Welcome back. January means the beginning of a New Year. It also means that kids are back to school and many have acclimated to the regular work week. I kindly ask that we continue to be aware of children coming to and from school, as well as the many residents who bicycle, jog and walk their dogs throughout the Town. While Bay Harbor Islands has a great record of safety, it is the responsibility of everyone to do their part to be alert while moving throughout the Town.

As always, our annual Snow Day was enjoyed by many. A big thank you to our staff that helped make it happen in the new location outside our Government Center.

January also brings the beginning of an early Florida Legislative Session in Tallahassee. While we continue to lobby for funding Town projects, I cannot stress enough how important it is to continue to communicate to the 120 Members of the House and 40 Members of the Senate our thoughts on the many bills that will negatively impact our Town if passed.

The great Greek orator Pericles sums up our concerns best when he said that “just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn’t mean that politics won’t take an interest in you.”

Issues such as unfunded mandates and bills aimed to reduce our Home Rule will be of the highest concern. Examples of anti-Home Rule laws previously passed include restricting the Town’s ability to regulate short-term rentals and proposing any restriction on firearms, including in public parks, as a punishable offense that includes removal from elected office. Thankfully our Town Council, lobbying team, staff and the Miami-Dade and Florida League of Cities will be representing our interests during the 60-day session. In addition, please feel free to contact our elected representatives in the State Legislature. They are...

- State Representative Joseph “Joe” Geller
  District Office: 954-924-3708
  Tallahassee Office: 850-717-5100
  joseph.geller@myfloridahouse.gov

- State Senator Daphne Campbell
  District Office: 305-493-6009
  Tallahassee Office: 850-487-5038
  campbell.daphne@flsenate.gov

Again, welcome back and I wish you all a happy and prosperous 2018.
TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE

2018 TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

Our annual municipal election will take place on Tuesday, April 10. 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 or visit the Miami Dade County Elections website for registration online and additional information at: www.miamidade.gov/elections/voter-registration.asp

Under state law, the books close to new registrations 29 days prior to the election (March 12th). 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.

One seat on the Town Council will come up for vote in the April 10th election (Jordan Leonard). 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 Wednesday, February 28th and before 5 p.m. on Friday, March 9th. 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. 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 to be informed on issues concerning our town.

More information will be provided in upcoming issues of the newsletter.

Bay Harbor Islands Officials Attend Florida League of Cities Legislative Conference

Mayor Jordan W. Leonard and Council member and Florida League 2nd Vice President Isaac Salver attended the Florida League of Cities Legislative Conference along with representatives from municipalities across Florida.

(L-R) Homestead Councilman Jon Burgess, Mayor Leonard, Council member Salver, El Portal Mayor Claudia Cabillos, Miami Gardens Councilperson Felicia Robinson, Doral Mayor JC Bermudez and Miami-Dade County League of Cities Executive Director Richard Kuper.

Bay Harbor Islands Council member and Florida League 2nd Vice President Isaac Salver addressed the Legislative Policy Committee at the Florida League of Cities Legislative Conference. Council member Salver is flanked by Florida League First Vice President, Leo Longworth (L) and League President, Gil Ziffer (R).
**Fitness Training and Baseball Programs for 8-12 Graders**

Beginning in January 2018, Bay Harbor Islands will be offering high level fitness and baseball training programs for teens in grades 8-12. The well-known Baseball Valdes and Fitness Lovers 305 will be providing these specialized programs for older youth. The training is designed to prepare the teens for a variety of sports. Participants will benefit from individual diagnosis and one-on-one fitness training as well as baseball skills on the field.

The program activities are tailored for the Morris N. Broad Community Center and include field training with Mr. Valdes and his team, boot camp, overall fitness, weight loss, flexibility, muscle development, coordination, mental and physical strength.

For more information, contact the Morris N. Broad Community Center at (786) 646-9970.

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**FIRST PROGRAM (January - March)**

Physical condition training for boys/girls from 8th-12th grade. Inside training for one hour. Monday and Wednesday at 3:30-4:30 pm or 4:30-5:30 pm.

COST: $360 for Jan-Mar or $120/month

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**SECOND PROGRAM (January - March)**

Physical and baseball training for boys from 8th-12th grade. Inside training for one hour on Monday and Wednesday (3:30–4:30 pm or 4:30–5:30 pm) and two hours of field training on Saturday at 10 am - 12 noon.

COST: $720 for Jan-Mar or $240/month

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**BUSINESS SPOTLIGHTS**

**Pilates Studio Opens on Kane Concourse**

Bay Harbor Islands now has a storefront pilates studio called Reforming Pilates at 1072 Kane Concourse. The studio offers daily classes from morning to evening, providing a safe yet challenging experience for all levels on nine pilates machines and full accessories. With the motto Palates without the Pretension, the classes focus on toning, health and weight loss. Reforming Pilates was awarded the 2017 New Times Pilates Studio of the Year. The studio is offering an introductory package for new clients of five classes for $40. Call or text to 305-905-7444. For more information go to www.reformingpilates.com

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**La Base Brings Bay Harbor Islands Crossfit and Zumba**

La Base Crossfit has opened at 1086 Kane Concourse in Bay Harbor Islands to offer training and classes of Crossfit and Zumba.

La Base is an official Reebok Crossfit Center, committed to improving people’s quality of life through sport and customized training programs.

The owners of the fitness center are JJ Cimolai and Monica Onainty. JJ brings 25 years of experience as a personal trainer and is ranked 7th internationally in Crossfit and ranked first in Latin America for 2017. JJ will be one of the judges for the Wodapalooza (Miami Fitness Festival) for Crossfit in January 2018.

Monica has been a Zumba instructor for 20 years. Her areas of expertise include body pump, body combat and aerobics. For more information call La Base at 786-877-5083 or visit their website: www.crossfitsetentaysiete.com
NEW PROGRAMS

New Sessions start January 7 for 8 weeks, including Zumba for seniors, adults, pre-teens/teens and children; Yoga for Seniors, Adults and Children; Tai-chi morning and evening classes; Chair Aerobics and computer class for beginners. Don’t forget to ask about the KIND club for children 7 years and up, an age-appropriate program focusing on environmental issues.

SIX WEEK LECTURE SERIES ON BEETHOVEN’S SYMPHONIES

The nine symphonies of Beethoven are often venerated as the symbol of his creative genius and groundbreaking boldness. This series of six lectures will focus on the composer’s stylistic approaches to the masterpiece symphonies created from 1799-1825, including Eroica and Pastoral. The lectures will be on Mondays starting January 22 from 10:30 am-12:30 pm. For more information please call 786-646-9907.

ACTIVE SENIORS

Book Club
The next meeting of the BHI Book Club will be discussing Philip Roth’s Pulitzer Prize winning novel American Pastoral. Join us on Thursday, January 18 from 6:30-7:30 pm for light refreshments and an interesting discussion with your wonderful neighbors.

Senior Matinée Movie
On Friday, January 26 at 1:30 pm, we will present the classic film It’s a Wonderful Life. After George Bailey (James Stewart) wishes he had never been born, an angel is sent to earth to make George’s wish come true. George realizes how many lives he has changed and what the world would be without him.

Game Day and Social • Wednesday, January 3 and 17 at 10 am
There has been a lot of interest in playing Bridge lately, so join us at the Morris N. Broad Community Center on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Enjoy conversation, cards and board games. Play bridge, mahjong, chess, rummy and checkers. Refreshments will be available.

YOUTH

Our game room is OPEN! Come play on our new Ping-Pong table, basketball shooter game and classic board games. Note the new game room hours: Friday 3:30-5 pm; Saturday and Sunday 12-4 pm

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

If you have not registered your child for our Afterschool Programs, come to the Morris N. Broad Community Center and learn about the many program options for your child. Call (786) 646-9970.
• **Race starts at 8 a.m.** Race day registration and packet pick-up is from 6:30 a.m.-7:30 a.m.

• Participants can choose the 5K or 10K course.

• Start will be adjacent to the Bay Harbor Islands Town Hall at 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace. Free parking is nearby. The scenic course winds through the Town’s two islands and the Broad Causeway.

• Entry fees: In advance: 5K: $25 10K: $30. On race day: 5k $30, 10K $35. Under 18: 5K $12, 10K $15. All entrants receive a souvenir T-shirt.

• Awards: Top three Overall male and female. Top masters m/f 40+. Age groups: 1st-3rd, male/female for: 9 and under, 10-14, 15-19 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75+. Only the top award for which you qualify will be presented.

• Post-race: Refreshments and awards presentation.

• For information, call (786) 646-9970

**Register on-line at www.multirace.com**

Paper application on reverse side
ENJOY THE FUN & FITNESS!
on Sunday Jan. 21, 2018
at the 12th Annual
5K/10K Run & Walk

Name: ________________________________________  Male / Female

Birthdate: ___/___/_____  Age on 1/21/18: _____  Shirt Size preference: S / M / L / XL

I will be participating in: 5K  10K

Address: _____________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________________ State:_____    Zip Code: __________________

Phone number: (____ ) ____-__________    Evening phone: ( ____ ) ____-_________

E-mail address: ________________________________________________________________

Emergency Contact: _________________________________Phone: ( ____ ) ____-_________

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Make checks payable to: Town of Bay Harbor Islands.
Mail to Bay Harbor Islands, 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace, Bay Harbor Islands, FL 33154.

In consideration of the opportunity afforded to me to participate in the activity described herein, I, undersigned participant, freely agree
to and make the following contractual representations and agreements. I, the undersigned participant, do hereby knowingly, freely, and
voluntarily assume all liability for any damage or injury that may occur as a result of my participation in the activity and agree to, release,
waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue Multirace.com, its officers, agents, employees, sponsors, and volunteers, from any and all liability
or claims that may be sustained by me or a third party directly or indirectly in connection with, or arising out of, my participation in the
activity, whether caused in whole or in part by the negligence of Multirace.com or otherwise. I, the undersigned participant, have read this
form, fully understand its terms and understand that I, on behalf of myself, have given up substantial rights by signing it and have signed it
freely and without inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of any and all liability
to the greatest extent allowed by law and agree that if any portion of this contract is held to be invalid, the balance notwithstanding shall
continue in full legal force and effect.

Signature: _____________________________ Print name: _____________________________ Date: __________
(Parent must sign if under 18)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
You can join in the fun and excitement of this event by volunteering!
Volunteers can assist with race day registration, water hand-out and serving
refreshments. Contact Town Hall and sign up. All ages are welcome.

Call (786) 646-9970.
ACTIVE SENIORS ON THE GO

JANUARY: BASS MUSEUM OF ART

The Bass Museum of Art is a renown contemporary art museum located in Miami Beach. Join us as we learn and explore this recently renovated art museum.

Interested in this trip? Call the Morris N. Broad Community Center at 786-646-9970.

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

Join the fun on Saturday, January 20, 2018 as Bay Harbor Islands will host Outdoor Movie Night at 7pm in front of Town Hall, 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace. Watch the popular animated film Cars 3. The movie and parking are FREE.

NEW PROGRAM

WEEKEND SOCCER STARS

This is the newest addition to the Bay Harbor Islands soccer offerings and is an exciting program to give children an added boost to their soccer performance. The Weekend Soccer Stars program is an 8-week session, once a week. The costs are $120 residents/$160 non-residents. Saturdays: 2 year-olds, 4-5 year-olds, 3 year-olds and 6-8 year-olds. Sundays: 3 year olds, 4-5 year olds and 6-8 year olds.

STORYTIME

FIRST & THIRD FRIDAY AT THE TOT LOT

Merlina the Magical Storyteller at 4 p.m.
• Friday, January 5 • Friday, January 19
At the Town Tot Lot, at the corner of 96th Street and West Broadview Drive

On Facebook?

So are we! See what is happening now at the Morris N. Broad Community Center. Go to www.facebook.com and search for @BHIRegistry. Get access to Community Events, Youth Athletic Highlights and New Updates.

For more information about the Community Services Department, call the Morris N. Broad Community Center at (786) 646-9970.
Let It Snow in BHI!

Who can resist cool piles of snow on a warm December afternoon? Hundreds of children and families put on their gloves, caps and scarves and came to Bay Harbor Islands Town Hall to play, toss snowballs and ride an inner tube down a giant slide. The December 17 Snow Day block party included a train ride that also pulled Santa and his sleigh, jugglers dressed as elves, football and basketball games, music, popcorn, sno-cones and cotton candy. Thanks goes out to the Town staff, Community Services Department, Police Explorers and volunteers who made the afternoon a success.
The Bay Harbor Farmers Market will be open on January 7 from 10 am - 2 pm. The Market will include organic local grown produce, eggs, chicken, goat milk and more! More information is at Harbor Markets Facebook Page https://m.facebook.com/harbormarketsllc.org

Thanks to All Who Supported BHI Toy Drive

Thanks goes out to the many residents and businesses who supported the 2017 Bay Harbor Islands Toy Drive, making the holidays special for dozens of children at the Nicklaus Children’s Hospital. At right a resident and student of Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center drops off toys donated by his local Boy Scout pack.

2018 Happy New Year

FROM YOUR TOWN COUNCIL & ALL OF US AT THE TOWN OF BAY HARBOR ISLANDS

BAY HARBOR FARMERS MARKET ON JAN. 7

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Mary Kay

We LOVE irresistible products. From innovative skin care to on-trend cosmetics, Mary Kay offers products women love, and I can help you find your new favorites!

Contact me to discover more.

Veronica Onye
Independent Beauty Consultant
www.marykay.com/vonye
786-523-6243
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- Regular Council Meeting – Monday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Board – Tuesday, Jan 16, at 7 p.m.

The following future meeting dates are tentative and subject to change. Check the Town’s website, www.bayharborislands-fl.gov.

- Regular Council Meeting: Monday, February 12, Monday, March 12, 2018
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**Upcoming Meetings**

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**For information or emergencies:**
- Town Hall: (305) 866-6241
- Building Department: (305) 993-1786
- Police: (305) 866-6242
- Emergency: 911
- www.bayharborislands-fl.gov

**Council Action at the December 11 Public Hearing**

- **Approval** of a resolution imposing a temporary moratorium on communications facilities, including small wireless facilities and utility poles for collocation of small wireless facilities for one hundred and eighty days.

**Anticipated Discussion Items for Jan. 8, 2018 Council Meeting**

At the time of printing. All items are subject to change.

- **Approval** of an ordinance on **second** reading amending Section 23-11 of the Town Code to allow for additional height in the B-1 Business District.
- **Approval** of an ordinance on **second** reading amending Section 18-22 of the Town Code to require property owners to underground the service lines.
- **Approval** of an ordinance on **second** reading amending Chapter 16 of the Town Code to permit payroll deductions for the payment of purchases of credited service for past military and/or police service.