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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

- 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 Pubic Hearing - Sept. 25 at 6 p.m.

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

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EMERGENCY: 911

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Mayor Isaac Salver Receives the E. Harris Drew Municipal Official Lifetime Achievement Award



Last month I was deeply honored to receive the E. Harris Drew Municipal Official Lifetime Achievement Award from the Florida League of Cities. Presented annually to just one elected official across the state, this award recognizes a career of dedicated service to municipal government and a steadfast commitment to strengthening communities. To stand among so many passionate municipal leaders and be chosen for this recognition is profoundly humbling.

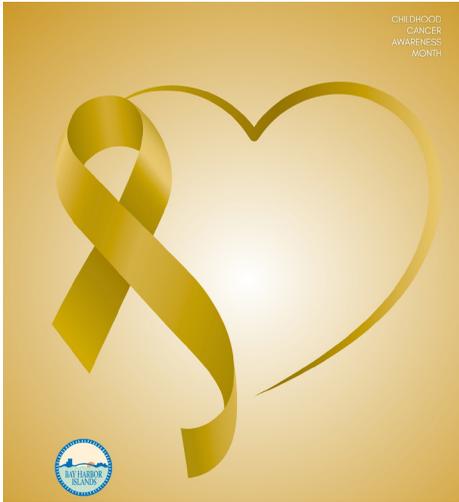
While the award carries my name, I view it as a reflection of the collective work we do here in Bay Harbor Islands. Our Town Council, dedicated staff, and engaged residents are the true driving force behind our successes. Every initiative we advance, every program we deliver, and every service we provide is built on the spirit of collaboration that defines our community. It is in that spirit that I accept this recognition—not for myself alone, but for all of us who believe in the mission of local government to make daily life better for the people we serve.

Our involvement with the Florida League of Cities has been a vital part of this journey. Through the League, Bay Harbor Islands has had a strong voice in shaping state policies that impact municipalities, advocating for home rule, and ensuring that local communities retain the ability to make decisions in the best interest of their residents. We will continue to work alongside the League and fellow municipalities across Florida to share ideas, champion innovation, and strengthen the foundation of local governance.

Thank you for continuing to shape Bay Harbor Islands into a model community—one grounded in safety, respect, and collaboration. I look forward to the work ahead, and to serving you with the same commitment and care that this award so meaningfully represents.

*Warm regards,
Mayor Isaac Salver*





Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

“Go Gold” to honor children and families affected and to support the research that saves lives – the gold ribbon is the international symbol of childhood cancer because gold represents something precious: our children. Although pediatric cancers are rare, they remain the leading cause of death from disease after infancy in U.S. children. Together we can raise awareness, strengthen support, and fuel the research that helps every child thrive. (ACCO, Cancer.gov, American Cancer Society and CDC).

New Finance Director Gerald “Tony” Bryan

Tony Bryan is a licensed Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Public Finance Officer. He holds master’s degrees in accounting and business administration. He has audit, accounting, and financial management experience across various sectors including local, County, and Federal Government, health insurance and the cruise industry.



New Executive Assistant to the Town Manager

Jonathan Stephenson is an experienced executive assistant with over a decade of service in both corporate and public sectors, including the U.S. Air Force. He is bilingual in English and Spanish and values creating a collaborative and positive work environment.



Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police

Laura Leveille brings over a decade of experience in public service, starting her career with the State Attorney’s Office in 2014. In 2019, she joined the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, where she has spent the past six years serving the community in various capacities.



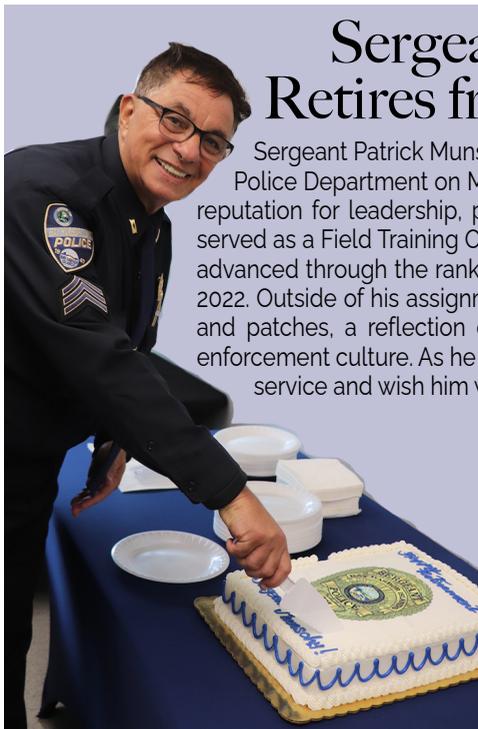
Capital Improvement Program Director

Samuel “Sam” Zamacona is the newly appointed Capital Improvement Program Director for the Town. Sam previously served as Water and Public Works Director for the City of North Miami Beach. He brings a proven track record in capital project delivery, utility operations, strategic planning, and growth development.



Sergeant Patrick Munschey Retires from Police Department

Sergeant Patrick Munschey began his career with the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department on May 20, 2002. Over two decades of service, he earned a reputation for leadership, professionalism, and dedication to the community. He served as a Field Training Officer, shaping the next generation of officers, and later advanced through the ranks, being promoted to Corporal in 2021 and Sergeant in 2022. Outside of his assignments, he is an avid collector of police challenge coins and patches, a reflection of his pride in the profession and connection to law enforcement culture. As he retires, we thank Sergeant Munschey for his 23 years of service and wish him well in the next chapter of his life.





Bay Harbor Islands' Police Swearing-In and Promotional Ceremony

At Bay Harbor Islands 95th Street Park on August 27th, police chiefs and their command staff came from all of south Florida to the Town's Swearing-In and Promotion Ceremony. The event of gold and black uniforms was for the

new Police Department's Chief, Luis E. Alvarez. Town Manager Lindsley Noel swearing-in for to Chief Alvarez. There was also a Promotion to Commander Figueroa-Rego and a swearing-in for Officer Garcia-Bersagui. Deputy

Chief Joseph Locke was the Master of Ceremonies and invocation and benediction was Police Chaplain Rabbi Zalman Lipskar. After the ceremony, refreshments and food was available in the Community Center.





BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

New You Acupuncture & Wellness Center



At New You Acupuncture & Wellness Center, healing is more than a service - it's a sacred partnership. Led by licensed Acupuncture Physician Debbie Btsh, this Bay Harbor Island sanctuary offers personalized care that honors the whole person— mind, body, and spirit. What sets New You apart is Debbie's intuitive, heart-centered approach, treating patients of all ages - from newborns to the elderly - with the same deep respect and attentiveness.

Flexible evening and Sunday hours make it easier for today's busy families to access the wellness they deserve. From acupuncture and family constellations and cupping to sound healing and spiritual guidance, every treatment is designed to help you reconnect with your truest self.



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Qavah Coffee: Your Cozy Spot in Bay Harbor Islands

In the middle of the fast-paced rhythm of every like, Qavah Coffee is a place to slow down, enjoy the moment, and feel at home. Our name comes from the Hebrew word Qavah – “to wait with hope” – and



reflects our mission: to offer a welcoming space where good coffee, good food and good company some together.

The star of our menu is the fluffy omelette's, made with farm-fresh eggs and seasonal ingredients. Guests also enjoy Greek yogurt with fresh fruit with sweet or savory ingredients and freshly baked homemade cookies, prefect with a cappuccino of latte.

More that a cafe, Qavah Coffee is a cozy corner of Bay Harbor Islands where moments become memories and every visit is an invitation to pause, savor and reconnect.

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. • 1076 Kane Concourse



BAY HARBOR ISLANDS • ARTS FESTIVAL JANUARY 18 & 19 (Sunday & Monday) MLK WEEKEND!

This two-day event will be another beautiful Bay Harbor Islands.

The Festival takes place January 18th & 19th, 2026, on the royal palm tree-lined street of Kane Concourse.

The Festival will showcase exceptional fine art and craft exhibitors, culinary arts, hands-on activities for families and live performances.



COMMUNITY CENTER

OPEN HOUSE



Come for the fun!

**SUNDAY • OCT. 5
1 - 3 P.M.**

Enjoy the Month of
Hispanic Heritage

**MORRIS N. BROAD
COMMUNITY CENTER**

Get Ready for OCTOBER

Open House at the Morris N. Broad Community Center Sunday, October 5, 1 - 3 p.m. (see left).

Senior-on-the-Go Trip

Sunday, October 12, to Fruit & Spice Park in Homestead. \$ 18 per person.

Senior BINGO Night

6 p.m. Thursday, October 16
Community Center

Concert at 95th Street Park

The music of Bossa Nova on Sunday October 19.

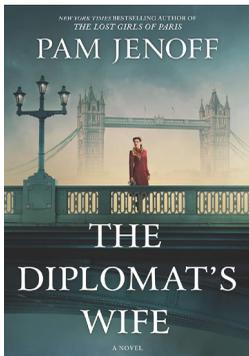
BAY HARBOR ISLANDS BOOK CLUB

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.

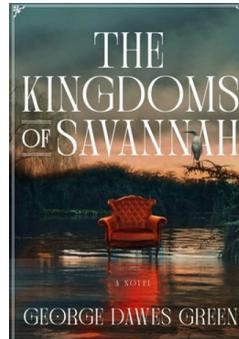


WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8, 6:30 P.M.

The Kingdoms of Savannah

by George Dawes Green
(97812507677448 | eBay)

A Southern Gothic mystery where a high-society matriarch investigates a murder, uncovering dark secrets and systemic injustices lurking beneath Savannah's genteel facade. This atmospheric novel weaves history, crime and social critique into a compelling portrait of the American South.



FLHSMV

FLORIDA HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

FLHSMV will be at Community Center on Monday, October 27, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Must make an appointment online.



BHI Spooktacular Halloween Parade and Carnival from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Friday, October 31.

Adult Yoga and More at Bay Harbor Islands

Sound Meditation and Healing (below) and a Full Moon Yoga were two events that brought groups to the Community Center during the summer.



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 Adult	Tuesday/Thursday	7 - 8 a.m.	\$ 90 / \$150
Early Bird Yoga Senior	Tuesday/Thursday	7 - 8 a.m.	\$ 50 / \$100
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	10 a.m.-12 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
Learning Piano	Saturday 1-2 p.m., 2-3 p.m. and 3-4:15 p.m.		\$180 for each program

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)