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Last month our Country experienced the worst attack on U.S. soil since September 11th. With the tragedy of Orlando still on the minds of many we must pause to mourn those who needlessly died, remember to cherish those we care for every day and plan for the unexpected. While the national debates on equal rights, gun-control and domestic terrorism rages on, we must also not lose sight on being prepared in Bay Harbor Islands.

Almost three years ago I met with our then newly appointed Chief, Sean Hemingway, and had an open conversation about where we needed to be in terms of improving the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department (BHIPD). Since then, many of those items have been completed.

Vehicles assigned to each Officer with personal equipment including laptop computers and training never previously thought of such as "active shooter" situations are some of the items now accomplished.

The largest on that list, accreditation by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFLA) was over two years in the making. Last month, Council Member Fuller and myself, along with many from the BHIPD, went to Orlando days after the mass murder at Pulse nightclub, to be formally approved and accept our first professional designation in the department's history. Congratulations to the Chief and to all the Officers and civilians who made this happen. A very special thank you to Officer Jill Dellerson-Smith, who stepped up to be our accreditation coordinator; often putting this assignment above herself. Thank you.

These changes may not seem significant for a small department such as Bay Harbor Islands, but they are. Accreditation brings a uniform and tested standard to operations, which will save us time, money, possibly liability and maybe even save lives. Along with additional training, our Officers are becoming better prepared for the unexpected. Just a few weeks ago our Officers made a felony narcotics arrest less than two blocks from Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center. No one was hurt in the making of the arrest, but it brings home the fact that bad things can happen in good neighborhoods. There is no job more important in our Town than protecting you, your family and friends from the unfortunate world we now live in.

On a great note, Value Penguin recently ranked Bay Harbor Islands the 2nd safest small city in Florida and 5th overall in the State. You can see the study at...[www.valuepenguin.com/2016/safest-places-florida](http://www.valuepenguin.com/2016/safest-places-florida)

Have a great summer and be #Orlandostrong,



## TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE



### Third-grader Leads Council in Pledge

Raffaella “Raffy” Swail, a third grade student from Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center, led the June Town Council meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. She received a certificate of Recognition from Mayor Jordan W. Leonard.



### Mayor Recognized at Miami-Dade League Meeting

Judges Don Cohn and Victoria Ferrer presented Mayor Jordan W. Leonard a Certificate of Appreciation for his participation as a distinguished panelist at the 2016 Law Day. The presentation was made at the June meeting of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities held in neighboring Bal Harbour Village.

## BHI At Police Benevolent Association Gala

Bay Harbor Islands Police Officers and Council Members attended the Dade County PBA’s Annual Law Enforcement Awards Gala on May 21. The event was at the Trump National Doral and attended by approximately 1,000 guests, including law enforcement officers and their families, government leaders, members of the judiciary and citizens from the community.

The event pays tribute to the men and women from Miami-Dade County who daily pin on the badge and keep our families and community safe. The evening is also a time when we honor and remember law enforcement’s fallen heroes who have given their lives in the line of duty. Proceeds from the event benefited the Love Fund Inc., a federally recognized organization to aid law enforcement officers and their families in times of need.



*(L-R) back row are Police Chief Sean Hemingway, Council members and spouses: Danny and Elizabeth Tricoche, Vice Mayor Stephanie and Harry Bruder, Lisa and Joshua Fuller. Sitting (L-R) are Officers Alan Castellanos, Jamy Murphy, Isaac Colon, and Neal Wiltse*

## Volunteers Needed

The Town is looking for volunteers to fill several vacancies on Town committees. The committees that are looking for new members are: Environmental Impact, Parks and Recreation, and Emergency Preparedness Committees. If you are interested in volunteering to serve, please submit a letter of interest and resume to the Town Clerk Marlene Siegel. For more information contact Town Hall at 305-866-6241 or by e-mail to: [msiegel@bayharborislands.net](mailto:msiegel@bayharborislands.net)

# BHI Police Department Celebrates Accreditation



*(L-R) CFA Executive Director Lori Mizell, Property & Evidence Supervisor Perez, Council Member Josh Fuller, Officer Michael Lamantia, Capt. Lindsley Noel, Mayor Jordan Leonard, Accreditation Coordinator Jill Dellerson-Smith, Officer Alan Castellanos, Chief Sean Hemingway, Lt. Alan Block, Corp. John Grimes and Indian River County Sheriff & CFA Chair Deryl Loar.*

In April of 2016, a team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) arrived in Bay Harbor Islands, to examine all aspects of the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations and support services. Verification by the assessors that an agency meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation, which is a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence. To achieve this status, the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department had to comply with approximately 260 standards designed specifically for Florida law enforcement agencies. Many of the standards are

critical to life, health and safety issues.

On June 22, in Orlando, Florida, the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department was awarded the much sought after CFA Accreditation. Chief Sean Hemingway, along with Accreditation Coordinator Dellerson-Smith, accepted the accreditation on behalf of the entire Police Department.

"We thank the Mayor, Town Council and Town Manager Wasson for their continued support which was critical in achieving this great honor," said Chief Sean Hemingway. "The Police Department is committed to these standards of excellence and to providing our residents with the greatest level of professionalism."

## Bay Harbor Islands Ranked 2nd Safest Small City in Florida

Bay Harbor Islands residents often point to "safe neighborhoods" when asked what they like about their Town. There is a reason that attribute is mentioned. Based on a study of new crime statistics sourced from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bay Harbor Islands was ranked as the second safest small city in Florida. The study was done by research and data company ValuePenguin and reviewed a variety of crime statistics from 201 cities and towns across Florida, now the nation's third most populous state.

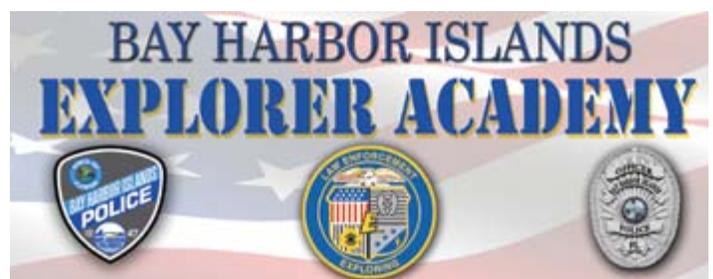
Bay Harbor Islands not only was ranked 2nd for the safest small city, it was the 5th safest municipality compared

to all towns and cities and had the 5th overall lowest level of property crime. The study noted that BHI had only five violent crimes and no murders or rapes for the year analyzed by ValuePenguin.

"This ranking only confirms something we all know about Bay Harbor Islands – safety is a huge priority," said Mayor Jordan W. Leonard. "We congratulate our Police Department for their proactive professionalism and for all who work to improve the quality of life in our community." For more information, go to [www.valuepenguin.com/2016/safest-places-florida](http://www.valuepenguin.com/2016/safest-places-florida)

## Teens Can Attend the Explorer Academy, July 11-23

Young men and women between the ages of 14-18 are encouraged to attend the Bay Harbor Islands Explorer Academy that will take place July 11-23. You will learn about law enforcement, teamwork, respect and integrity. The cost is \$30. For more information contact Ana Perez or Sgt. Alan Block at (305) 866-6242 or email to [aperez@bayharborislands.net](mailto:aperez@bayharborislands.net). You can also apply online at [www.bayharborislands.org/police-explorer-program](http://www.bayharborislands.org/police-explorer-program).



# AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM AWARDS BANQUET

The 2015-16 Bay Harbor Islands After-school Program recently held its sold-out Annual Award Ceremony at the Miami Shores Country Club. During this school year from September to May, nearly 300 children from ages 5-13 participated in the program. Children enjoyed sports (flag football, basketball, soccer, cheerleading, volleyball, kung-fu and dance) and activity classes such as chorus, art and foreign languages.

Trophies and medals were awarded at the brunch banquet. The dance class, cheerleaders and chorus each entertained the audience with a performance.

In attendance were members of the Town Council, teachers, program staff and, of course, a room full of proud parents.

The BHI Community Services Department staff and the children are looking forward to another successful after-school program in 2016-17.



*The Chorus serenades the audience with a song*



*Mayor Jordan W. Leonard and Principal Maria Rodriguez.*



*Flag football team*



# Join Bay Harbor Islands For National Night Out Tuesday, Aug. 2

AN EVENT DEDICATED TO  
PROMOTING CRIME PREVENTION  
FOR SAFER COMMUNITIES  
THROUGH POLICE-COMMUNITY  
PARTNERSHIPS.



*Join the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department at Town Hall  
For America's Night Out Against Crime!*

**Tuesday August 2nd 2016, from 6-10 p.m.**

- Specialized Police Unit demonstrations all evening
- Crime Prevention Presentation at 7:30 pm

For information contact: 305-866-6242  
Officer Ernie Candelmo at [Ecandelmo@bayharborislands.net](mailto:Ecandelmo@bayharborislands.net)  
Ana Perez at [Aperez@bayharborislands.net](mailto:Aperez@bayharborislands.net)  
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## Prepare Your Pets For Emergencies

With the annual hurricane season underway, remember to include your pet in all emergency planning, including:

- Including 3-5 days of pet food and any necessary pet medication
- Building a separate emergency kit for your pets
- Make sure to keep digital records and/or pictures to identify your pet after a disaster in case you become separated
- Create a list of places that accept pets if you must evacuate your home.

*Learn more at [ready.gov/pets](http://ready.gov/pets)*





## BAY HARBOR ISLANDS SUNNY SENIORS

### Join us for Summer Wellness Programs!

Enjoy these two wellness-based recreation programs, to be held at the Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center beginning in July. Registration: Residents \$30 and Non-Residents \$60. *This cost includes both yoga and mixed media art classes for four weeks!*  
For more information or to register call (305) 866-6241

#### Yoga - Tuesday, 10-11 a.m



Yoga becomes a moving meditation that creates strength, flexibility, balance and fluidity while strengthening the body and mind. Join us as we learn to ride the waves of breath in our Yoga practice, allowing us to change in life with gratitude and grace.

#### Mixed Media Art - Thursday, 10-11 a.m



Explore your creativity as we experiment and combine various materials to create original mixed media masterpieces. Over the course of the class you will discover a wide range of styles and techniques that allow you to express your personality through a work of art.

### Seniors Game Day

Come and enjoy Seniors Game Day on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. The next events will be on Wednesday **July 6 and 20** at the Council Chambers in Town Hall, from 10 a.m.–noon. Come with your friends to play Mahjong, checkers, cards and board games. Refreshments will be available. Please contact Town Hall for more information, (305) 866-6241.



*Friends and neighbors gather for games and refreshments in the Council Chambers on Game Day. Come to the next events on July 6 and 20.*

### Park To Close For New Turf Installation

Officer Scott Winters Park on 98th Street will be closed from July 5 – 31, 2016 to allow for the installation of new synthetic turf. The new turf was approved at the June 13th council meeting and will afford much better conditions for play, year round, compared to the existing natural surface. The Dog Park will remain open. We look forward to seeing our residents enjoying the park even more when it reopens in August.

# 2016 SUMMER CAMP

Fill the Summer of 2016 with Friends, Fitness & Fun at the Bay Harbor Islands  
Community Services Summer Camp  
June 13-August 5, 2016 at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center

For more information or to register, contact Town Hall at (305) 866-6241  
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## BAY HARBOR ISLANDS

### Shuttle Bus Schedule

**Hop on the Bay Harbor Islands Shuttle Bus to get around the Town and beyond.** Below is the Monday-Friday schedule and stops for the Town Shuttle. Residents can also access the Shuttle buses from Surfside and Bal Harbour at no cost to enhance transportation opportunities into neighboring communities. The stops in brown (Town Hall and Saks) indicate locations where both the BHI Shuttle and the Bal Harbour Shuttle stop. The stop in red (Surfside Publix) indicates where the shuttle buses from Bay Harbor Islands, Bal Harbour and Surfside all stop, enabling riders to access all three Shuttles.

#### Monday - Friday

	9:00 am	10:15 am	11:45 am	1:45 pm	3:15 pm	4:45 pm
<b>Town Hall, 9665 Bay Harbor Ter</b>						
Island Point, 10350 W. Bay Harbor Dr	9:05 am	10:20 am	11:50 am	1:50 pm	3:20 pm	4:50 pm
Blair House, 9100 W. Bay Harbor Dr	9:10 am	10:25 am	11:55 am	1:55 pm	3:25 pm	4:55 pm
1077 95 Street (Mini Mart, Open Kitchen, Orlando's Pizza, Unico Cafe)	9:15 am	10:30 am	12:00 pm	2:00 pm	3:30 pm	No stop
North Park, 103 St./E. Broadview	No stop	10:37 am	12:07 pm	2:07 pm	3:37 pm	No stop
South Park, 94 St./E. Broadview	No stop	10:42 am	12:12 pm	2:12 pm	3:42 pm	No stop
<b>Surfside Publix (shops &amp; services)</b>	<b>9:20 am</b>	<b>10:49 am</b>	<b>12:19 pm</b>	<b>2:19 pm</b>	<b>3:49 pm</b>	No stop
<b>Saks (Bal Harbour Shops)</b>	<b>9:25 am</b>	<b>10:54 am</b>	<b>12:24 pm</b>	<b>2:24 pm</b>	<b>3:54 pm</b>	No stop
Island Point, 10350 W. Bay Harbor Dr	9:30 am	10:59 am	12:29 pm	2:29 pm	3:59 pm	No stop
Blair House, 9100 W. Bay Harbor Dr	9:35 am	11:04 am	12:34 pm	2:34 pm	4:04 pm	No stop

## You May Win a Prize by Taking the Hurricane Survey

The Miami-Dade County Office of Emergency Management is conducting a study to better understand the preparedness and evacuation plans and needs of its residents. To do so, a survey has been distributed throughout the county. [Go to www.miamidade.evacuationsurvey-bayharborislands.sgizmo.com/s3/](http://www.miamidade.evacuationsurvey-bayharborislands.sgizmo.com/s3/)

The survey only takes about 15 minutes to complete. All responses will be kept confidential, and your participation is strictly voluntary. All completed surveys are eligible for the prize drawing. To enter the prize drawing, be sure to fill out the last questions so you can be contacted if you win!

Prizes include: A weather radio, emergency preparedness kits, first aid kits and more!

If you have any question contact: Miami-Dade County Office of Emergency Management at 305-468-5400 or e-mail: [eoc@miamidade.gov](mailto:eoc@miamidade.gov)

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*Vice Mayor*

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*Council member*

Isaac Salver  
*Council member*

Elizabeth Tricoche  
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*Council member*

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*Town Clerk*

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**Emergency: 911**

**[www.bayharborislands.org](http://www.bayharborislands.org)**

## Upcoming 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, July 5, 2016 at 7 p.m.
- **NO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN JULY**
- Planning & Zoning Board –  
Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 7 p.m.

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

- Regular Council Meetings: August 8, September 12 and October 17, 2016
- Planning & Zoning Board Meetings: August 2 and 16; September 6 & 20 and October 5 & 19, 2016

**All meetings are subject to change**

## Council Action at the June 13 Meeting

- **Consideration** and **approval** of an ordinance on **first** regarding the General Employees benefits under the Retirement Plan.
- **Approval** of proposal from Field Turf USA to replace the grass field at the Officer Scott Winters Park (98<sup>th</sup> Street) with field turf in the amount of \$156,694.87
- **Approval** of a contract to R&D Electric in the amount of \$363,596 to supply and install the lighting fixtures for the Shepard Broad Causeway Bridge

## Discussion Items for August 8, 2016 Council Meeting

*All items are subject to change*

- Approval of an ordinance on **second** reading amending section 23-12 related to the allowable height of docks.
- Approval of an ordinance on **second** reading amending Section 24-16 amending the landscape requirements for compliance by non-conforming properties.
- Approval of an ordinance on **second** reading amending Chapter 16 providing for a renewed eligibility window for the participation of the Town Manager to the Employees Retirement System.
- Approval of an ordinance on **second** reading amending Chapter 16, entitled Employees Retirement System providing for compliance requirements for prior military and police service.