



Bay Harbor Islands

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Spring has definitely sprung here in Bay Harbor Islands! It almost feels like old times! I want to congratulate everyone involved in presenting last month's Concert in the Park and the Car Show on the Concourse. After the year we have gone through, it is so wonderful to see the return of many of our community's favorite programs and activities. Even with the safety precautions employed, it was an absolute joy to hear music in our 95th Street Park again and to see all those beautiful cars lined up along our downtown.

Your Council and Town staff are excited to provide programming for our residents to enjoy and to get outdoors safely so we hope you will take advantage. We are continually reminded of all we can't do. Isn't it great to have things you CAN? Please check the pages inside, the Town's calendar online, and follow the Town on social media, as there is something for everyone.

We have all had to learn to adapt to this new reality as best we could. It has certainly demonstrated the mettle of our Town staff and management and their willingness to tackle new challenges, no matter what. I want to thank Town Manager Maria Lasday and Chief Raul Diaz for their commitment to excellent public service, creativity and high standards. I also must thank each member of our Town staff for all they do to make our lives better and safer. We have been able to overcome so much, thanks to them. You can read about some of the projects and accomplishments made by our Town's departments over the past 6-months, on Page 4.

Finally, I want to encourage everyone to continue following the CDC safety recommendations to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 and work to stop the spread. We are a year into this pandemic and thankfully, our community has managed to keep our caseload low. But, we cannot afford to let down our guards now. Everyone needs to make their own decisions with regards to their health and safety, but the science is clear. Please wash your hands frequently, avoid close contact with persons outside of your home, wear face masks, practice social distancing and consider getting vaccinated when you have the opportunity.



- *Stephanie*

BAY HARBOR ISLANDS CANDIDATE

BAY HARBOR ISLANDS TOWN GENERAL ELECTION • TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021

In accordance with Section 6.01 of the Town Charter, the Town of Bay Harbor Islands will hold its Annual Municipal Election to fill two seats for Town Council for a four-year term. Mayor Stephanie Bruder is seeking re-election. Residents Alan Bebchik and Molly Diallo are also seeking election.

All Town residents who are registered voters are urged to come to Town Hall to cast their vote on Election Day. Remember to bring your Voter's Registration Card and official photo identification with your name, address and signature (such as government issued identification). Polls will open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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If you have not registered to vote, changed your address, or have any questions about your registration, please contact the Miami-Dade County Elections Department at 305-499-8683.

- To check on the status of your registration or to register on-line go to:
<http://www.miamidade.gov/elections/voter-registration.asp>
- To request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot online and track the status of your ballot log into:
http://www.miamidade.gov/global/service.page?Mduid_service=ser1512065909614490

For additional information, contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 305-866-6241 or visit the Town website for updated information on the upcoming elections, <https://www.bayharborislands-fl.gov/234/Elections>. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be sworn into office at the Town's Organizational Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 14, 2021.



Alan Bebchik

Age: 33

Spouse Name: Fabiana Cohen-Bebchik

Children: Susana (6), Nora (4), Arianne (2)

Educational Background: Alan received a Master of Science in Project Management from Northwestern University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Chicago Booth. He received his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Florida.

Professional/Occupational Information: Alan is the Florida General Manager at Spin, a Ford mobility company. Before joining Spin, Alan worked at several technology startups including Uber, Avinode, and Sonder. Alan also spent five years working in the consulting industry at Capgemini. Prior to working at Capgemini, Alan worked as a Project Manager for Bedeco Construction. In addition, Alan has been a Board Member of the Bay Harbor Islands Planning and Zoning board since April of 2016

A resident of South Florida since: 2002 **A resident of Bay Harbor Islands since:** 2015

Hobbies and interests: Alan enjoys cooking as a way to stay connected to his roots and heritage. You can find him baking challah with his three daughters regularly on Fridays or grilling traditional Argentinian "Asados" with his family and friends. Alan is also an avid soccer player and a member of the Aventura Elite Soccer Club.

Future Goals for Bay Harbor Islands: Bay Harbor Island is a beautiful place and the only place in Miami where I would like to see my three daughters grow up. My goals are to bring a public/charter high-school to the community, revitalize Kane Concourse and our business district, and ensure Bay Harbor Islands has the right infrastructure in place to sustain the growth that will continue to come here.

Any Comments About Bay Harbor Islands: Bay Harbor Islands is the best place to live in Miami and my goal is to continue to enrich this beautiful community. My goal is to have an open-door policy with all residents to listen to their suggestions and concerns and implement common-sense policies that will benefit the Town for years to come.

2021 TOWN ELECTION PROFILES



Stephanie Bruder

Age: 56 **Spouse Name:** Harry Bruder

Children: Laura, Jessica Ilana, Mitchel

Educational Background: Bachelor of Arts, Education Masters in Mental Health

Professional/Occupational Information: Business Owner

A resident of South Florida since: 56 years

A resident of Bay Harbor Islands since: 1998

Hobbies and interests: Swimming, cooking, movies, reading and travel

Future Goals for Bay Harbor Islands: To work with the business district to have a place Bay Harbor Islands residents can walk to. To work to keep our school an A+.

To keep our streets safe and to enhance the quality of life in the Town.



Molly Diallo

Age: 46 **Spouse Name:** Alcin Diallo

Children: Sophie Diallo, age 8

Educational Background: Master of Arts in Teaching – Political Science/Political Philosophy from Tuft University. Bachelor of Arts – Latin American Studies from Mount Holyoke College.

Professional/Occupational Information: I've taught social sciences for the past 24 years and received National Board Certification in Social Studies/History in 2009. I currently serve as Department Chair of Social Sciences at Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Senior High School. In 2018, I was selected as the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Francisco R. Walker Teacher of the Year and top-five finalist

for Florida's Teacher of the Year. I'm also a professional harpist with 28 years of experience.

A resident of Bay Harbor Islands since: I have been living in Bay Harbor Islands since relocating to South Florida in August 2004.

Hobbies and interests: I enjoy photography, cooking, travel, and taking walks with my family around Bay Harbor Islands.

Future Goals for Bay Harbor Islands: I have several goals for Bay Harbor Islands. I'm a firm believer in limited development and I'd like to ensure that we're preserving the high quality of life that our Town offers its residents. I think it would be great to provide additional opportunities for our children to interact with the Town through cultural events and special activities such as a Mayor's Youth Council or a Town Talent Show. I would also like to see a Town sponsored scholarship for graduating seniors.

I believe that fostering opportunities for residents to come together through programs and gatherings can continue to build community post Covid-19. Ultimately, I would like to continue and enhance what our current council has provided for families, seniors and the community at large.

Bay Harbor Islands Departmental Six Month Status Report

Since my start here this past September, I have had the pleasure to lead a dedicated, knowledgeable and hard-working team of managers and staff. Here are the highlights of what we have accomplished over the last six months. We look forward to what we will accomplish together in the next six months. - *Town Manager Maria Lasday*

General Administrative

- Comprehensive Plan Amendments (in progress)
- Bal-Bay-Surfside Shuttle/On Demand (in progress)
- Town Branding (in progress)
- Town Hall/Annex Re-structuring-design and improvements (in progress)
- Point of access for COVID testing and possible vaccinations (in progress)
- COVID reimbursements (complete)
- Grant funding & future opportunities (State & Federal) (Ongoing)
- FAA flight path re-direction initiatives (in progress)

Police

- PBA Negotiations (in progress)
- Hiring of Police Chief, Administrative Coordinator, Executive Assistant /Accreditation Manager (complete)
- Increasing officer training (in progress)
- Secured location for Police Boat to allow more patrolling by water (complete)

Finance

- Onboarding of New Finance Director (complete)
- Audit of Budget/Budget Amendments (in progress)
- Budget Schedule and set up standards for GFOA award process (in progress)
- Streamlining procurement processes (in progress)
- Financial Software Implementation (in progress)

Social Media/Toll Pass

- Toll System improvements – hardware/software (in progress)
- Software upgrades for Pass Plan (in progress)
- Integration of online application & payment systems to website (in progress)
- Enhancements of communication through CodeRed/NextDoor/Social Media for more efficient and up to minute notifications (complete)

Human Resources:

- Hiring of Chief of Police, Finance Director, Park Attendants, Deputy Town Clerk (complete)
- Promoted: Assistant Manager, Social Media/Toll Pass Manager (complete)
- Update of all Town Policies (in progress)
- COVID procedures and protocol to ensure safety (ongoing)

Public Works

- Sewer improvement projects (in progress: T-liner, SCADA)
- ICW Bridge improvements projects (in progress)
- Stormwater Master Plan (in progress)
- FPL conduit and high voltage cable (in progress)
- Indian Creek Bridge Repair (in progress)
- Broad Causeway Enhancements (complete)
- Iguana Control (ongoing)

Information Technology:

- IT improvements – Key Less Entry (complete)
- Enhanced protocol for IT safety/security (ongoing)
- Technology enhancements: IPADS (complete)
- AVL/GPS project (in progress)
- Town camera system expansion (complete)

Community Services

- Calendar of Events and Enhanced Programming (ongoing)
- Expansion of programming – Children's Trust Grant (in progress)
- Improvements of maintenance in Town Parks (ongoing)

Code/Parking Enforcement

- Parking – Lease with Bal Harbour (complete)
- Increase code presence after hours and weekend – particular emphasis on business district (complete)

Building Department

- Records Management /permitting streamlining processes (in progress)
- Ensuring building department compliance with Town Ordinances and FEMA regulations (in progress)
- Processing of permits for residential / commercial (ongoing)

Town Clerk's Office

- Onboarding of Deputy Clerk (complete)
- Streamlining of Records Management process (1st phase complete-in progress)
- Business Tax Receipt Software - Presentations/quotes (in progress)
- Successfully streamlined the off-site meeting set-up at the 95th Street Park, in coordination with IT



The Sound of Music Returns to 95th Street Park

The first concert for the 2021 season was held on February 28 and featured the relaxing and versatile tunes of the popular Jonathan Moody Band. Residents clapped and sang along with the music on a perfect Bay Harbor Islands evening. Those in attendance pre-registered to the free event and sat within groups up to five per household.



For those who preferred to watch the concert from home, it was live-streamed to the Town's Facebook page. Join your friends and neighbors for future Concert in the Park events.



Welcoming the residents before the concert were Vice Mayor Josh Fuller (L) and Mayor Stephanie Bruder.

Car Show Comes Roaring Down Kane Concourse



The third Bay Harbor Islands Car Show on the Concourse was a huge success. Everyone had a favorite car, from rare antiques to 1960's muscle cars to the latest sleek performance racers. Two blocks of automobile gems, lined up along Kane Concourse, attracted hundreds of car lovers, visitors and Bay Harbor Islands' residents and families. After checking out the cars, many had lunch and shopped at stores open for the day. Special thanks to our Community Services, Public Works and Police Departments, Town staff, Police Explorers and Crossing Guards for this successful event.





BAY HARBOR ISLANDS COMMUNITY SERVICES

REGISTER ONLINE at tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register

For more information, visit www.bayharborislands-fl.gov/154/Community-Services or call the Morris N. Broad Community Center at (786) 646-9970



YES!
We are still offering our free virtual classes!

JOIN US FOR FUN AND EXERCISE
tinyurl.com/bhi-fun

SHOPPING SHUTTLE FOR RESIDENTS

Pick-up will be at 9:30 am at the Morris N. Broad Community Center on scheduled dates. Afterwards, residents will be dropped off at their homes.

The free Shopping Shuttle is exclusively for Town of Bay Harbor residents. **Masks and social distancing are mandatory.** Registration is preferred but not required. Email to cgorin@bayharborislands-fl.gov to register for your selection of the following trips:

- **Wednesday, April 14, 2021 to Costco**
- **Wednesday, April 28, 2021 to Whole Foods**

MONTHLY HEALTH LECTURES WITH AVENTURA HOSPITAL

Zoom in for our Monthly Health Education Lecture with Aventura Hospital on the third Wednesday of the month. This month's lecture is on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 2 p.m. Visit tinyurl.com/bhi-fun for the Zoom link.

AFTERCARE PROGRAM (K – 8TH GRADE)

Our popular After School Program is back! Because of COVID-19, space is limited. The program is now open to Kindergarten–8th grade students. Registration is available online only. Visit tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register



On Facebook?
So are we!

Want to know what is happening at the Community Center? Go to www.facebook.com and search for us! Search: BHI Community Services Department Community Events, Youth Athletic Highlights, and new updates for what's happening.

– CONCERT IN THE PARK –

BAY HARBOR ISLANDS PRESENTS

THE WARREN HILL SEPTET

WITH CBS4 SPORTS ANCHOR JIM BERRY ON VOCALS

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021
7 PM • 95TH STREET PARK



Sit back on a Sunday evening and feel the soothing sound of classic jazz flowing through the 95th Street Park. You must pre-register at tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register for a space in the park. Space is limited. Up to 5 tickets per family from the same household, each member must be registered. The concert will also be live-streamed for anyone wanting to watch from home at facebook.com/bayharborislands.

Social distancing will be enforced and masks are required for everyone over two years old. Bring a blanket or chair. No pets.

Outdoor Movie on April 17

Frozen 2 is coming to the tropical warmth of Bay Harbor Islands. Bring the family to the 95th Street Park on Saturday, April 17 at 7 p.m. Anna, Elsa, Kristoff, Olaf and Sven leave Arendelle to travel to an ancient, autumn-bound



forest of an enchanted land. They set out to find the origin of Elsa's powers in order to save their kingdom.

Residents are required to preregister for a space in the park at tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register.

Space is limited. Up to 5 tickets per family from the same household. Social distancing will be enforced and masks are required for everyone over two years old. Bring a blanket or chair.

Kids Virtual Reading at Bay Harbor Islands Library

On Wednesday, April 29, 2021, 4 p.m., author and Bay Harbor Islands resident Ben Stein will be reading from his book Little Benny Piggy. For the Zoom link visit the Miami Dade County Public Library System website at www.mdpls.org



BAY HARBOR ISLANDS

Summertime

2021

Register Now!

In addition to the traditional two-month Summer Camp fun sports, games, art & crafts and activities, campers have the option to register for eight different two-week specialty camps focuses on flag football, volleyball, soccer, basketball, jiu-jitsu, dance, kung-fu and science. Campers can plan their 2021 summer by registering for regular camp, register for one or more specialty camp or register for 4 weeks of regular summer camp and specialty camps.

Monday, June 14 to Friday, August 6 • 8 AM - 5 PM • Residents only, proof of residency required at registration

Ages 5 to 13 for all summer camps • Must follow all CDC guidelines • At Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8

Register online only at <https://secure.rec1.com/FL/bay-harbor-islands-fl/catalog>. For more information, call (786) 646-9970

KIDS HEALTH AND SAFETY SERIES

The Morris Broad Community Center and Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital at Memorial Health Systems bring together parents, guardians and kids to learn from experts about children's health and safety. The series is held each month on the 3rd Wednesday at noon on Zoom. On April 21, 2021, at noon with pediatric orthopedic surgeon Michael Dressing, MD who will be discussing "Concussions and Sports Injuries in Kids." For the Zoom link, visit tinyurl.com/bhi-fun



Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital

BOOK CLUB ON APRIL 14



Join the Book Club on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at 7 p.m. through Zoom. The book for discussion will be "Lab Girl" by Hope Jahren. This 2016 memoir by the American geochemist, geobiologist and professor Hope Jahren who built three laboratories and studied trees, flowers, seeds, and soil. The zoom link for the Club is zoom.us/j/93892007486

OUTDOOR PROGRAMS

REGISTER ONLINE AT tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register

A face covering/mask over the nose and mouth is required for adults and children over age of two and body temperatures will be checked daily upon arrival.

TOT & YOUTH PROGRAMS (12 MONTHS - 4 YEARS)

Storytime at the Park - The first Friday of the month at 10 a.m. at the 98th Street Park and third Fridays at 4 p.m. at the Tot Lot.

Pee-Wee Soccer - At the 98th Street Park on Sundays for children, ages 12 months to five years. Times vary by age. The 8-week session is \$95 for residents.

Just You & Me Club - For parent and child ages 2-4. Parents and children older than two must wear a mask and follow social distancing. Wednesdays, 10-10:50 a.m. The cost is \$60 for 8 weeks.

Jiu-Jitsu/Boxing - Jiu-Jitsu is on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Boxing is on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Program is five days a week, 3:30-4:30 p.m. \$450.

Kids Piano - Ongoing for 8-weeks, one-hour sessions are on Wednesdays from 2:15 p.m. for ages 6 to 14, \$150. Six students maximum.

TEEN PROGRAMS (AGES 14-17 YEARS)

Instructional Basketball for Teens - For ages 14-17 on Saturdays 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$425.

Jiu-Jitsu/Boxing - Class rotations on Saturday & Sunday 2-4 p.m. \$490.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Jiu-Jitsu/Boxing - Both classes are weekly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 6-7 p.m. Each class is \$175 a month.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Tai Chi in the Park - At the 95th Street Park, Tuesday and Thursdays at 9 a.m. \$40 for 8 weeks

Gentle Yoga in the Park - At the 95th Street Park at Mondays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. \$40 for 8 weeks.

Stretching/Self-Defense - Stretching will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Self-Defense/Cardio Boxing will be Tuesday and Thursday. Classes will be 9:30-10:30 a.m. \$50 per month.

Stephanie Bruder
Mayor

Maria D. Lasday
Town Manager

Joshua D. Fuller
Vice Mayor

Alba L. Chang
Town Clerk

Jordan W. Leonard
Council Member

Frank Simone
Town Attorney

Kelly Reid
Council Member

Raul M. Diaz
Chief of Police

Isaac Salver
Council Member

Peter V. Kajokas
Finance Director

Elizabeth Tricoche
Council Member

Robert Yaffe
Council Member



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Upcoming Town Meetings

The Town Council welcomes your attendance and participation at meetings. All meetings, unless 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.

- Organizational Meeting, Wednesday, April 14, at 6 p.m.
- Public Hearing, Wednesday, April 14, at approximate 6:15 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting, April 14 immediately following the Public Hearing
- Planning & Zoning Board, Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 6 p.m.

The Town Council & Planning & Zoning Board Meetings will be held as a "Virtual Meeting" with elected officials and Town Staff participating through video conferencing. The Virtual Meetings will be held through the Zoom Platform used by the Office of the Town Clerk. Members of the public may join the meeting via the Zoom Platform or by calling a dedicated phone line. Meeting ID details and dedicated phone lines information will be published with each agenda. Future tentative meeting dates are subject to change. As the date gets closer contact the Town Clerk's Office or visit the Town's website www.bayharborislands-fl.gov

Future Tentative Meetings

Regular Council Meetings: Wednesday, May 12 & Wednesday, June 9, 2021

Planning and Zoning Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 4 & May 18

Highlights of the March 10, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

- Approval of a resolution approving a Public Transportation Grant Agreement in the amount of \$150,000 to provide for the Department's Participation in FDOT State Service Development Program funds for the Town's On-Demand Service Connection.
- Approval of an ordinance on second reading requested by Council Member Leonard amending Chapter 24 of the Town Code relating to Florida friendly fertilizer use within the Town.
- Approval of an ordinance on second reading approving Budget Amendment No. 1 for the 2020 / 2021 Fiscal Year.
- Approval requested by Council Member Leonard regarding a Stop the Gun Violence Awareness Program for the Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center.

Topics anticipated for discussion or possible action at the April 14, 2021 Council meeting

- Consideration and Approval of an ordinance on second reading amending Section 23-21(e) of the Town Code to modify the Kane Concourse setback requirements for ground level restaurants and certain weatherization.