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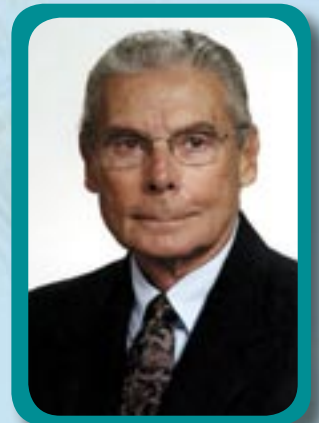
I believe preparing for disasters goes beyond completing a checklist of activities. Effective preparedness should become a routine part of our thinking. This does not mean we dwell on disaster - it does mean we routinely do a little something to get ready. That's why Bay Harbor Islands (BHI) has provided a Manual on preparedness, has a reverse 911 system, presents symposiums on the subject and provides continuous updates and suggestions to improve personal safety and how to reduce property loss. We can reduce the fear of the unknown about hurricanes by taking action. Doing something about the fear of the unknown is a great way to gain control over it.

I know our citizens will take the threat of disaster seriously. I know our community is already preparing or finalizing their preparedness for this year's hurricane season, which makes good sense.

Since we must evacuate our Town when we are told to do so, what remains is what to do after a disaster. We must, when returning to our residence for the first time, be prepared for the new dangers that may have arisen because of the disaster. You may experience washed-out roads, debris, downed power poles, contaminated drinking water, sewage and other health hazards. Officials on the scene are your best source of information on accessible areas and passable roads. Take a few more moments now and read some suggested common sense tips that will make your homecoming a little less aggravating and less hazardous.

- Return home only when authorities say it is safe
- Enter your home with caution
- Use a flashlight when entering a damaged building
- Check for electrical shorts and live wires
- Driving is often hazardous due to non working traffic signals and downed signs, stay home
- Stay off the streets as much as possible to allow work crews to clear and repair damaged areas

The re-entry policy to BHI will be established as soon as possible and with as few restrictions as possible. The decision to establish re-entry will be evaluated through coordination among Town officials, our police department and the County. Every effort will be made to allow residents and business owners to return as soon as possible. Re-entry will be based on public safety, security and operational needs necessitated by efforts to restore the community's basic needs. You and your family can help by cooperating with Town officials and showing the patience and understanding our citizens have demonstrated in crisis situations of the past.



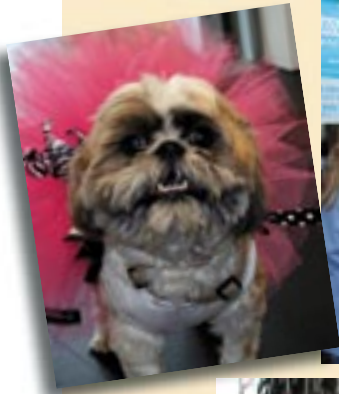
-Ken

# Bark Stroll A Tail-Wagging Success

It was a dog-day afternoon on Kane Concourse as hundreds of residents and their pooches strolled the sidewalks and visited shops and businesses who participated in the successful fund-raiser for the Humane Society. Bark Stroll encouraged residents to purchase raffle tickets, enjoy light refreshments, entertainment and giveaways. Dogs were also available for adoption. Participating businesses included Ocean Cadillac, Bay Harbor Fine Foods, Bay Harbor Dermatology and Cosmetic Center, Caffè Da Vinci, Gloria's Couture, Jackie Abraham Jewelers, Le Petit Choux, Mario the Baker, Ruth Regina Wigs, Salon Poochini, Splatter and Twinkles. Thanks goes out to the merchants and many volunteers who made the event a success.



(L-R) Vice Mayor Ileene Wallace, Mayor Kenneth Weinstein, Councilman Alberto Ruder and Councilman Jordan Leonard.



At Left, Councilwoman Stephanie Bruder, who helped organize the event, is pictured with her daughters. Above, Benji gets his fortune told by a paw reader.



# Top Students Honored for Scholastics, Service

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands recently recognized three outstanding students from elementary, middle school and high school for their academic achievements and service to the community.

**Genesis Ramirez** of Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center, **Daniel Cohen** of Nautilus Middle School and **Jordan Copeland** of Miami Beach High were recognized at the June Town Council meeting.



(L-R) Mayor Kenneth Weinstein, Genesis Ramirez, Jordan Copeland, Daniel Cohen and Vice Mayor Ileene Wallace.

## Resident Receives Proclamation



Norma Orovitz, a 45-year resident of Bay Harbor Islands, received a Town Proclamation at the June Council meeting to mark her retirement as a long-time administrator at the Miami Jewish Home for the Aged. She is pictured above with Mayor Kenneth Weinstein and Vice Mayor Ilene Wallace.

## Trim Trees Away From Power Lines

The most common cause of power outages during storms is power lines downed by overgrown trees. In an effort to prevent this from happening, the Town Council passed an ordinance requiring property owners to keep their trees and vegetation trimmed and away from power lines.

During the 2009 storm season, be proactive and considerate of your neighbors and try to minimize impact to the area by keeping your trees trimmed and all vegetation away from power lines. Visit Florida Power and Light's website, [www.fpl.com](http://www.fpl.com), for more information on tree trimming and look for their publication entitled *Guide to Trees and Power Lines*. If you don't have access to the internet, you can pick one up at Town Hall.

For a copy of the ordinance or additional information, please contact the Town Clerk, Marlene Marante, at 305-866-6241 or the Code Compliance Department at 305-993-1786.



## Upcoming Town Meetings

The Town Council welcomes your attendance at meetings. To confirm all meeting dates and times, please 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 and Zoning - Tuesday, July 7 at 7 p.m.
- Public Hearing - Monday, July 13 at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting - Immediately following Public Hearing
- Planning and Zoning - Tuesday, July 21 at 7 p.m.

The following meeting dates are scheduled for various Committees and are open to the public. **Dates are subject to change**, therefore, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 305-866-6241 for confirmation of the meeting date and time.

- Environmental Impact - Monday, July 6 at 6:45 p.m.
- Parks & Recreation - Wednesday, July 8 at 7 p.m.
- Education - No meeting scheduled in July
- Charter & Ordinance Review - Monday, July 27 at 7 p.m.

The following future meeting dates are subject to change. Closer to the date, please contact the Town Clerk's Office or check the Town's website [www.bayharborislands.org](http://www.bayharborislands.org).

- Regular Council Meetings: August 10, September 14 and October 12.
- Planning and Zoning Board Meetings: August 4 & 18, September 1 & 15, and October 6 & 20.
- Environmental Impact Committee - 1st Monday
- Parks & Recreation Committee - 2nd Tuesday
- Education Committee - 3rd Wednesday
- Charter & Ordinance Review Committee - 4th Monday
- Disaster Preparedness Committee - TBA

### MEETING DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

At the time of printing of this newsletter, the topics listed below are anticipated for discussion or possible action at the Regular Council Meeting on **Monday, July 13, 2009**. All items are subject to change.

- Approval on first reading of Code amendments to allow credit card signs on doors in the business district.
- Approval on first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 6 "Elections" of the Town's Code to conform existing Town Code provisions to applicable laws, including recently adopted charter amendments and clarify the Town's election procedures.
- Approval on first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 71/2 of the Town Code pertaining to flood regulations.

## Police Beat

### New Officer Joins Police Force

Officer Jill Dellerson recently joined the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department and looks forward to serving our community. She previously worked as a State Law Enforcement Officer for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, enforcing laws both on land and water. She graduated with honors from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Parks, Recreation and Tourism and a minor in Business Administration.

Her interests include boating, scuba diving, working out, golf and reading. Jill is an avid sports fan and also enjoys time with friends, family and her boyfriend.



*Officer Jill Dellerson and Chief Duncan Young*

### Off. Melendez Excels in Training Course



Bay Harbor Islands Officer Olga Melendez recently attended the Survival Techniques for Female Officers training course, focusing on advanced confrontation conditioning. The training included handgun exercises, ground fighting, defensive tactics, gun retention, building searches, use of cover/shooting on the move, traffic stops and vehicle extractions.

The course concluded with a three-event challenge for the participants. Officer Melendez took first place and received the Outstanding Achievement award.

### Welcome to New Dispatcher



*Asst. Chief Allan Sjoberg and Christina Hero.*

Christina E. Hero recently joined the BHI Police Department as a Dispatcher in the Communications Division.

Christina previously worked for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission and was a Certified Communications Training Officer for the agency.

## PTA and Rotary Honor Vice Mayor Ileene Wallace

Marcella Gallagos (R), the President of the Parent-Teacher Association at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center, presented Vice Mayor Wallace with a special award honoring her *Generous Contribution and Continuous Support of Fine Arts Education* at the school through the Adopt-A-Class program.



Vice Mayor Ileene Wallace (R) was recently awarded District Governor's Citation from Rotary District 6990 for her role in a community service project with the Bal Harbour Rotary Club. Presenting the award is Club President Elaine Davis.

## **Business Spotlight**

# Learning Link Provides Children's Programs

The Learning Link provides tutoring, children's activities, testing and a unique *Mommy/Daddy & Me* program for Bay Harbor Islands families. The Center accepts students from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade. All sessions are individualized and a "hands-on" approach is utilized to capture each child's interests. Students attend for homework help, study skills, reading, writing or math tutoring, depending on their level and academic needs. Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) and Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) preparation classes are available throughout the year.

The Center is owned by long-time professional educators Alicia A. Casanova and her daughter, Annia V. Levy. Ms. Casanova has a Master's Degree in Education Administration and was the former principal and owner of Highpoint Academy. They also own a Learning Link Center in Miami Beach. The Center also offers academic and psycho-educational evaluations by licensed Psychologists.

The *Mommy/Daddy & Me* program offers a fun and innovative program for infants and toddlers from six to 22 months. Parents participate with their babies in activities that stimulate and help with development and learning. Babies master important skills with music, exploration, developmental toys and movement and sensory materials that help improve language skills. Babies will also benefit from interacting with others of similar age and create unique bonds with their Moms or Dads.

The Learning Link is located at 1160 Kane Concourse in Bay Harbor Islands. For more information, call 305-866-LINK (5465) or visit their website, [www.thelearninglink.us](http://www.thelearninglink.us).



*(L-R) Learning Link owners Alicia A. Casanova, Annia Vanessa Levy with her baby, Lucas.*

## Roxanne Zusmer Honored at Retirement



*(L-R) Mayor Kenneth Weinstein, Roxanne Zusmer, Vice Mayor Ileene Wallace. Ms. Zusmer was honored upon her retirement from Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center.*

## Recycling for a Good Cause

Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of South Florida continues to conduct an environmentally friendly fund-raiser that in turn will benefit many South Florida children in need. You can support this fund-raising program by recycling your used inkjet and/or laser printer and fax cartridges by bringing them to Town Hall. This is a very easy way to help a worthy organization. Not only will your efforts be helping many children, but they will also be helping save our environment. There are over 400 million cartridges being thrown away each year. Abandoned printer/fax cartridges take over 1000 years to break down in the dump!

Support the Ronald McDonald House to help children live happier, healthier, and more productive lives. Please bring your ink cartridges and cell phones to Town Hall or call 305-866-6241 for more information.

## Call For Wild Animal Help

If opossums, iguanas, and rodents are creating a nuisance, residents may contact Critter Control. This company is insured and meets the requirements of the State of Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Their function is to remove destructive and/or nuisance wildlife from private property. They trap them live for release back into the wild whenever possible.

If you feel this company could be of service, contact them at 1-800-critter (800-274-8837).

### Town Council

Kenneth Weinstein  
*Mayor*

Ileene S. Wallace  
*Vice Mayor*

Stephanie Bruder  
*Councilwoman*

Jordan W. Leonard  
*Councilman*

Alberto Ruder  
*Councilman*

Isaac Salver  
*Councilman*

Robert H. Yaffe  
*Councilman*

### Town Officials

Ronald J. Wasson  
*Town Manager*

Marlene Marante  
*Town Clerk*

Craig B. Sherman  
*Town Attorney*

Duncan W. Young  
*Chief of Police*

Alan Short  
*Finance Director*



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Building Department: (305) 993-1786

Police: (305) 866-6242

**Emergency: 911**

[www.bayharborislands.org](http://www.bayharborislands.org)

## Highlights of the June 8 Council Meeting

- Approved on second reading a proposed Ordinance creating Chapter 21 of the Town Code to regulate the commercial filming and photography in the Town.
- Approved a variance from Section 23-12(22)(b) and Section 23-12(22)(d) of the Town Code to allow for a 10' chain link fence to be erected on the front yard setback for a single family home located at 10031 West Broadview Drive, Lot 10 and 11, Block 26, Bay Harbor Islands, Florida.
- Approved an Interlocal Agreement between Miami-Dade Transit Agency and the Town of Bay Harbor Islands for federal funding pass-through arrangements with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 Federal Transit (FTA 5307) for the Town to install bus shelters on Kane Concourse. The value of the grant is \$51,626.35.
- Appointed and re-appointed committee members to citizen's committees.
- Discussed possible Code amendments to allow credit card signs on doors in the business district. The Town will draft an ordinance that will be on the agenda for first reading at the July Council meeting.