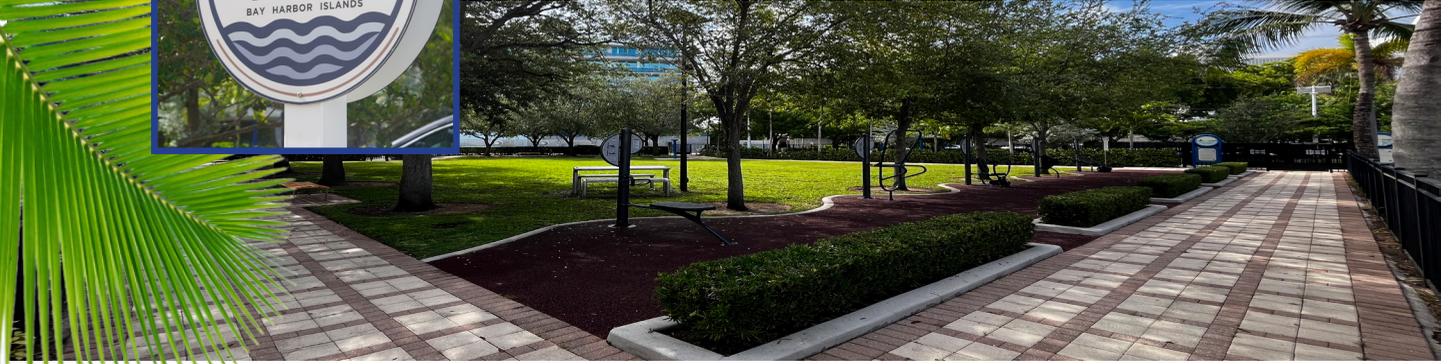
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Congratulations to the Summer Camp Children

Our Bay Harbor Islands Bright Paths Youth Development Program are the 2025 Children's Trust Battle of the Books "Back-to-Back" Champions! The fourth grade and fifth grade group of students placed first in a countywide reading comprehension online competition. Our children are recognized by The Children's Trust and FIU Reading Explorers program as being ranked #1 in Miami-Dade County!



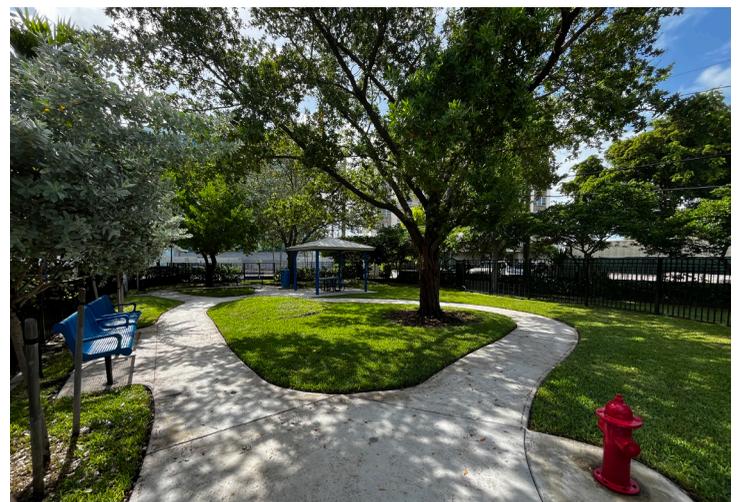
Come on and take a walk to our
Cool off on the splash pad, read in the shade



92 Street Park
E. Bay Harbor Drive
(305) 404.2271
Sunrise to Sunset

Features:

- ADA Accessible
- Exercise Equipment
- Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Dog Run



Town parks during August. and exercise workout at our parks.

Scott Winters Park 98th Street (305) 404.2271 Sunrise to Sunset

Features:

- Splash Pad
- Two shaded play structures that separate older and younger children and includes ADA accessible components.
- Open field with Field Turf
- Benches
- Covered Picnic Pavilion
- Restrooms with changing tables in both
- ADA accessible paver walkway
- Separate Dog Run at the adjacent Dog Park



For August 13 Regular Town Council Meeting

At the time of printing this newsletter, the topics listed below are anticipated for discussion or possible action at the tentative August 13, 2025. All items are subject to change.

- An Ordinance approved on First Reading amending Chapter 7½ of the Town Code pertaining to Flood Damage Prevention.
- An Ordinance on First Reading amending Section 23-11 of the Town Code related to the second-story building area waivers in the RD District and setback encroachments in the RM-3 District.

Council Capsules

Highlights of the July 8, 2025, Special Council Meeting. The following items were discussed and voted on:

- Discussion and possible action regarding the proposed school obstructing the entrance to the police station and associated traffic plan. Sponsored by Council Members Joshua Fuller and Molly Diallo.
- Discussion and possible action authorizing the Town Manager to engage special counsel for the procurement and development of the Town Municipal Complex, not to exceed \$75,000. Sponsored by Council Member Joshua Fuller.
- Discussion and possible action authorizing the Town Manager to issue the appropriate solicitations for the design and development of the Town Municipal Complex. Sponsored by Council Member Joshua Fuller.

YMCA Brings a Summer of FUN

Campers have been having a fantastic summer at the YMCA with sports, games, arts & crafts (at right) and field trips.

At the event below, a hot July day was changed into a cool and sweet location with tasty treats for all campers.





Town's Seniors Gather in the Summer Holiday

The seniors celebrated a great pre-holiday Fourth of July dinner with 38 wonderful residents at The Meat Bar. Seniors enjoyed a time with friends and a special night with an amazing experience.



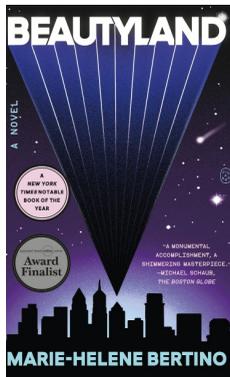
BAY HARBOR ISLANDS BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13 6:30 P.M.
Beautyland

by Marie-Helene Bertino

A surreal and tender story following Adina, A woman who believes she's an alien sent to observe Earth, exploring and belonging identity, and the human experience.

With sharp wit and emotional depth, Bertino blends science fiction and literary fiction to paint a moving portrait of outsidehood.

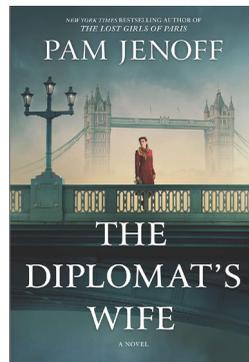


WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10 6:30 P.M.
The Diplomat's Wife

by Pam Jenoff

Set in post-WWII Europe, this historical novel follows Marta, a concentration camp survivor entangled in espionage and love, as she navigates a world of secrets and betrayals.

Gripping and emotionally resonant, the story highlights the moral ambiguities and personal sacrifices of survival during wartime.



English and Spanish Classes

English: Monday/Wednesday, 6-7 p.m.

Spanish: Tuesday/Thursday 6-7 p.m.

At the Morris N. Broad Community Center

Get Wet this Summer!

WITH ADMISSION FEE, BAY HARBOR ISLANDS RESIDENTS CAN GO TO MIAMI SHORES AQUATIC CENTER POOL

Lap Swim
\$5 per day • \$65 per month

Wild Waters per day
\$7 (Children under 12)
\$10 (ages 13 and older)

ADULT & SENIOR PROGRAMS

New 8-week session classes for adults.



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ADULT & SENIOR PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	DAY/DATES	HOURS	RESIDENTS/NON
Adult Yoga	Monday 9-10 a.m. / Thursday 10-11 a.m.		\$ 90 / \$150
Adult Zumba	Monday/Wednesday	6:30-7:30 p.m.	\$ 90 / \$150
Adult Mat Pilates	Tuesday/Thursday	6 - 7 p.m.	\$ 90 / \$150
Adult Mixed Yoga	Friday	9-10 a.m.	\$ 25 / \$40
Adult Yoga	Saturday only	10-11 a.m.	\$ 30 / \$50
Senior Yoga	Monday/Wednesday	9 - 10 a.m.	\$ 50 / \$100
Early Bird Yoga <i>NEW</i>	Tuesday/Thursday	7 - 8 a.m.	\$ 50 / \$90
Senior Tai-Chi	Tuesday/Thursday	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	\$ 50 / \$100
Senior Workout -108	Wednesday	10 - 11 a.m.	\$ 25 / \$30
Senior Computer	Wednesday	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	\$ 50 / \$100
Senior Mat Pilates	Tuesday/Thursday	9 - 10 a.m.	\$ 50 / \$100
English Classes	Monday/Wednesday	6-7 p.m.	\$ 130 / \$260
Spanish Classes	Tuesday/Thursday	6-7 p.m.	\$ 130 / \$260

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: \$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)

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)

Mommy & Me

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

Tiny Tots

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

Adult Tai Chi

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

After-School Program

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

Adult Art Class

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