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It is back to school for Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center on Monday, August 18, 2014. Our children will be walking, biking, skateboarding and riding in cars and buses as they start an exciting, brand new school year.

We ask all residents to drive with care and caution during the posted school zone hours. Also, pay close attention to directions from our police officers and school crossing guards.

Join me in congratulating the school for receiving an A+ rating for the 15th consecutive year, an incredible achievement. We have come to expect excellence from the Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center and often forget to salute Principal Maria Rodriguez, her teachers, staff, volunteers and involved parents for all their hard work in keeping the school ranked among the best public schools in the state and nation. See page 2 for more information on key dates for the start of the school year.

It has been nearly 63 years since the dedication of the Broad Causeway bridge on October 14, 1951. The initial toll was five cents. The first major advance for the toll system came in 1970 when a ten cent token would automatically open the toll gate. Soon came more convenience with the Town's Baypass. After years of planning, coordination, construction and technical expertise, our causeway toll will transition to the Florida Sun Pass/pay-by-plate system.

The new equipment is already operational and the Town will be assisting residents as they switch their annual BayPass to SunPass. Those still needing to convert are encouraged to come to Town Hall and complete the switch to SunPass by September 1, 2014. Please read the story on Page 2 to insure you bring all the required documentation.

Residents will also be pleased to learn that the Town is launching its own recreation and activities department. After-school sports and classes are already planned. See Page 5 of this newsletter.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!



-Bob

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SunPass Switch Open House Wednesday, August 13th

If you are a BayPass annual account holder and still need to transition to the SunPass, you will need to come to the Town Hall and complete the switch before September 1 and set up the link between your annual account and the SunPass system.

A special Open House will be held on the Council Chambers on Wednesday, August 13 from 7-9 p.m. just for this purpose. You must bring your Driver License, license plate number, and your 13-digit SunPass transponder number. SunPass representatives will be available for anyone needing to purchase and/or set-up your SunPass account.

Residents Invited to Aug. 20 Meeting on Community Center

A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 2014 to discuss the proposed Town Community Center. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace. For more information, contact Town Hall at 305-866-6241.

Learn a New Language Without Leaving BHI



Have you been thinking about learning a new language?

This is your opportunity! Bay

Harbor Islands is partnering with

Berlitz, one of the leading language schools, to offer a new Language Arts Program. Beginning in September, the Town will offer a 30-week language arts program for both children and adults. The classes will be:

- Mandarin Chinese for children (5-8 years of age) @ \$300 + \$50 for materials
- Mandarin Chinese for children (9-14 years of age) @ \$300 + \$50 for materials
- Spanish for children (9-14 years) @ \$300 + \$160 for materials
- Spanish for Adults @ \$300 + \$160 for materials

Each course will meet in the afternoon/evenings for two days each week for 30 weeks. The classes are 90 minutes. Please note that proof of residency is required.

For registration or for additional information, please contact Town Hall at 305-866-6241.

School Earns A+ Rating for 15th Year in a Row

The results are in! Once again, the Ruth K. Broad Bobcats are roaring over their 15th consecutive year as an A+ school. The renown K-8 school continues its tradition of academic excellence: ranked 57th in Florida and second in Miami-Dade among all traditional elementary, middle, and K-8 Centers. Congratulations for all the efforts and hard work from the students, teachers, staff, parents and principal Maria Rodriguez to achieve such consistent excellence.

Attention students and parents: Supply lists and summer packets are available at the school website: rkbbayharbor.dadeschools.net. Summer packets are mandatory and must be turned in the first day of school.

A huge thanks to the Shepard Broad Foundation for their continued support of Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center. Our students have been privileged to participate in a plethora of programs that have been made possible through the philanthropy and love of the Shepard Broad Foundation.

Important August School Dates

• Friday Aug. 15

PK and Kindergarten Orientation, 9 a.m. in elementary cafeteria. At 1 pm, grades 1-5 meet and greet, also in elementary cafeteria. Grades 6-8 meet and greet on the same day at 1 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria.

• Monday, August 18

First day of school (PK-1 at grade at 8:20 a.m. and grades 2-8 at 8:35 a.m.)

• Thursday, August 21

PTA/RKBBH K-8 Welcome Back Parent Breakfast at 8:45 a.m.

BHI Police Department Gears Up for Start of School

With the start of school, we look forward to a safe new year at Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center. Our police staff will continue to be out in full force during school drop off and release. We ask that you follow all of the administrative rules provided by the school faculty and only drop off/pick up children in the designated areas. Please remind your children to only cross the streets where police and school crossing guards are posted.

If my staff or I can be of any assistance please contact us at any time! Remember as schools starts, if you *SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!*

- Chief Sean Hemingway

Town of Bay Harbor Islands

Flood Protection Information

Because Bay Harbor Islands lies entirely in a floodplain, the Town is required to have floodplain management ordinances. These ordinances, which were adopted in 1993 and subsequently updated in 2009, allow the Town to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The Town's participation in the NFIP enables property owners to obtain flood insurance. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has determined that incorporated municipalities in Miami-Dade County should be considered separately to insure better compliance with NFIP regulations.

Additionally, the Town has applied for and received classification in the NFIP's Community Rating System (CRS). As a result of the Town's participation in the CRS and its efforts to achieve higher ratings, residents may be able to see a discount in flood insurance premiums. You can help our standing in this program by providing the Town's Building Department with a flood elevation certificate for your property.

Local Flood Hazard

This information is being provided to you because the entire Town is in a flood hazard area, which means all properties located with the Town (including yours!) are in the flood hazard area. It is imperative that you know what to do to minimize flood damage. Since Bay Harbor Islands is comprised of two barrier islands surrounded by Biscayne Bay, a storm surge may flood the entire Town. Any storm surges experienced here will most likely be as a result of a hurricane or tropical storm.

Town Flood Services

To assist residents in understanding the National Flood Insurance Program and the effects on construction, remodeling and maintaining buildings, the Town offers the following services; map determination (determining the correct base flood elevation for specific properties), consultations on the FEMA 50% rule, site specific elevations for mechanical equipment, elevation certificates, general information and brochures. Additionally, staff will visit properties upon request to review its flood problem and explain ways to stop flooding or prevent flood damage. For further assistance please stop by the Town's Building Department (located on the second floor of Town Hall) or call them at 305-993-1786.

Drainage System Maintenance

A serious risk to the safety of residents is the blockage of catch basins by debris which prevents proper drainage of storm water. The Town sweeps the streets on a weekly basis and monitors all catch basins after each storm event. As a resident you can help by not placing lawn cuttings or any other debris out by the curbside on the weekend. This is a violation of Section 9-23 of the Town Code. If you see or know of anyone illegally dumping materials/debris into any catch basins within the Town or tampering with any part of the Town's drainage system, please contact Town Hall immediately at 305-866-6241.

Flood Safety

- **Do not walk through flowing water!** Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths, mostly during flash floods. Currents can be deceptive; six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. If you walk in standing water, use a pole or stick to ensure the ground is still there.
- **Do not drive through a flooded area!** More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Do not drive around road barriers as the road or bridge may be washed out.
- **Stay away from power lines and electrical wires!** The number two flood killer after drowning is electrocution. Electrical current can travel through water. Immediately report downed power lines to Florida Power & Light (FPL) or to the Town's Police Department.
- **Have your electricity turned off by FPL!** Some appliances such, as television sets, keep electrical charges even after they have been unplugged. Don't use appliances or motors that have been wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned and dried.
- **Look out for animals, especially snakes!** Small animals that have been flooded out of their homes may seek shelter in yours. Use a pole or a stick to poke and turn things over and scare away small animals.
- **Look before you step!** After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris including broken bottles and nails. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.
- **Be alert for gas leaks!** Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames until the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.

Flood Warning System

In cases where flooding might occur during emergency situation, the following local radio and television stations will provide critical information as part of the Emergency Broadcast System:

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| WIOD-610 AM (E) | WFOR-CH 4 (E) | WQBA-1140 AM (S) |
| WTVJ-CH 6 (E) | WINZ-940 AM (E) | WSVN-CH 7 (E) |
| WAQI-710 AM (S) | WPLG-CH 10 (E) | WLTW-CH 23 (S) |

(E) English Language Broadcast (S) Spanish Language Broadcast

Emergency information covering emergency procedures and evacuation routes is available through the Miami-Dade County Office of Emergency Management located at 9300 NW 4 Street, Miami, Florida 33178 and the telephone number is 305-468-5400. In the event of a hurricane, all residents of Bay Harbor Islands are required to evacuate when ordered by the mayor of Miami-Dade County. Shelter information will be broadcast at the time of the emergency, however, each resident should make plans well in advance of the emergency. Public emergency shelters should be your last resort. During other emergencies always dial 911 for Police and Fire Rescue services.

Other sources for information concerning Special Flood Hazard Areas and insurance are:

Town of Bay Harbor Islands • Flood Protection Information *(continued)*

Town Hall: 305-866-6241

Library: 305-682-0726

DERM: 305-375-3376

FEMA: 404-853-4408

South Florida Water Management: 407-687-6966

State NFIP Coordinator: 904-487-4915

Detailed information concerning flood preparedness and insurance is available at: Miami-Dade County Library, Sunny Isles Beach Branch in the Reference Section • 18070 Collins Avenue, Sunny Isles Beach, FL 33160 305-682-0726

Flood Proofing

The term “flood proofing” means physical alterations to your building that improve the ability of property and structures to withstand the damages caused by flooding. You need to prepare your own emergency list of activities and procedures to follow in case of a flood, tropical storm or hurricane. Information is available at Town Hall, the Miami Dade County Office of Emergency Management and at the local library. You must take action now to minimize losses to your property and possessions.

There are a number of ways to flood proof your structure. Some of the possible solutions are flood panels, earthen berms, flood walls and elevating structures. Additional information can be found in the reference section of the library in the book “Retrofitting Flood Prone Residential Structures.” Flood proofing measures taken by property owners can reduce the cost of flood insurance.

Since the Town is subject to hurricanes and tropical storms, storm shutters should be obtained for all doors and window openings on your building. All garage doors should be checked and reinforced if necessary. Please note that a building permit will be required for the installation of shutters.

Dry Flood Proofing

Dry flood proofing includes sealing or waterproofing with special materials and compounds which provide a chemical or physical barrier against water intrusion during times of flooding. Information on this can also be found in the reference section at the local library.

Floodplain Development

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands has a flood damage prevention ordinance that governs all development within the Town. This ordinance complies with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program and applicable state law. Cumulative substantial improvement over a five year period is contained in the ordinance. Work that exceeds 50% of the value of the structure in five years triggers additional requirements. The NFIP requires that if the cost of reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition or other improvements to a building equals or exceeds 50% of the building's market value, then the building must meet the same construction requirements as a new building. Substantially damaged buildings must be brought up to the same standards (e.g., a residence damaged so that the cost of repairs equals or exceeds 50% of the buildings value before it was damaged must be elevated above the base flood elevation).

Since the Town lies completely in a special flood hazard area surrounded by Biscayne Bay, all development and improvements require permitting from the Town of Bay Harbor Islands Building



Department. This is to insure that proposed development and improvements meet all existing codes for the work contemplated. This includes buildings, fences, slabs, pools, sprinklers, air-conditioners, excavations, grading and filling. In fact, any work that has a value of \$100.00 or more must have a permit. If you are considering doing any work to your property, please contact the Town's Building Department for a free consultation. All work must have a permit card prominently displayed on the building or work site.

Anyone who sees construction work being performed and does not see a permit card should contact the Town's Building Department as soon as possible.

Flood Insurance

Always carry flood insurance! Regular homeowner's insurance does not cover flood losses, but during the life of an average mortgage, residents have a 26% chance of experiencing a major flood disaster during the life of a 30 year mortgage. Flood insurance through the NFIP is available by contacting a licensed property and casualty insurance broker. Limits to coverage are \$250,000 for residential structures and \$500,000 for commercial structures. If you are currently covered, double-check that the building coverage is adequate and make sure you have contents insurance. Contents insurance can also be purchased with a separate premium under the same policy. Limits to contents coverage are \$100,000 for residential and \$500,000 for non-residential. **Please note:** when purchasing flood insurance, there is a 30-day waiting period before the policy takes effect, so plan ahead!



Bay Harbor Islands PAL and Recreation Program

2014-2015 ACTIVITIES

The Bay Harbor Island's Community Services is proud to present our inaugural schedule of after school activities and classes schedule.

All sports and classes will take place at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center.

Fees are based on Annual (complete 2014-15 school year) or Seasonal (as specified)

For more information, call or visit Town Hall, 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace, (305) 866-6241

| ACTIVITY | DAYS | TIMES | START/END | COST | |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|----------|
| CHEERLEADING | | | | | |
| Varsity | Tue & Thu | 3:30 - 5 p.m. | Sept. - May | \$700 | Annual |
| Junior | Tue & Thu | 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. | Sept. - May | \$700 | Annual |
| BASKETBALL | | | | | |
| Junior & Varsity | Tue & Thu | 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. | Jan. - May | \$225 | Seasonal |
| Recreational 8 & Under & 11 & Under | Tue & Thu | 3:15 - 4 p.m. | Jan. - May | \$200 | Seasonal |
| FLAG FOOTBALL | | | | | |
| Varsity | Tue & Thu | 3:30 - 5 p.m. | Sept. - Dec | \$225 | Seasonal |
| Jr. Varsity | Tue & Thu | 3:30 - 5 p.m. | Sept. - Dec | \$225 | Seasonal |
| FITNESS | | | | | |
| Kung Fu Fitness, ages 5-9 | Mon & Wed | 3 - 3:45 p.m. | Sept. - Nov | \$360 | Seasonal |
| Kung Fu Fitness, ages 10-13 | Mon & Wed | 4 - 5 p.m. | Sept. - Nov | \$360 | Seasonal |
| Tai-Chi for Seniors, 8 weeks | Tue & Thur | 5-6 pm | Oct-May 8-weeks | \$30, non-resident \$60 | |
| Dance Fitness, ages 5-6 | Tues & Fri | 2-3 pm | Sept. - Nov | \$360 | Seasonal |
| Dance Fitness, ages 7 and up | Tues & Fri | 3-4 pm | Sept. - Nov | \$360 | Seasonal |
| SOCCER | | | | | |
| 6/Under, 8/Under, 10/Under | Mondays Wednesdays | 3:15 - 4 p.m. 2 - 3 p.m. | Sept. - May | \$350 | Annual |
| Varsity Team | Mondays Wednesdays | 4 - 5:30 p.m. 3 - 4:30 p.m. | Sept. - May | \$450 | Annual |
| Pee Wee Soccer 12 months-5 years | Mon & Wed | call for times | Oct-May | \$160, non-resident \$200 | |
| MUSIC | | | | | |
| Chorus | Mon & Thu | 3:30 - 5 p.m. | Sept. - May | \$400 | Annual |
| Orchestra | Tue & Thu | 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. | Sept. - May | \$400 | Annual |
| ART | | | | | |
| Elementary | Wed & Fri | 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. | Sept. - May | \$350 | Annual |
| Middle School | Tue & Thu | 3:30 - 5 p.m. | Sept. - May | \$350 | Annual |
| LANGUAGE | | | | | |
| French beginners/Non Speakers | Tuesdays | 3:15 - 5:15 p.m. | Sept. - May | \$550 | Annual |
| French Beginners/Speakers | Tuesdays | 3:45 - 5:45 p.m. | Sept. - May | \$550 | Annual |
| French Middle School Speakers | Tuesdays | 5:05 - 7:05 p.m. | Sept. - May | \$550 | Annual |
| TECHNOLOGY | | | | | |
| Computer classes, 8 weeks | Mon-Wed | 10 am - 12 p.m. | Sept. - Oct. | \$80 | Seasonal |

Coming soon: Lacrosse

Robert H. Yaffe
Mayor

Ronald J. Wasson
Town Manager

Jordan W. Leonard
Vice Mayor

Marlene Marante
Town Clerk

Stephanie Bruder
Council member

Craig B. Sherman
Town Attorney

Joshua D. Fuller
Council member

Sean Hemingway
Chief of Police

Kelly Reid
Council member

Alan Short
Finance Director

Solange Rousselot
Council member

Isaac Salver
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Building Department: (305) 993-1786

Police: (305) 866-6242

Emergency: 911

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 6 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, Aug. 5 at 6 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting – Monday, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Board – Tuesday, Aug. 19, at 6 p.m.

The following future meeting dates are tentative and subject to change. Please check the Town's website, www.bayharborislands.org.

- Regular Council Meetings: September 8, October 14 & November 10, 2014
- Planning & Zoning Board Meetings: September 2 & 16, October 7 & 21 and November 4 & 18, 2014

Committee meeting dates and times to be announced

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

There was no Council Meeting in July.
Council highlights from the August 11 Council meeting will be in the September Newswaves.

Discussion Items for August 11 Council Meeting

At the time of printing, the topics listed below are anticipated for discussion or possible action. All items are subject to change.

- **Discussion** of a Resolution to encourage the Mayor and County Commission to create the funding mechanisms to support the Pet's Trust.
- **Discussion** regarding the manner that appointments are made to the Town's Citizen Committees.