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It is a privilege to send this initial message as your new Bay Harbor Islands mayor. I sincerely appreciate the support I have received from my fellow residents, and I extend my deep gratitude to the Town Council for allowing me to serve in this position. That really is what it is all about – service. Each member of the Town Council and every member of our town’s incredible staff strive to provide every resident with the highest level of service. That high level of service is reflected in the extraordinary effort made by our staff to quickly respond to every citizen request, our police officers’ commitment to safety (I welcome our two new officers), and our Town Council’s unwavering desire to meet our residents’ needs.

That commitment to service was embodied by my predecessor as mayor, Stephanie Bruder. She guided this community through the hardest days of the COVID-19 pandemic and through a change in every one of the highest staff positions in the Town. Incredibly, she not only faced these challenges successfully, but she accomplished these feats while leaving our community in a far better position to prevent future issues and to continue providing our residents first-class service. This Town is a better place because of her leadership.



As we slowly emerge from COVID-19, we must work as a community to ensure our continued progress against the pandemic. Vaccine availability is increasing, including for those of younger ages. I urge everyone to take all available precautions to prevent a reemergence of the virus, in all its forms. At the same time, we look forward to what the future holds for Bay Harbor Islands. Restaurants and businesses on Kane Concourse are coming back to life, we are planning on a public waterfront park with a kayak and paddleboard launch, our concert series has returned and looks to be expanded, lights are being planned for the parks, and we are enhancing our infrastructure. At the same time, I encourage everyone to speak at a council meeting or just reach out to a council member or staff with any additional ideas for improving our Town.

Also, please remember that as the school year ends, there will be more children playing outside, many of them on bicycles. There is nothing more important than our kids’ safety, so please take extra precautions while driving.

It is an honor to serve our community, and I am excited for the opportunity to help guide Bay Harbor Islands as we continue to improve all facets of our Town.

Organizational Meeting Moves Outside During COVID-19

Every year, the Bay Harbor Islands Council and Administration hold an Organizational Meeting after the annual election. For 2021, the event moved outside to the 95th Street Park to comply with social distancing.

With one candidate dropping out, the two other candidates were unopposed and there was no election. Incumbent Stephanie Bruder and new Council member Molly Diallo took the oath of office via Zoom from Town Clerk Alba Chang at the other side of the park. Congratulations to Stephanie and Molly! With the 2021 Council complete, they voted for Josh Fuller to serve as Mayor and Elizabeth Tricoche to serve as Vice Mayor.



Molly Diallo (L) and Stephanie Bruder (R) took their oath of office via Zoom.

Mayor Josh Fuller gave the oath of office to Town Clerk Alba Chang and Town Attorney Joseph Geller.



Taking the oath of office on Zoom, are Josh Fuller for Mayor (L) and Elizabeth Tricoche, Vice Mayor.

As is tradition, the Town Council received their annual salary of one dollar. Council members donated the total of \$7 to the PTA of Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center.



The Town of Bay Harbor Islands is seeking volunteers to serve on the following Committees and Board:

Planning & Zoning Board

The Planning & Zoning Board is responsible for the review of new construction, exterior renovations, additions, plan revisions, etc. The Board meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month. Professionals need not be residents of Bay Harbor Islands, but must be presently employed full time or were employed full time in the field of engineering, architecture, land use and zoning law, city planning, construction, or any other field which substantially relates to the planning and development of real estate.

Parks and Recreation Committee

The Committee meets quarterly or as committee members deemed necessary. The committee members provide recommendations and feedback to the Town Council regarding current / future park facilities and recreational programs.

Sustainability and Resiliency Committee

This committee addresses topics related to sustainability, resiliency and environmental impacts to the Town.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve on a Committee and/or the Planning & Zoning Board, please submit a letter of interest and resume to Town Clerk Alba L. Chang at achang@bayharborislands-fl.gov

Put an End to Water Pollution in Bay Harbor Islands

As hurricane season nears, we wish to remind our residents and visitors to be extremely careful about not littering or otherwise polluting our lovely Town.



Rainfall that runs off streets, rooftops, driveways and lawns (typically referred to as storm water) does NOT get treated before flowing into Biscayne Bay. Because our Town is in the middle of the Intracoastal Waterway, rainfall washes litter and other debris directly into the surrounding waters.

Substances such as detergents, pesticides, oil, lawn clippings, trash and soil erosion from lawns and construction sites pollute our waterways. If these substances exist on your property, they will be washed out into the gutters and into the Bay. The retention of the first inch of rainfall on every property is an attempt to prohibit the discharge of these pollutants after rainfall.

Plastic bags are a particular nuisance. Besides being an environmental eyesore, they wreak havoc on marine life, as do plastic straws and bottles. Now we have disposable masks and gloves being carelessly discarded. Always dispose of plastic bags, straws, masks and gloves in a proper waste receptacle so they are not blown out into the street or over the seawall. Recycle glass and plastic bottles as well as cardboard and newspapers. Never put plastic bags or Styrofoam in the recycle containers. You can actively participate in preserving our environment by doing the following:

- Shop Wisely. Buy products labeled biodegradable, non-toxic, non-phosphorous, or water-soluble. These products readily decompose and will not pollute surface or ground waters.
- Avoid using single-use plastics. Use paper straws and reusable water bottles and keep reusable shopping bags in your car for grocery shopping.
- 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 Chippings. Use mulch for fertilizer and do not blow grass clippings onto the roadways – that is illegal!
- 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 St, Doral, FL 33178. Hours of service are 9–5 Wednesdays through Sundays. Call 305-594-1500.
- Always dispose of litter in a designated container and

ensure that your garbage and recycling container lids are closed.

There are tremendous marine resources in our surrounding waters as many of you can attest to by the regular dolphin and stingray sightings or schools of fish one sees. Remember pollutants can harm fish, foul drinking water and make our beaches unsafe and unpleasant.

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



– CONCERT IN THE PARK –
BAY HARBOR ISLANDS PRESENTS



SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021

7 PM • 95TH STREET PARK

Latin Grammy-winner PALO! returns to Bay Harbor Islands with their exciting Afro-Cuban Funk music!

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. Residents only. The concert will also be live-streamed for anyone wanting to watch from home at www.facebook.com/BHICommunityServices/.

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

A Cool Evening of Big Band Jazz at the Park

Latin Grammy Award Winner and five time nominee, saxophonist Dr. Ed Calle brought Bay Harbor Islands a rare taste of big band jazz on March 21, 2021. Backed by 16 musicians, soloists and a fantastic vocalist, he gave the audience everything from old big band favorites to jump up and dance music. Like those in attendance, the musicians were thrilled to finally be playing to a live audience. Thanks to the Community Services Department for preparing the park for social distancing and to the Public Works and Police Departments.



(L-R)
Former Council Member Kelly Reid, Vice Mayor Josh Fuller, Mayor Stephanie Bruder

BARK & WALK On Kane

SUNDAY, JUNE 6 • 3-5 PM

From Morris N. Broad Community Center to Kane Concourse and back.



Walk the Kane Concourse Business District and end in front of the Morris N. Broad Community Center with several local pet-related vendors showcasing their products and service. All well behaved pets on leashes are welcome.

Social distancing will be enforced and masks are required. For more information, please call the Community Center at (786) 646-9970.



Miami-Dade County offers free COVID-19 Oral Testing administered by NOMI Health every Wednesday, from 9 AM to 5 PM, at Bay Harbor Islands 95th Street Park.

Walkups are welcome. If you wish to preregister go to tinyurl.com/BHI-C19Test to sign up.

Free testing is open to all residents of Miami-Dade County, ages 5 and older.

ALL PERSONS entering the park, ages 2 and older, must wear a mask **COVERING** your **NOSE** and **MOUTH**. No exceptions. If health issues prevent you wearing a mask or leaving your home, please visit www.miamidade.gov to request homebound testing.

Meet Our New Police Department Officers

Officer Paul Rogers was born in Virginia, the youngest of three boys. He was raised in greater Fort Lauderdale and earned a Bachelor's Degree from Florida Atlantic University in Criminal Justice. He worked at Fort Lauderdale Police Department (FLPD) for his police career. While at FLPD, he was assigned to uniform patrol, the detective bureau and street narcotics. He is scuba certified and served 10 years on the FLPD dive/rescue team. He is bike and radar certified and was a Field Training Officer for over 11 years. He is married with one daughter. Officer Roger has started his Field Training Officer assignment with Officer Munsch.



Officer Jasmin Vazquez was born in Kingston, New York and spent her younger childhood in Puerto Rico. She always dreamed of working in Law Enforcement. She admires the profession and is grateful for the opportunity with Bay Harbor Islands. She looks forward to being part of the team, serving her community and making a positive impact. She is married and has two children. In her spare time she enjoys dancing, and most importantly, spending time with her family and friends!

Officer Vazquez has started her Field Training Officer assignment with Corporal Candelmo.

Young Riders and Parents Learn Bike Safety

Bay Harbor Islands Police Department hosted a Bicycle Safety Rodeo and Group Ride with the Chief on April 25, 2021. The multi-agency event included police officers from Bay Harbor Police Department and Bal Harbour, Indian Creek and Surfside Police Departments. Special thanks goes out to Miami Bicycles Sales & Service for tuning up the participants bikes and all the officers who assisted. "Riding a bike is fun. It's good exercise and it can give your child a sense of independence. But a bike is a vehicle, not a toy, so learning bicycle safety early is paramount," said Chief Raul Diaz. "Summer means more bike riding. Whether walking, riding or driving, please be careful, alert and courteous. I hope to see you at the next Bicycle Safety Rodeo."



Police Explorers Assist at Shed-A-Thon & Drug Take-back



On Sunday, March 25th, the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department joined other local law enforcement agencies in a DEA Drug Take-back, Shred-a-thon and Electronics Recycling Event at Bill Bird Marina in Haulover Park. Several of our Police Explorers volunteered to assist with the heavy lifting. Thank you to all!



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



ENJOY
our free virtual
classes for
fun and exercise!
LOG IN AT
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 saugustin@bayharborislands-fl.gov to register for your selection of the following trips:

- Wednesday, May 5, 2021 to Costco
- Wednesday, May 19, 2021 to Whole Foods

Get A Ticket to the Outdoor Movies!

With their camping chairs, blankets and snacks, families kept their social distancing while gathering at the 95th Street Park to watch Frozen 2 on April 17.



The next movie will be on **Saturday, May 15 at the 95th Street Park at 8 p.m.** See the popular Disney movie *Toy Story 4* and watch Woody, Buzz Lightyear and the old gang take an adventurous journey to find long-lost friend Bo Peep.



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. No pets are allowed.



Register now for Summer Camp!

Pick from four or eight camps and eight different 2-week specialty camps!

Specialty camps include football, volleyball, soccer, basketball, jiu-jitsu, dance, kung-fu and science - the choice is yours.

Camp runs from **June 14-August 6, from 8-5 p.m.** and is open to kids, aged 5-13. Bay Harbor Islands residents only, with proof of residence required.

Register online only at tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register.

For more information, call (786) 646-9970. Must agree to follow all CDC COVID-19 guidelines to attend.



MONTHLY HEALTH LECTURES WITH AVENTURA HOSPITAL

The Health Education Lecture Series is on Zoom every 3rd Thursday of the month. The next virtual meeting will take place on May 20, at 12 p.m. The lecture will be "Men's Health, et al" with Dr. Richard Levin, MD, FACS, a Board Certified Urologist. Visit tinyurl.com/bhi-fun for the Zoom link.

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 May 19, 2021, at noon, pediatric allergy and immunology specialists Michael Dressing, MD and Hanadys Ale, M.D. will be discussing "COVID in Kids." **For the Zoom link, visit tinyurl.com/bhi-fun**



**Joe DiMaggio
Children's Hospital**

BOOK CLUB ON MAY 12



Join the Book Club on Wednesday, May 12, at 7 p.m. through Zoom. The book for discussion is "The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein. This classic and unforgettable book with illustrations by Silverstein is a parable for readers of all ages.

Silverstein brings alive love, sadness, acceptance and the gift of giving.

The 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.

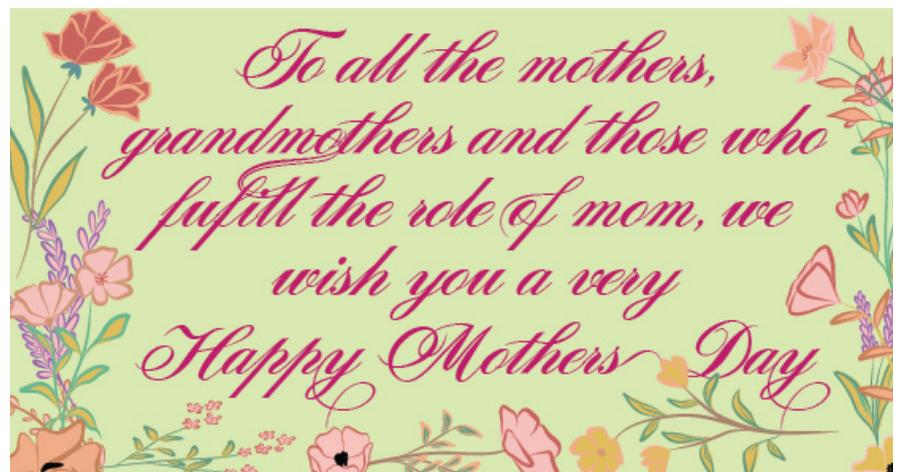


On Facebook?
So are we!

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.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

(786) 646-9970



Joshua D. Fuller
Mayor
Elizabeth Tricoche
Vice Mayor
Stephanie Bruder
Council Member
Molly Diallo
Council Member
Jordan W. Leonard
Council Member
Isaac Salver
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.

- Planning & Zoning Board, Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 6 p.m.
- Special Council Meeting, Wed. May 5, 2021 at 6 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting, Wed., May 12, 2021 at 7 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Board, Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 6 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Board Meetings will be held as Virtual Meetings via the Zoom Platform used by the Office of the Town Clerk. Town Council Meetings will be held as Hybrid Meetings where a quorum of the Town Council will be physically present in the Town Hall Council Chambers located at 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace, Bay Harbor Islands, FL 33154. The general public and other members of staff will be able to view and participate in the meetings (virtually) by utilizing the Zoom video conferencing platform. 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: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 &
Wednesday, August 11, 2021

Planning and Zoning Board Tuesday, June 1 & June 22

Committee Meetings TBA

All meetings are subject to change

Highlights of the April 20, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

- Joshua D. Fuller was appointed by the Town Council to serve as Mayor.
- Elizabeth Tricoche was appointed by the Town Council to serve as Vice Mayor.
- Alba L. Chang was appointed by the Town Council to serve as the Town Clerk and Yvonne Hamilton as the Deputy Town Clerk.
- Joseph Geller was appointed by the Town Council to serve as the Town Attorney and James Rauh as the Assistant Town Attorney.
- Council Member Robert Yaffe was designated by the Town Council as a Director to serve in the Miami Dade County League of cities, Board of Directors. Council Member Molly Diallo was designated as an alternate Director.
- Council Member Stephanie Bruder was appointed by the Town Council to serve on the Board of Trustees/Employees Retirement Board.
- Approval of a resolution designating a Brownfield Area for the property located at 1000 Kane Concourse, Bay Harbor Islands, FL 33154, pursuant to Section 376.80(2)(c). Florida Statutes.
- Approval of a resolution requested by Council Member Leonard recognizing and commending Hatzalah of Miami Dade County for providing outstanding public service within the Town and Miami Dade County via its volunteer response services.
- Approval of the 2020-2023 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and the Dade County Police Benevolent Association, Inc. (PBA).
- Approval of a contract with Samara in the amount of \$24,414 for the first year and beginning year two an annual payment of \$24,043 for a total of 60 months for the purchase of a Automatic Vehicle Locating Service.

Topics anticipated for discussion or possible action at the May 12, 2021 Council meeting

- Consideration and Approval of an ordinance on second reading amending Chapter 9 of the Town Code updating the solid waste schedule of fees.