



# Bay Harbor Islands

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Happy New Year and best wishes for a healthy and safe 2014!  
As we say goodbye to 2013, I would like to take this opportunity to take a look back, mention some highlights of this past year and look forward to 2014.

• ***KANE CONCOURSE***

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Last year, the Florida Department of Transportation held a workshop regarding a Kane Concourse refurbishment project set to begin during the summer of 2014. Representatives exhibited plans for the project, which will upgrade our “Main Street.”

• ***BROAD CAUSEWAY***

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The busy construction activity currently taking place on the Broad Causeway and the intercoastal bridge have been in the planning stages for several years. On the bridge, the pedestrian sidewalk is being replaced and significant maintenance is underway on the draw bridge span. The work in the area of the toll plaza concerns the conversion from our Bypass system to the SunPass System. Staff has worked closely with the State of Florida on this project and we thank all residents for exercising patience as this project moves forward.



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• ***RUTH K. BROAD BAY HARBOR K-8 CENTER***

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We are privileged to have this nationally-recognized school in our community and worked closely with the school this past year to improve safety procedures in cooperation with the Police Department. We also assisted with private efforts to raise funds for new playground facilities, which were recently dedicated (see P. 2). In 2014, we will continue to collaborate with facility upgrades, new programs and community activities.

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There are many dedicated individuals who I would like to thank for their exceptional work last year and their continuing contributions in the year ahead. First, my colleagues on the Town Council for their vision and passion to pursue goals that will improve the quality of life for residents. Finally, thanks also to the Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager, Town Clerk, Town Attorney, the Chief of Police and our dedicated staff who consistently keep our Town moving forward. I would like to thank our citizens who have volunteered to serve on committees and provide valuable input on a variety of issues and help the Council in making better decisions. I would like to wish you a Happy, Healthy and Productive year!

*Bob*

# Ribbon Cutting Opens New School Playground

With assistance from the Miami-Dade County School Board and private funds raised by the school's Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center opened their highly-anticipated renovated playground for the school's younger children. A separate effort continues to complete the renovations of a second playground for the school's older students.



*Vice Mayor Jordan W. Leonard (C), Council member Joshua Fuller (in back at right) and Council member Isaac Salver (far right) assist school principal Dr. Maria Rodriguez as she snips the ribbon to open the new playground.*

## Football Classic We Are Marshall on Jan 18



Kicking off the new year will be the football film, *We Are Marshall*, to be shown on Saturday, January 18, 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](http://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, please contact Regine at Town Hall (305) 866-6241

**Storytime at the Park**

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

**January 3: Stories & Magic with Merlina**

**January 17: 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](http://www.bayharborislands.org).**



# Town Council Election On April 1

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 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 (10) 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, December 17, 2013, only one resident had announced his candidacy, Paul Ruthfield. More information will be provided in the February and March issue of the newsletter.

## Volunteer Needed!

# Serve your Town on the Planning & Zoning Board

The Town is looking for a volunteer to fill a vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Board. The Board reviews and approves new construction, exterior renovations, additions, plan revisions, etc.

If you have been a resident of the Town for a minimum of one year, are interested in participating and feel qualified to give your input, please submit a letter of interest and a copy of your resume to Town Clerk Marlene Marante at [mmarante@bayharborislands.net](mailto:mmarante@bayharborislands.net).

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](mailto:mmarante@bayharborislands.net). The deadline to submit your resume or letter of interest is Friday, January 31st

For more information, please contact Marlene Marante at 305-866-6241.

## Seniors on the Go

- **Seniors to Vizcaya Museum and Gardens**

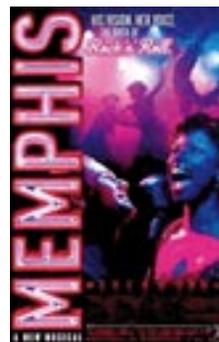
January 23, 2014 – Thursday, from 10 am to 2 pm.

Seniors on the Go will visit Vizcaya Museum & Gardens. A fun day full of beautiful sites, tours and music. Cost \$18. Seniors 62 and older with ID \$12.



- **Seniors Trip to the Movies**

Tuesday, February 18, 2014 Cost \$6. More information to come.



- **Seniors to Broward Center for the Performing Arts**

March 2, 2014 – Sunday, at 6:30 pm the Seniors on the Go will take a trip to the Broward Center for Performing Arts to see the Broadway Musical – Memphis. Cost \$40 and must be paid by January 17. Bus leaves at 5 p.m.

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

## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

# Fred Astaire Dance Studios



When people think of a dancing legend, Fred Astaire is the first to come to mind. Many people do not know that in 1947, the Master of dance himself co-founded the first Fred Astaire Studio in New York City. Today, there are Fred Astaire franchised dance studios world-wide with one located right here in Bay Harbor Islands, offering special rates for residents. Located at 1055 Kane Concourse, the dance studio is open from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday and by appointments on the weekend.

You can join a four-week program for couples for \$120 and individuals for \$60. This will include a 45-minute session, once a week on Tuesdays.

An open house social dance party is planned on Thursday January 23, 7:30-9 pm. For more information, please contact Galina at (305) 866-5146

## Miami-Dade League of Cities Honors Bay Harbor Islands

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands received the Attendance and Participation award from the Miami-Dade County League of Cities. The honors were for assisting in events and meetings hosted by the League. Council member Isaac Salver received the President's Municipal Service Award for his professionalism and guidance provided to the League's Board and Administration.



*(L-R) Council member Isaac Salver, Mayor Robert Yaffe and Vice Mayor Jordan Leonard.*

**2014 Bay Harbor Islands 8th Annual  
5K/10K Run & Walk  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2014**



## AARP Defensive Driving Class for Seniors

A classroom refresher course for drivers aged 50 years and older will be held by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Bay Harbor Islands Town Council Chambers.

All participants must pre-register and can receive a three-year insurance discount, if eligible, upon completion of the course. The cost for AARP members is \$12 and for non -AAPR members \$14.

## Attn: East Island Property Owners

If your property is underdeveloped and you have excess units (TDRs) that you are interested in selling, please contact the Town Clerk's office, 305-866-6241 or by e-mail at [mmarante@bayharborislands.net](mailto:mmarante@bayharborislands.net). The Town Council asked us to compile a list of interested residents wishing to sell their units so that we can provide the list to prospective developers who need additional units. As a general rule, if you own a property that has one lot and less than 9 units, you might have excess units to sell. If you own a property that has two lots and less than 18 units, you might have excess units to sell. If you own a property that has three lots and less than 27 units, you might have excess units to sell.

One of the goals of the TDR program is to transfer units from existing properties to new development, so that the existing properties can be improved/renovated. This will benefit the entire Town since existing properties will be improved and new properties will be built.

For more information about the program, to inquire if you have excess units, or for general information about the TDR system please call or email Town Clerk Marlene Marante.

## Computer Classes at Town Hall

Starting Monday, January 6, 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.

## 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 more information,

please contact Regine Choute at (305) 866-6241

## Vice Mayor Serves as Principal for a Day

It was back to the classroom for Vice Mayor Jordan W. Leonard, as he served as Principal for a day at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center. Below, Vice Mayor Leonard and Principal Dr. Maria Rodriguez talk with students in a fifth grade class. The Vice Mayor himself is a Bobcat, the only Council member to have attended the school.



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*Mayor*

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*Vice Mayor*

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*Chief of Police*

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**[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 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, Jan. 7, at 6 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting – Monday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Board – Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 6 p.m.

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

- Regular Council Meetings: February 10, 2014, March 10, 2014 and April 8, 2014.
- Planning & Zoning Board Meetings: February 4 & 18, 2014; March 4 & 18, 2014 and April 15

**Committee meeting dates and times to be announced**

**ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

## December 9 Council Highlights

- **Approval** of a variance application by Millennium Investment Holdings/Riva Condominium for property located at 9400 West Bay Harbor Drive.
- **Approval** on **Second** reading of an Ordinance amending Section 17 and 23 of the Town Code to modify the sign Code regulations.
- **Approval** on **Second** reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 23 of the Town Code establishing a minimum and maximum seawall elevation.
- **Approval** of an agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation to initiate a Toll project in the which includes the performance of certain preliminary studies; acquire hardware; develop, test and install software and the protocol necessary to transmit data between the Toll systems operated by the parties. The cost of the project was \$325,000.

## Discussion Items for January 13

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

- **Discussion** of an Ordinance regarding amending the parking Ordinance to require that new buildings constructed, with equal to or greater than a certain number of living units (to be determined), be required to maintain a minimum number of parking spots (to be determined) for building employees and maintenance workers.
- **Discussion** of an Ordinance that will require a minimum ceiling height for new construction.
- **Discussion** of an Ordinance to regulate side setbacks.