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A Message from the Mayor

Annual Race A Showcase for Our Town

To celebrate Bay Harbor Islands 60th Anniversary, a committee chaired by former Mayor Ileene Wallace worked for a year to plan a series of memorable events and historical activities that took place throughout 2007. The main event that kick-started the anniversary year was a 60th Anniversary 5K Run/Walk that showed off the beauty of our neighborhoods. The success of that first race raised hope that it would become an annual event.

With the support of the participants, volunteers and sponsoring businesses, that hope has become a reality. From running through a few years of extreme weather, to creating alternative courses to dodge the construction from our infrastructure projects, to expanding the race to include a 10 kilometer option, the race has grown into a January tradition anticipated by both casual and serious runners throughout South Florida.

Last month, the Town hosted its Eighth Annual 5k/10K Walk & Run with nearly 200 registered for the race and many more friends and family members in attendance (see Page 3).

Why is this annual event important to our Town?

In addition to the obvious benefits of a fun and engaging event for residents and promoting fitness, the race is an opportunity to showcase our community. It is often said that Bay Harbor Islands is one of our region's best kept secrets. We have beautiful neighborhoods, a first class business district, a nationally-recognized public school and incredible bay views that are second to none. Still, many in Miami-Dade County have never visited Bay Harbor Islands. Special events such as the annual race give us the opportunity to introduce visitors to our Town and business district. Join me in continuing to support our successful annual race and let's pursue other similar events that allows us put out the welcome mat and promote our wonderful community!

On January 22, the Town held its annual 2013 Police Officer of the Year Award ceremony. Congratulations to Officer Roland Gray, who was named Officer of the Year and Reynaldo Artica, our Parking Enforcement Officer, who was named Civilian Employee of the the Year.

Our Town election is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 1, 2014 (see Page 2)**. We will be providing information on the candidates in upcoming issues of the newsletter.



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Information on the April 1 Town Election

Our annual municipal election will take place on **Tuesday, April 1st**. If you are not already properly registered to vote with a residential address in Bay Harbor Islands, you may obtain a registration form at Town Hall or at any state Driver's License office. Under state law, the books close to new registrations 29 days prior to the election (**March 3rd**). If you already have a current Miami-Dade County voter's registration card with the proper address, you need not re-register. If you are not sure your registration is current, call Miami-Dade County Elections Department at 305-499-8683.

For new voter registration, a resident must be at least 18 years of age and be a citizen of the United States. There is no minimum residency requirement for registration. If you will be unable to go to the polls on the day of the Town election, absentee ballots may be requested by calling the Miami-Dade County Elections Department at 305-499-8444. Absentee ballots must be returned no later than 7:00 p.m. of the day of the election.

Two seats on the Town Council will come up for vote in the April 1st election (Jordan W. Leonard and Joshua D. Fuller). If you wish to become a candidate for a Town Council seat, file with the Town Clerk during regular business hours at Town Hall after 9 a.m. on Tuesday, February 18th and before 5 p.m. on Friday, February 28th. To qualify you must be a registered voter and have been a Bay Harbor resident for at least 12 months.

Each Town Council member is elected by the voters of the Town for a 4-year term of office. These terms of office are staggered so that only two Council members run for office each year (with only one seat open each fourth year). This system provides for stability and continuity in our Town Government. This year would have been the one seat election; however, due to Francisco Temprano's resignation, followed by Joshua Fuller's appointment, there will also be a partial term of two years to fill the remainder of Temprano's term. Each Council member receives a salary of \$1 per year, which is traditionally donated to a charitable cause.

The Town Council meets on a regular basis, on the second Monday evening of the month, at least ten times per year. In addition, the Council members spend many hours at various committee, board, workshops, and special meetings. By state law, all meetings are open to the public, and members of the community are encouraged to attend meetings to be informed on issues concerning our community.

As of the writing of this article, January 23, 2014, three residents had announced their candidacy, Joshua Fuller, Jordan Leonard and Paul Ruthfield. More information will be provided in the March issue of the newsletter.

A Sunday with the Shepard Lecture Series A Historical Perspective of our Town

Bay Harbor Islands' invites you to attend a new event: the Sunday Lecture in the Park Series beginning on February 16, at the South Passive Park (94th Street and East Broadview Drive). Our special first lecture is *A Historical Perspective of our Town* featuring Mr. Morris Broad, son of the founder of Bay Harbor Islands, Shepard Broad. This presentation, and a subsequent question and answer session, will be held on Sunday, February 16, at 11 a.m. Refreshments will be served. This is the first of a series of lectures to be held this year.

If you would like to RSVP to attend or have any suggestions for future topics, please contact Regine Choute at Town Hall at (305) 866-6241.

Join Us in Thanking Our 2014 Race Sponsors

A special thanks goes out to this year's 8th Annual 5K/10K Run and Walk Sponsors. The Town collected a total of \$9,933 for the Surf-Bal-Bay PAL Program.

Melissa Lazarus MD Dermatology

LMK Pipe Renewal

Dade County Police Benevolent Association

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MDW Insurance Group

Sherman & Sherman, PA

Jackie Abraham Jeweler

FPL

Michael Miller Planning Association

Rotary Club of Bal Harbour

Mediatech

Publix Supermarket

Charles and Ileene Wallace

Computer Classes at Town Hall

Starting Monday, February 3, 2014, the Town of Bay Harbor Islands will host Computer Classes for Seniors. The Classes will be 4 weeks long, twice a week, Mondays & Wednesdays, from 10 am to 12 pm. The price for the four-week, 16-hour course is \$80.

To register, please contact the Town Hall at (305) 866-6241. For more information ask for Regine Choute.

Record Crowd Warms Up to 5k/10K Run-Walk



A crisp, sunny morning perfect for exercising attracted nearly 200 registered participants to Bay Harbor Islands 8th Annual 5K/10K Walk & Run.

John Williams (18:25) and Stephane Godfrey (19:49) were the over winners of the 5K and Miles Murphy (39:14) and Caryn Lubetsky (43:57) were the overall winners of the 10K. Congratulations to the staff and volunteers for another outstanding job at hosting the popular event.



Runners and walkers at the pre-race registration and packet pick-up



Previous winner Jon Williams (L), was again first overall, while Stephane Godfrey (R) was the first overall woman.



Town Manager Ron Wasson, Mayor Robert Yaffe and Assistant Town Manager J.C. Jimenez.



Former BHI Deputy Clerk Pat Gibbs crosses the finish line.

Volunteers Needed! Serve your Town on a Citizen Committee

It's time to volunteer for citizen's committees again. The residents who serve on these committees have done a great job during their one year appointments.

If you are interested in participating, please submit a letter of interest and a copy of your resume to Town Clerk Marlene Marante at Town Hall. If you don't have a resume, please list your life experiences or special qualifications in your letter. You may also fax to 305-866-4863, or e-mail to: mmarante@bayharborislands.net. The deadline to submit the information is Friday, March 14. Don't forget to include which committee(s) you are interested in joining.

The following committees are open for citizen participation:

- Charter/Ordinance Review
- Disaster Preparedness
- Environmental Impact
- Parks and Recreation

Also, if you are interested in serving on the Town's Planning & Zoning Board and are either a professional and/or a resident of Bay Harbor Islands, please contact Town Clerk Marlene Marante at 305-866-6241.

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.

Seniors on the Go

Seniors Trip to the Movies, Tuesday, February 18, 2014, from 12 to 4 pm – Cost \$6.

For more information or suggestions, please contact the Town Hall (305) 866-6241

Tai Chi for Seniors



Tai Chi for Seniors will be held from Tuesday, January 14 through Thursday, March 6, 2014. The eight-week course is a healthy and therapeutic exercise program for seniors. The classes are held at the Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center, twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-6 p.m. For

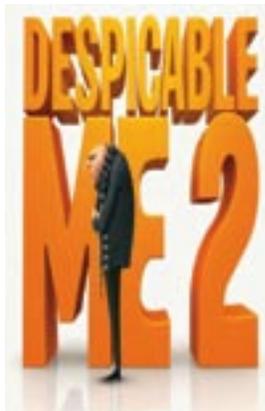
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Holocaust Documentation and Education Center Wants Your Story

The Holocaust Documentation and Education Center, located in Hollywood, FL, invites any survivor who would like to share and record their personal story to call (954) 929-5690 and make an appointment.

The Center seeks to document and present an enduring, historically accurate record of the Holocaust through eyewitness accounts by survivors, liberators, rescuers and others. The Center also teaches people from all walks of life the universal lessons of the Holocaust, through thought-provoking exhibitions and insightful programming.

Despicable 2 the February Outdoor Movie



The crowd-pleaser *Despicable 2* will be shown on Saturday, February 15, 2014 at the Town's Outdoor Movie Night Series.

The featured presentation will begin at 7 p.m. at the vacant lot at 1177 Kane Concourse. Remember to bring your blanket or chair for a fun evening under the stars.

Admission and parking is free and children must be accompanied by an adult. *Plan now to attend!*

For more information, contact

Town Hall at (305) 866-6241 or visit the Town website: www.bayharborislands.org.

Pee-Wee Soccer



Beginning January 6, 2014, Bay Harbor Islands will continue the Pee-Wee Soccer Program in the 98th Street Park. This 8-week course caters to children ages 12 months to 5 years old, will be held on

Mondays and Wednesdays (depending on the age category). Children will play and learn the fundamentals of soccer. The cost is \$160 for residents and \$200 for non-residents with a \$10 registration fee per family. There is a 25% discount for families with more than one child in the same household (must register by week four to receive multiple child discount). For more information, contact Regine at Town Hall (305) 866-6241

Town Thanked For Support of Troops

A little support goes a long way in assisting our U.S. troops in Afganistan. With donated funds from the Town of Bay Harbor Islands, resident Lieutenant Colonel Tosie Andrews, stationed at Fort Hood in Texas, arranged to send packages to troops in Afganistan.

Col. Andrews, whose mother and sister also live in Bay Harbor Islands, is standing in the center of the photo, leading the group in thanking the Town for the support.



AARP Defensive Driving Class for Seniors



A classroom refresher course for drivers 50 years of age and older.

AARP MEMBERS: \$15
NON AARP MEMBERS: \$20

All participants must pre-register and can receive a three-year insurance discount, if eligible, upon completion of course.

TO REGISTER PLEASE CALL 305-929-3160

February 25, 2014
FROM 9:30 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.

CLASS HELD AT
BAY HARBOR ISLANDS TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TOWN OF BAY HARBOR ISLANDS
9665 BAY HARBOR TERRACE
BAY HARBOR ISLANDS, FL 33154
305-866-6241



Storytime at the Park

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands invites you to enjoy an afternoon at the Park

February 7: Stories & Magic with Merlina

February 21: Stories with Miss Nancy

1st & 3rd Friday at 4 p.m. at the
Bay Harbor Islands Tot Lot
North of Kane Concourse on West Broadview Drive



FREE/Bring your blanket or chair. For more info please call Town Hall at 305-866-6241 or visit the Town's website at www.bayharborislands.org.

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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, Feb. 4, at 6 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting – Monday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Board – Tuesday, Feb. 18, 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: March 10, 2014, April 14 and May 12, 2014]
- Planning & Zoning Board Meetings: March 4 & 18, 2014, April 15 and May 6 & 20

Committee meeting dates and times to be announced

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

January 13 Council Highlights

- **Approval** of a PUD application for property located at 9540 West Bay Harbor Drive. A second public hearing will be held at the February meeting.
- **Approval** on **first** reading of an Ordinance amending section 23-11 of the town code to modify the side yard setbacks for the RM-1 and RM-2 Districts.
- **Approval** on **first** reading of an Ordinance amending section 23-11 of the town code to establish a minimum floor to ceiling heights for certain multi-family residential developments.
- **Approval** of a Resolution authorizing the Town Manager to receive and expend \$2,043 from the Miami-Dade County Drug Control and System Improvement Grant for the purpose of implementing the New Vehicle Laptop Program.

Discussion Items for February 10

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

- **Public Hearing** for the approval of a PUD Application for construction of a 96 unit hotel with a restaurant on the ground level at a property located at 9540 West Bay Harbor Drive.
- **Ordinance** on **second** reading amending section 23-11 of the Town Code to modify the side yard setbacks for the RM-1 and RM-2 districts.
- **Ordinance** on **second** reading amending section 23-11 of the Town Code to establish a minimum floor to ceilings heights for certain multi-family residential developments.