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The hurricane season, according to the experts, usually starts slowly. There is no reason for you to do the same. Your Disaster Preparedness Committee and Town Officials strongly advise you to do what you can now. I am asking you to join in a partnership with your neighbors and seriously consider to start preparing now.

Because we were lucky last year, many of us have blocked from our minds how dreadful hurricane conditions can be. A small minority are trying to convince themselves that it won't happen here. It's called denial and a terrible mistake to you and your family's well being if you allow it to happen. We have to get back into taking personal responsibility for ourselves and our loved ones and face the reality that it can happen right here in Bay Harbor Islands.

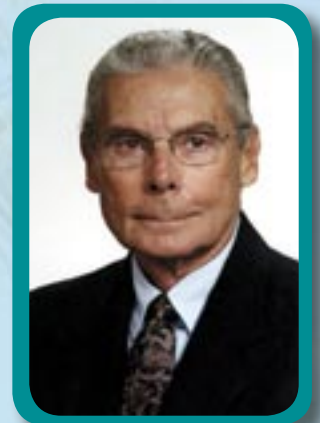
The bottom line for those of us who live on our Islands is to accept, when announced, that we must evacuate our homes in order to minimize the consequences of trying to ride out the storm. If you stay, there will be no public services available, i.e. police, fire, medical that can respond to help you if you stayed behind.

Here are some helpful suggestions you can take now to minimize panic and confusion when the bad weather is almost upon us. ***Do it now!***

- Review your family emergency plan
- Inspect your emergency kit for fresh supplies food, water, and medicine (14 day supply is recommended)
- Inventory and take pictures of your property
- Make arrangements for pets to be sheltered at a safe location
- Trim trees, branches and remove yard debris
- Make arrangements for a location to secure your boat
- Determine if family members have special needs; medical, etc. and seek assistance for them
- Assure you have adequate hurricane insurance for your property
- In case your family is separated decide now where you will meet
- Review the BHI Manual on Disaster Preparedness (copies are available at Town Hall)

There is no cause for alarm at this time, merely the need to prepare early and not be frustrated or overwhelmed by making last minute arrangements. The responsibility for the safety and the well being of your family and the protection of your property is yours. Now is the time to prepare. Help us to help you in getting ready for the hurricane season now, before it is too late. Take charge and keep yourself and your family safe and secure.

Ken



IF YOU HAVEN'T REGISTERED YOUR RESIDENCE TELEPHONE NUMBER OR IF IT IS UNLISTED AND YOU WISH TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY INFORMATION ON THE BAY HARBOR ISLANDS REVERSE 911 EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM, CALL TOWN HALL AT 305-866-6241 TO APPLY.

Garbage and Recycling Reminders

Garbage & Trash

- Household garbage and trash are not to be placed curbside. Household garbage should be bagged and placed inside your 95-gallon container. Containers should not be overfilled and lids should be kept closed.
- Ordinary trash and yard clippings are also to be placed in the containers. Do not place these items curbside, you may be assessed a fee for violating these ordinances.
- Paid lawn maintenance companies are required to remove yard debris and not leave it for the Town to collect.
- Special pick-ups of bulk trash such as furniture or large boxes are only done on Thursday. Please place these items curbside on Wednesday. You must call Town Hall to schedule the pick up of large home appliances such as refrigerators, washers, etc. **The Town will not pick-up construction debris.**

Garbage and Trash Pick-up Days
East Island – Mon, Wed, Fri
West Island – Tue, Thur, Sat
Bulk trash items – Thursdays only
(Both Islands)

Recycling

- **IN THE GREEN BIN**, place newspapers (no plastic bags) and flattened corrugated cardboard (no packaging material, pizza, shoe or cereal boxes or bubble wrap.) Phone books are collected from August - November only. Place on top of newspapers, remove all plastic bags.
- **IN THE BLUE BIN**, **Cans:** aluminum and tin food and beverage cans. Discard lids and caps, no foil, chemicals, hangers or aerosol cans. **Plastic:** containers with a 1, 2 or 3 on the bottom. Remove tops. **Glass:** Clear, brown, and green glass food and beverage containers. Remove caps and lids. No ceramic, light bulbs, window glass. **Drink boxes:** milk and juice cartons, no straws or caps.
- Batteries can be dropped off at Town Hall for recycling.



Recycling Pick-up Days
East Island – Mon & Thur
West Island – Tue & Fri

Lets Stop Polluting Our Surrounding Waters

The rainy season is approaching and residents must be careful that pollutants are not washed into the vulnerable Bay waters around us. A common misconception is that water running off streets, rooftops and lawns (referred to as stormwater) goes into a sewage treatment plant. **It does not!** In fact, stormwater receives no treatment and water that runs off our lawns, streets and parking lots flows directly into the Bay.

Nonpoint Source Pollution is pollution that cannot be traced to a specific origin or starting point. It comes from our home, yards and streets. For example, substances such as detergents, pesticides, oil, **lawn clippings**, and soil erosion from lawns and construction sites pollute our waterways. Every time it rains these substances run off the land and flow

through our storm drainage system directly into the Bay waters. This process causes more than one-half of all pollution in our surrounding bodies of water.



What Can You Do?

Shop Wisely

Buy products labeled biodegradable, non-toxic, non-phosphorous, or water-soluble. These products readily decompose and will not pollute surface or ground waters.

Store Products Carefully

Keep toxic products in original containers, closed and clearly marked, since spillage can easily occur.

Keep Irrigation Water On the Lawn

Divert irrigation heads away from paved areas.

Compost Grass and Shrub Chippings

Use clippings as mulch for fertilizer and do not blow grass and leaves into streets, gutters and waterways.

There are tremendous marine resources in our surrounding waters and frequent schools of dolphins and stingray families are only those that are visible. Remember pollutants can harm fish, foul drinking water and make our beaches unsafe and unpleasant. Let's work together to keep our islands beautiful and our waters in pristine condition.

BHI Bark Stroll on June 4



Bring your family, friends, Fido and Fluffy to the June 4 Bark Stroll from 5-8 p.m. on Kane Concourse. This fun event includes raffle tickets, a Chinese-style auction and dogs available for adoption, as well as refreshments and specials from participating merchants. Proceeds will support the Humane Society of Greater Miami Adopt-A-Pet.

The program begins at Ocean Cadillac. Participating businesses include Bay Harbor Fine Foods, Bay Harbor Dermatology and Cosmetic Center, Caffe Da Vinci, Gloria's Couture, Jackie Abraham Jewelers, Le Petit Choux, Mario the Baker, Ruth Regina Wigs, Salon Poochini, Splatter and Twinkles.

Renew Driver's License Online and Skip the Trip

Renew your driver license on-line by visiting www.gorenv.com. If you must visit an office to change organ donor status, voter registration, your name, or to add or delete endorsements or restrictions, please visit www.flhsmv.gov to schedule an appointment. When renewing in person, you must present proof of:

- Social security number, which may be an item such as your social security card, W-2 form, pay check, DD-214, or school record.
- Residential address, which may be any two items like your utility bill, tax return, school transcript, or phone bill. For a complete list of acceptable documentation, please visit our website.

Ilana Bruder Leads in Pledge

Councilwoman Stephanie Bruder had some help with the Pledge of Allegiance at the May Council meeting when her 8-year-old daughter led the audience in the pledge. She received a Certificate of Appreciation from Mayor Kenneth Weinstein.



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, June 2 at 7 p.m.
- Public Hearing - Monday, June 8 at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting - Immediately following hearing
- Planning and Zoning - Tuesday, June 16 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 - TBA
- Parks & Recreation - No meeting in June
- Education - Wednesday, June 17 at 6:30 p.m.
- Charter & Ordinance Review - TBA

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.

- Regular Council Meetings: July 13, August 10 and September 14
- Planning and Zoning Board Meetings: July 7 & 21, August 4 & 18 and September 1 & 15
- Environmental Impact Committee - 1st Monday
- Parks & Recreation Committee - 2nd Wednesday
- 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, June 8, 2009**. All items are subject to change.

- Second Reading of a proposed Ordinance creating Chapter 21 of the Town Code to regulate the commercial filming and photography in the Town.
- Review of Council and Citizen Committee assignments and appointment or re-appointment of Committee members as applicable.
- Discussion and possible action regarding regulation of credit card signs on the door of businesses in the Business District.

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Highlights of the May 11 Council Meeting

- Approved on second reading Ordinance #880 amending Section 17-2 and Section 17-20(s) of the sign Code to change the fees for the real estate signs and provide transferability of signs within the Town.
- Approved on second reading Ordinance #881 amending Section 2-1 of the Town Code to codify existing policies for competitive bidding, purchasing requirements, bid and protest procedures, etc.
- Approved on first reading a proposed Ordinance amending Section 23-18(7)(f) of the Town Code extending the expiration of approvals on PUD applications from 6 months to 1 year and providing for an additional extension upon request.
- Approved on first reading a proposed Ordinance amending Section 23-21(j) of the Town Code extending the expiration of approvals on Gateway project approvals and providing for an additional extension upon request.
- Approved on first reading a proposed Ordinance creating Chapter 21 of the Town Code to regulate commercial filming and photography in the Town.
- Approved an appropriation in the amount of \$77,080 from the Parking Trust for costs associated with the parking garage elevator modification.
- Award of a contract for Project BHI-125 Repairs to Spalled Concrete Railings for the Intracoastal Waterway Bridge in the amount of \$20,900 to National Concrete Preservation, Inc.