



# Bay Harbor Islands

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## *A Message from the Mayor*

### Bay Harbor Islands Catches Its Breath With Summer on the Horizon

This year's winter and spring seasons have been very busy for Bay Harbor Islands. We had our traditional events that included Snow Day, 5K/10K Walk/Run, Town Picnic, Egg Hunt and Bicycle Safety Rodeo. Plus, we opened a new park with a classical music concert, had our first paddle board event in our waterway, expanded our Community Center programs and ended April with a fantastic jazz concert by world renowned (and Bay Harbor Islands resident) Nestor Torres. Thank you, everyone involved in the planning and staging of these new and exciting events!

Congratulations to Melissa Cruz on being named the Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director. Since joining the Town in 2017 as Finance Director, she has shown her outstanding abilities and leadership skills.

With summer just around the corner, the Town is already preparing for the season ahead. This month, our Code Compliance Officers will be inspecting properties for potential hazards that could cause damage or injury to owners and neighbors. Keep an eye out for any courtesy notices.

Please remember that the school year will soon come to a close. This means a lot of children biking, skating and playing throughout the Town. Please be alert while driving.

Finally, this month marks the completion of my first year as Mayor of Bay Harbor Islands. It has been a wonderful year of learning, listening and helping to improve our great Town. At last month's Annual Organizational Meeting, the Town Council selected me to serve another year as your Mayor and I look forward to continuing to serve our community.



*- Stephanie*

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# BAY HARBOR ISLANDS ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands held its annual Organizational Meeting after the Town election. Incumbant Council Members Isaac Salver and Robert Yaffe were unopposed in the 2019 election and were sworn in by the Town's Deputy Town Clerk Alba L. Chang. The Town Council selected Mayor Stephanie Bruder and Vice Mayor Josh Fuller to serve another year in their respective roles and they also took the oath of office (below). Mayor Bruder gave the oath of office to Deputy Clerk Alba Chang (below right).



## BHI COUNCIL MAKES A DIFFERENCE AT DADE DAYS

Miami-Dade County Days in Tallahassee, or Dade Days, as it is more commonly known, takes place each year during the annual Florida Legislative Session. It showcases Miami-Dade County and our diverse communities. It is also a great opportunity for your mayor, council members and town manager to meet with Florida's legislators to discuss the particular needs and issues important to our Town.

*(L-R) Town Manager J.C. Jimenez, Council Members Elizabeth Tricoche and Robert Yaffe, Mayor Stephanie Bruder, Vice Mayor Josh Fuller and Council Member Jordan Leonard.*



# Meet Bay Harbor Islands' New Assistant Town Manager

Melissa Cruz, who has served as the Town's Finance Director since 2017, was promoted in April 2019 to Bay Harbor Islands Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director.



Melissa has nearly two decades of public and private accounting experience. She began her career as an auditor for PricewaterhouseCoopers in Los Angeles where she was ranked in the top 3 of her starting class of 65. She then moved into private industry, holding positions at Fox Television in Los Angeles; World Travel Holdings in Boston and Navarro

Pharmacies in Miami. In 2011, Melissa accepted a position as Director of Finance with the Travis County Auditor's office in Austin, Texas. In 2013, She returned to South Florida as the Controller for the City of Hallandale Beach. As a direct result of her efforts, the City received its first clean audit report in six years. During her tenure, she was also a key contributor to the success of Hallandale's new financial software system implementation and awarded the "Rookie of the Year" distinction at the City's Go-Live celebration in 2014.

Melissa graduated cum laude from the University of Massachusetts in Boston with a bachelor's degree in accounting. She lives with her husband of 13 years, Jeremiah, and three children, Nina (10), Gavin (6) and Elle (3), as well as their Westie puppy, Sidney. Besides her family, her loves include the Miami Heat, stone crab and travel. Congratulations, Melissa!

## Bay Harbor Islands Goes on an Egg Hunt

Hundreds of Town residents enjoyed a sunny morning at the Officer Scott A. Winters Park for the Fourth Annual Spring Egg Hunt. Children of all ages scrambled through the park picking up plastic eggs and searching for the golden egg that brings them a gift bag. The event included face painting, food, refreshments and an opportunity to get a photo with the spring bunny. Thanks goes out to the Community Services Department and Police Department for making the event a success.



(L-R) Council Members Jordan Leonard and Kelly Reid, Community Services Director Regine Choute, Police Chief Sean Hemingway and Council Members Robert Yaffe and Elizabeth Tricoche.

### BAY HARBOR ISLANDS NOW ACCEPTS ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS



The Town of Bay Harbor Islands is now happy to accept payments made with American Express and Discover Card, at all terminals and online.

# Seasonal Treatment for Mosquitoes Begins in June

Miami-Dade Mosquito Control staff will commence seasonal larvicide treatments by truck every two-weeks throughout Bay Harbor Islands starting on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at approximately 2 a.m.



This treatment is strictly proactive and not in response to any immediate health threat. The truck-mounted sprayer will dispense the same larvicide product used in previous years - VectoBac. (<https://publichealth.valentbiosciences.com/docs/public-health-resources/vectobac-wg-technical-use-sheet>) Treating our two islands takes about 2-3 hours. Miami-Dade Mosquito Control staff will continue the treatments every two-weeks until further notice.

# Ahead of Hurricane Season Code Officers Will Inspect Properties



The Code Compliance Department would like to remind our residents that the 2019 hurricane season is fast approaching.

Ahead of the hurricane season, officers will be driving the community to inspect the exterior condition of properties, alert to possible conditions that may leave you or your neighbors at risk of injury or significant property damage.

If any conditions are observed that could be hazardous, you will receive a Courtesy Notice to take corrective measures. Let's all be safe and prepared this hurricane season! For more tips on hurricane preparation – visit the Town's website at [www.bayharborislands-fl.gov](http://www.bayharborislands-fl.gov) and click on "EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS LINKS"

# BHI Offering Free Rides to Costco

Bay Harbor Islands is providing residents free rides to Costco in North Miami on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Pick-up will be at 10 a.m. at the Morris N. Broad Community Center, 1175 95th Street.



Return drop off will be to your Bay Harbor Islands addresses. Registration is suggested, but not required. For more information, call (786) 646-9970. Upcoming Wednesday trips are: May 8, May 22, June 12 and June 26.

# Summer Camp Counselors Needed

Bay Harbor Islands is currently accepting applications for part-time experienced Summer Camp Counselors. Counselors actively participate and conduct recreational activities, arts and crafts, and attend field trips and special events. The camp counselor also maintains order and discipline of program participants and ensures all safety precautions are observed and followed. Qualified candidates must possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Salary is \$12.17 per hour.

Submit an employment application, resume and cover letter to the Town of Bay Harbor Islands, Human Resources, 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace, or via email to [HR@bayharborislandsfl.gov](mailto:HR@bayharborislandsfl.gov) or via fax: 305-866-4863.

Application is available at Town Hall or online at <https://tinyurl.com/bhi-job-app>.

# Council Members Donate Their \$1 Annual Salary

The Bay Harbor Islands Council followed tradition and donated their annual \$1 dollar salary to the charity of their choice, the PTA of Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center.

*(L-R) Council Members Elizabeth Tricoche, Kelly Reid, Isaac Salver, Mayor Stephanie Bruder, Council Member Robert Yaffe, Vice Mayor Josh Fuller and Council Member Jordan Leonard.*





## MORRIS N. BROAD COMMUNITY CENTER

Monday - Friday: 8 am - 8 pm; Saturday & Sunday: 10 am - 6 pm Phone (786) 646-9970.

### ACTIVE SENIORS ON THE GO

**Friday, May 17, 2019 • Festival Flea Market** Bus leaves from Morris N. Broad Community Center at 10 am. Enjoy shopping at this indoor flea market mall in Pompano Beach, Florida. The mall itself is over a quarter-mile long and features over 800 stores with name brand merchandise at below outlet prices. On June 21, 2019 Active Senior on the Go will visit the Seminole Hard Rock Casino.



**Trips are for residents only; proof of residency will be required for registration. Residents may bring guests but must register for the group.**

### SENIOR MATINEE

**"Mother's Day" (2016) on Friday, May 24, 2019 at 1:30 pm**

Sandy (Jennifer Aniston) is a stressed-out, single mom who learns that her ex-husband is marrying a younger woman. Her cast of friends are also struggling to raise children, working at stressful careers and hoping to find finding love. As Mother's Day arrives it takes on a special meaning. The Senior Matinee movie for the month of June 2019 will be "The Age of Adaline" (2015) on Friday, June 28, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.



### GAME DAY AND SOCIAL

**Wednesday, May 1 & Wednesday, May 15, from 10 am-12 noon**

Join us at the Morris N. Broad Community Center on the first and third Wednesday of every month, from 10 am to 12 pm for conversation, cards and board games. Play bridge, mahjong, chess, rummy and checkers. Refreshments will be available.



### SENIOR BRIDGE CLUB

**Check out our Senior Bridge Club.** We play Party Style Bridge and not duplicate style. We meet every Wednesday all summer long from 10 am to Noon

### YOUTH GAME ROOM

**Note our Game Room hours: Fridays, 3-5 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 12- 4 pm**

### YOUTH MATINEE (NEW 1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH)

**UP on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 1-3 pm, rated PG**

Carl Fredrickson, ties thousands of balloons to his house and flies away to the South American wilderness. But Carl' discovers a little boy named Russell is a stow-away aboard the balloon-powered house. The next movie will be "Monsters University" on June 1, 2019 at 1 p.m. at the Morris N. Broad Community Center.



### On Facebook?

So are we! See what is happening now at the Morris N. Broad Community Center. Like and follow @BHICommunityServices. Get access to Community Events, Youth Athletic Highlights and New Updates.

For more information about the Community Services Department, call the Morris N. Broad Community Center at (786) 646-9970.



## BAY HARBOR ISLANDS BOOK CLUB

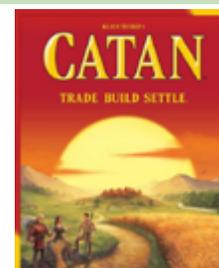
All are welcome to join the Book Club on Wednesday, May 8 at 6:15 p.m.

For May, the book selected is *How We Became Human* by Joy Harjo and The Bay Harbor Islands Book Club will meet on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 6:15 pm. This collection of poems from throughout Joy Harjo's 28-year-career, beginning in 1973 during the takeover at Wounded Knee and the rejuvenation of indigenous cultures through poetry and music. For the month of June, the book is "They May Not Mean To But They Do" by Cathleen Shine and the Bay Harbor Islands Book Club will meet on Wednesday, June 12, 2019.



## RESIDENT GAME NIGHT

Come play Catan on May 16, 2019 at 6:30 pm. In Catan players assume the roles of settlers, each attempting to build and develop holdings while trading and acquiring resources. Players gain points as their settlements grow. Come with your family, friends, and neighbors for a fun night. For the month of June, the game will be Monopoly on Thursday, June 20, 2019.



## GET FIT AND HAVE FUN AT ADULT FITNESS CLASSES

**Adult Fitness Classes** are a great way to improve your health. We offer Yoga and Zumba classes. All classes run for 8-Weeks and registration is open. Come to the Morris N. Broad Community Center for Yoga and Zumba today.

- **Adult Yoga** - Mondays & Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 pm for \$90 residents/\$90 non-residents
- **Everyone Yoga** - Sundays from 10:30-11:30 am for \$60 residents/\$130 non-residents
- **Zumba** - Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6:30pm-7:30pm for \$80 residents/\$120 non-residents



## OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 3: SUMMER VACATION

On Saturday, May 18 at 8 p.m., the Outdoor Movie will be *Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation* at the 95th Street Park, 1185 95th Street next to the Community Center. Join the fun as Drac and his family take a monster cruise ship vacation. Then Drac falls for the mysterious ship captain Ericka and her dangerous secrets. The movie is free. Don't forget your blankets.



## Storytime in the Park

Storytime at 4 p.m. on the 1st & 3rd Friday at the 96th Street Tot Lot

**Friday, May 3, 2019**

**Friday, May 17, 2019**

*At the Town Tot Lot, located north of 96th Street on West Broadview Drive*

# Put an End to Pollution in Bay Harbor Islands

As we approach hurricane season, residents and visitors must remember to never litter or pollute our Town. Not only is it unsightly, but pollution affects surrounding waterways. Bay Harbor Islands is in the Intracoastal Waterway. All rainfall that runs off rooftops, driveways, streets and lawns flows directly through the storm drains into Biscayne Bay and carries litter and debris into the surrounding waters.

Plastic bags are a particular nuisance and wreak havoc on marine life, creating an environmental eyesore. Be sure to dispose of plastic bags, straws and Styrofoam containers in your regular garbage containers. Recycle plastic and glass bottles, cardboard and newspapers. Never put plastic bags or Styrofoam in the recycle containers.

Substances such as detergents, pesticides, oil, lawn chip-pings and soil erosion from lawns and construction sites also pollute our waterways. If these substances exist on your property, they will end up in the Bay. The retention of the first inch of rainfall on every property is an attempt to prohibit the washout of these pollutants after rainfall.

You can actively participant in preserving our environ-ment by doing the following:

- Shop wisely, utilizing reusable grocery bags. Buy products labeled biodegradable, non-toxic, non-phosphorous or water-soluble. These products readily decompose and will not pollute surface or ground waters.
- Store products carefully. Keep toxic products in original containers, closed and clearly marked, since spillage can easily occur.
- Keep irrigation water on the lawn. Divert irrigation heads away from paved areas.
- Compost grass and shrub clippings. Use mulch for fertilizer and do not blow lawn clippings onto the roadways.



- Do not drain used motor oil, paints, mineral spirits, weed killers and pool chemicals into storm drains. A free disposal option is available for non-commercial residents. Items up to 50 pounds may be dropped off at the Home Chemical Center at 8801 NW 58th Street, Doral, FL 33178. Hours of service are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.
- Dispose of litter in the designated containers and keep lids closed.

There are tremendous marine resources in our surround- ing waters, as many of you can attest to by the regular dolphin and stingray sightings and the schools of fish one sees while out on the water of the Bay. Pollutants can harm fish, foul drinking water and make our beaches unsafe and unpleasant so let's protect this valuable resource. **Remember - Only Rain Down the Drain!**

Let's work together to keep our Islands beautiful, our recreational waters in pristine condition and our marine life healthy!



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**BE COURTEOUS. SHARE THE ROAD.**



**TRAFFIC CONGESTION** is one of the most frequently mentioned contributing factors to aggressive driving. Drivers may respond by using aggressive driving behaviors, including speeding, changing lanes frequently or becoming angry at anyone who they believe impedes their progress.





# Record Attendance at Pizza With the Police Event

Bay Harbor Islands residents, families, Town staff and Police Explorers packed the Community Center for the April 17, 2019 Pizza with the Police event. Chief Sean Hemingway welcomed the audience of more than 75 and introduced his administrative staff and Town officials. Officer Ernest Candelman (at right) presented a crime prevention and safety program that included protecting your house and automobile, as well as safety while on vacation and at school. He also covered safety while biking and walking close to traffic. There was a questions and answers period after the presentation. The event was coordinated by the Police Department and the Community Services Department.



## BAY HARBOR ISLANDS SUMMER CAMP '19

Be a part of the fun and excitement at the Bay Harbor Islands 2019 Summer Camp at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center. Campers will enjoy sports, field trips, games, art & crafts and more. Special classes for cheerleading, fun fitness, soccer, computers, basketball and football.

**Starts Monday, June 10, 2019. Space is limited, please register early.**

Session 1: 8-weeks, residents \$800 non-residents \$1,100    Session 2: First 4-weeks, residents \$450 non-residents \$600  
Session 3: Last 4-weeks residents, \$450 non-residents \$600

For information, call (786) 646-9970

Applications are available on the website, [www.bayharborislands-fl.gov](http://www.bayharborislands-fl.gov)

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**Building Department: (305) 993-1786**  
**Police: (305) 866-6242**  
**Emergency: 911**  
**[www.bayharborislands-fl.gov](http://www.bayharborislands-fl.gov)**

## Upcoming Town Meetings

The Town Council welcomes your attendance at meetings. Regular Council meetings are scheduled for the second Monday of the month at 7 pm and the regular scheduled Planning & Zoning Board meetings are scheduled for the first and third Tuesday at 7 pm. To confirm all dates and times, contact the Town Clerk's Office at 305-866-6241. All meetings, unless regarding topics specifically exempt by state law, are open to the public.

- Planning & Zoning Board  
Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council  
Monday, May 13, 2019, 7 pm
- Planning & Zoning Board  
Tuesday, May 21, at 7 p.m.

The following future meeting dates are tentative and subject to change. Check the Town's website, [www.bayharborislands-fl.gov](http://www.bayharborislands-fl.gov). **All meeting dates are subject to change.**

**Regular Council Meetings:**

June 10, August 12 and September 9, 2019

**Planning & Zoning Board Meetings:**

June 4 and 18; July 2 and 13, 2019

**Committee Meetings:** TBA

## Council Action at the April 8, 2019 Meeting

- Administration of oath of office to the newly elected Council Members Isaac Salver and Robert Yaffe.
- Selection and administration of oath for Stephanie Bruder as Mayor and Joshua Fuller as Vice Mayor.
- Re-appointment and administration of oath for the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk.
- Approval of an ordinance on second reading amending Chapter 5 ¼ of the Town Code creating the "communications rights-of-way ordinance" providing for registration for placing or maintaining communications facilities in the public rights of way.
- Approval of an ordinance on second reading amending Chapter 23-5 of the Town use regulations, authorizing medical marijuana dispensing facilities within the B-1 Business District.
- Approval of an ordinance on second reading amending Chapter 16-24.1 of the Town Code to permit General Employees to purchase credited service for past US military and/or police service.

## Anticipated Discussion Items for May 13 Council Meeting

*At the time of printing. All items are subject to change.*

- Consideration and approval of an ordinance on second reading amending the Town Code to replace the current flood regulations to comply with the new state "model" flood code for communities that participate in the FEMA NFIP Program.