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The challenge facing our Town's public servants this coming year are, in my opinion, more complex and demanding than ever experienced in the past. To quote our Manager's observations in a recent memo, "I have experienced over the past year that any success/accomplishments our Town has achieved is largely due to the wonderful and extremely dedicated staff, who are always ready to go that extra mile to get the job done, solve problems or resolve an issue with a resident." He has reported regrettably to me, of seeing longer periods of lagging utility payments for water and sewer use and with land valuations having the potential of falling further the impact on the Town's taxing ability and revenues have the potential of creating grim consequences on our ability to continue to provide the public services we have all taken for granted.

To fill the gap takes a staff of dedicated public servants who recognize these conditions and are willing to make that extra effort in time, ingenuity and commitment to manage the hardships we will face without hesitation, I can say I have seen their efforts on our behalf. There is no "we" and "they" syndrome in Bay Harbor Islands public servants. Instead it's a "we" in everything we ask them to do. I may be seen as naïve in the minds of some of our citizens, but I can assure you in over 40 years of working in the public arena I know the difference between commitment and superficial compliance by our staff, and in Bay Harbor Islands your public servants go the extra mile.

The staff cannot make things better by themselves. It will take your cooperation, understanding and support to get through the trials and tribulations we will be facing. We need to continue to work together, pull our belts tighter when required and pursue creative opportunities to weather the hard times ahead. On behalf of all of us, I thank our public servants for a job well done.



- Ken

Councilman Ruder Honored for Historic Effort

Walter Alvarez (L), Chairman of the Dade Heritage Trust, presents Councilman Alberto Ruder with a plaque in recognition of his role in saving the old Miami High School building. When Councilman Ruder was the City of Miami's Parks Director, he helped to have the structure relocated to Southside Park.



Bay Harbor Islands Family Night With the Miami Heat

Cheer on the Miami Heat on **Sunday, April 12 at 6 p.m.** as they play their rival New York Knicks. Town residents will receive special ticket prices and acknowledgment during the game at American Airlines Arena. A bus will leave Town Hall at 5 p.m. To reserve your seat, please call Town Hall at 305-866-6241 by April 6.



Ticket prices range from \$17-\$35 and can be purchased with checks or credit cards. Deadline for purchasing tickets is April 6. For more information on ticket sales, contact Yurani Caicedo at (786) 777-4257 or email ycaicedo@heat.com.

A Novel Idea

Recycle Your Used Books

For the fourth consecutive year, Bay Harbor Islands resident Elan Radick, an eighth-grader at Nautilus Middle School, is requesting that you donate your used books so he can bring them to the libraries of Miami-Dade County Title-One schools.

A donation box will be left at Town Hall office building until April 20. If you would like books to be picked up from your home, please email him at: elenradick95@yahoo.com.

"A Novel Idea" collects books for children and adults. Educational videos and games are also accepted. No manuscripts or textbooks, please. Thank you for your donations!

FIU's OLLI and Bay Harbor Join Forces to Offer Courses

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Florida International University (FIU) in partnership with the Town of Bay Harbor Islands will be offering non-credit courses held at the Bay Harbor Islands Town Council Chambers.

Membership into OLLI is required. For more information, please contact Clara Barman at 305-919-5641.

Art History: Goya & Velazquez

Instructor: Batia Cohen

Time: Monday from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Dates: April 13, 20 and May 4, 11

The Times We Live In: A Discussion on the Latest News

Instructor: Hersh Adlerstein

Time: Tuesday from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Dates: April 14, 21 and May 5, 19

Dutch Cinema: Human Relationships

Instructor: Mariette Fisher

Time: Wednesday from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Dates: May 6, 13, 20, 27

BAYNANZA 2009



Join thousands of volunteers in the annual county-wide Baynanza Biscayne Bay Cleanup Day set for Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The two closest staging areas to Bay Harbor Islands are Surfside, 93rd Street and Collins Avenue, and Haulover Beach Park, 10800 Collins Avenue.

Those interested in participating can register online at www.miamidade.gov/derm. All registered

volunteers will receive a free commemorative T-shirt. Be sure to bring water, sunscreen, mosquito repellent, hat, sunglasses, gloves, and closed toed shoes.

An Arctic Tale Documentary to be Shown at April Movie



The Town of Bay Harbor Islands will be presenting the National Geographic film *Arctic Tale* at the Town's Outdoor Movie Night on Saturday, April 18 at 8 p.m.

The highly-regarded documentary is narrated by Queen Latifah and follows the lives of a polar bear cub and a walrus pup from their births to maturity. The eight-year journey shows their life and death struggles at the top of the world as well as the threat of the melting polar ice.

Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy an evening under the stars with your neighbors. Admission is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be available for purchase with the proceeds benefiting the Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center's Grades 5-7 Yes! Career Program. The films are shown at the open lot at 1177 Kane Concourse. Free parking is available.

The final movie in the series will be *Grease*, shown on May 16. For information, contact Town Hall at 305-866-6241 or visit www.bayharborislands.org.

Storytime at the Park

The Storytime at the Park program entertains children and families at the Bay Harbor Islands' Tot Lot at West Broadview Drive and 96th Street. Admission is free and the event is held on the first and third Fridays through May. For more information, contact Town Hall at 305-866-6241 or visit www.bayharborislands.org.

- Friday, April 3 at 4 p.m.: *Magic with Merlina*
- Friday, April 17 at 4 p.m.: *Carol's Puppets*

Principal Honored at Retirement



Arlene Ortenzo (C), was recently honored for her dedicated service as Principal of Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center. She will be retiring this year. Presenting the award were Mayor Kenneth Weinstein and Vice Mayor Ileene Wallace.

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 - Wednesday, April 8 at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting - Monday, April 13 at 7 p.m.
- Planning and Zoning - Tuesday, April 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 - TBA
- Parks & Recreation - Tuesday, April 14 at 7 p.m.
- Education - Wednesday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m.
- Charter & Ordinance Review - Monday, April 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.

- Regular Council Meetings: May 11, June 8 and July 13
- Planning and Zoning Board Meetings: May 5 & 19, June 2 & 16 and July 7 & 21.
- 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, April 13, 2009**. All items are subject to change.

- Organizational Meeting:
 - Swearing in of new Council Members
 - Appointment of a Mayor and a Vice Mayor
 - Committee Assignments
- Possible Award of Bid for Community Enhancement Project Phase II

Seniors on the Go Event

Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at 8 p.m.

Jersey Boys at the Broward Center, \$78

For reservations or more information, please contact Ruth Woods, 305-864-9580; Martha Astrella, 305-864-2086 or Bernice McKenney, 305-864- 5854.



Annual Town Council Election –

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands will hold its annual municipal election on Tuesday, April 7th, to fill three seats on the Town Council. Councilwoman Stephanie Bruder, Councilman Jordan Leonard and Councilman Alberto Ruder are seeking re-election. Resident Denis Neuhut is also seeking election. All residents who are registered voters are urged to come to Town Hall on Election Day between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. to cast votes to fill the elective seats.

Candidate Profiles

Stephanie Bruder, 44

Spouse: Harry. **Children:** Ilana, Mitchell, Jessica, Laura

Education: B.S. Nova Southeastern University in Early Childhood Elementary Education. M.S. University of Eafit in Mental Health

Profession/Occupation: Over 10 years of nonprofit work experience dealing with children's programs & recreation

Residency: South Florida since 1964; Bay Harbor Islands since 1997.

Interests/Hobbies: Travel, Swimming, Movies, Theater, Volunteering on PTA, School issues, Homeless and JDRI (Juvenile Diabetes Research Institute).

Future Goals: Continue effort to establish recreational programs and improvement and development of more green space.

Comments: "It has been an honor to serve as a Councilwoman for Bay Harbor Islands. Also as a member of the Education Committee, Parks & Recreation Committee & Retirement Board. I wish to continue my efforts to serve the community."



Denis Neuhut

Spouse: Frances. **Children:** Rachel M.D. 28, Sam M.D. 26. Both attended Bay Harbor Islands Elementary School.

Education: B.A. in Chemistry and History Columbia College (Univ.); M.D. Columbia University of Physicians and Surgeons, Medical Residency at The Mount Sinai Hospital, New York; Gastroenterology Fellowship, The Mount Sinai Hospital, New York; Board Certifications in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology. Academic Appointment: Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Miami

Profession/Occupation: Gastroenterologist with an office on Kane Concourse since 1979.

Residency: South Florida since 1979; Bay Harbor Islands since 1985.

Interests/Hobbies: Member of the Columbia University Alumni Representative Committee. Reading, Hiking, Tennis and Traveling. Former Vice Chairman of the Charter and Ordinance Review Committee, Founding Member of the Kane Concourse Association, Early Member of the BHI Citizens Coalition, and Bay Harbor Islands Homeowners Association.

Future Goals: Transparent, Responsive Government; Controlled Innovative Development with respect to our shoreline, setbacks, easements and historic buildings (Strict Density and Zoning Guidelines), Elimination of Excessive Fines and "Selective Enforcement" of Codes.

Comments: "No further selling of Municipal Land to Private Developers, Vibrant Business District, and the Preserving of our Town Character and Community."



Three seats up for vote on April 7th



The Town's two precincts are combined in one location for our municipal election. The polling place is located in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Town Hall at 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace. *Remember to bring your voter's card and official photo identification with your name, address and signature (such as a driver's license).* The three candidates receiving the highest number of votes will take their oath of office at the Town's annual Organizational Meeting on Monday, April 13, 2009.

Candidate Profiles

Jordan W. Leonard, 31

Spouse: Meytal

Education: B.S., Florida State University in Political Science & History (Double Major)

Profession/Occupation: Assistant to the City Manager City of Opa-Locka

Residency: Born & Raised in South Florida; Life-long Resident of Bay Harbor Islands

Interests/Hobbies: Sailing, Scuba Diving, watching Movies & Running.

Future Goals: Have the Town continue to provide the highest level of service at the lowest cost to residents. Specifically, I support the new parking garage, community center & fire rescue station; increasing our park space, finishing the infrastructure project on the West & East Islands & improving our business corridor.

Comments: "It is an honor to serve the Town that has contributed so much to me and my family over our 55 years as residents, which spans three generations on both West & East Islands."



Alberto Ruder, 56

Spouse: Marta

Education: Associates Degree, Miami-Dade Community College; B.B.A. (Magna Cum Laude), University of Miami; M.B.A., Barry University; "Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government," Harvard University's JFK School of Government.

Profession/Occupation: Private sector experience included working as an Administrator in a local manufacturing and import/export firm and for a major retailer. Public sector experience of over 23 years of government operations with one year in Miami-Dade County and approximately 22 years with the City of Miami. In Miami, held Executive positions as Special Assistant to the City Manager, Management Services Administrator, Assistant to City Manager and over 14 years as Miami's Parks Director.

Residency: South Florida since 1961; Bay Harbor Islands since 2002.

Interests/Hobbies: Sports enthusiast, exercising, theater, literature, traveling, volunteering, and caring for abandoned and neglected animals.

Future Goals: Sound "controlled development" practices, maintain fiscally responsible oversight of taxpayer's moneys, public safety and security for all citizens. Continue efforts in the pursuit of grants to enhance green spaces and in the creation of partnerships for recreational programs. Ensure successful completion of Town's capital projects such as new 92nd St. Park and improvements in the 98th St. Park, Parking Garage/Community Center/Emergency Rescue Station and planned infrastructure improvements to the West and East Islands as well as to Kane Concourse.

Comments: "I have been in public service most of my adult life. I believe it is important to give back to one's community. It has been an honor to serve as a Councilman for Bay Harbor Islands for almost 5 years and I wish to continue my efforts to serve. My goal is to use my extensive local government experience and leadership to assure the quality of life for our community becomes even better."



Officer Of the Year Wins Coveted LEO Award

Officer Patrick Caous, who was recently named Officer of The Year by the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department, has been recognized with another high honor. The Miami-Dade Association of Police Chiefs bestowed the prestigious Law Enforcement Officers (LEO) award to Officer Caous at the ninth Annual Law Enforcement Officers Foundation gala at the Miami Beach Convention Center.

The awards ceremony recognizes distinguished law enforcement officers and civilian personnel that perform their duties in an exemplary manner. Officer Caous was recognized for his outstanding performance in several high-profile marine patrol cases. He was also nominated for, and was selected as a finalist for the PBA Officer of the Year.



(L-R) Mayor Kenneth Weinstein, Officer Patrick Caous and Police Chief Duncan Young.

Rudy and Elaine Gutstein Celebrate 65 years of Wedded Bliss

Town residents Rudy and Elaine Gutstein recently celebrated 65 years of marriage. The party was held at Morton's steak house and family and friends from around the country joined in the festivities.

Elaine and Rudy grew up in the Bronx and married when Rudy was in the service. They had three boys, the youngest twins. The couple came to South Florida in 1954, because a good friend lived here and remained ever



since. Rudy was a builder and they have lived in Hollywood and Kendall, and moved to Bay Harbor Islands 19 years ago, when they became "empty nesters."

The secret to staying together for 65 years? "I have no idea," says Elaine. "We have our ups and downs but I guess we are just lucky." Actually it might be in the genes. Both Rudy and Elaine's parents celebrated 50 years of marriage. Here's to 50 more!

BHI's Pioneer Nelson Family Still Making Music

Sarah Nelson loves Bay Harbor Islands. The Town has been her home since 1950, when she and her husband Ted settled in the newly formed community. Ted was a young attorney who had his practice in Bay Harbor Islands and Sarah taught music at Biscayne Elementary.

"That was a special time in Bay Harbor Islands," says Sarah. "It was a small town with its own social hall and swimming pool and residents gathered together and held parties all the time. It was a fabulous place to live and to bring up children." In spite of its growth, Sarah still feels that Bay Harbor Islands is a "beautiful, intimate" neighborhood.

Music has always been a major part of Sarah's life. She earned a Bachelor of Music degree from FSU and moved here from Palmetto, Florida, where she spent her childhood. It was a great move since she got a job teaching music at Biscayne Elementary School and met and married Ted Nelson.

Sarah went on to teach music at Dade Junior College and Lehrman Day School. She also taught piano lessons, something she still does today. Two of her four children have



inherited her talent. Rochelle Nelson is the cantor at Temple Beth Am and Eve, who lives in California, writes music for ABC television. (All four of her grandchildren are musical.) Her son Jonathan is a high school teacher. Her other daughter, Rebecca Stella, hasn't strayed far from home. She works with her husband operating Stella's Pool Service, a Miami Beach Pool company.

Ted Nelson was a major force in the Town since its inception. He held positions as Judge of BHI and then Mayor, which he served for two years. After that he sat on the Council for more than 20 years and made decisions that impacted the quality of life and future of our community.

Ted passed away last year and Sarah is now trying to build up her life without him. "It isn't easy after 57 years of marriage to such a wonderful man," she says. "I am trying to build my life but I haven't yet spread my wings entirely."

What makes her happiest these days, she admits, is "when I am teaching."

New Business Spotlight

Bay Harbor Dermatology and Cosmetic Center

The Bay Harbor Dermatology and Cosmetic Center is the third location for Dr. Jason Green and Dr. Igor Chaplik, who offer full service dermatological procedures. Services range from general and pediatric dermatology to Mohs surgery for cancer treatment to an array of innovative cosmetic procedures, all done in their new 3,000 square foot offices.

Other services include chemical peels, facials and fillers, Botox and newer products such as Radiesse, Juvederm and Perlane, which last longer and achieve better results. Dr. Chaplik also does Sclerother Therapy to eliminate varicose veins.

Special grand opening discounts range from 30-40 percent off certain services and products. Bring a friend and receive 35 percent off the cost. Most insurance plans are accepted.

Some hints from Dr. Green for healthy skin: use retinal on a daily basis for anti-aging, use sun block when out in the sun during peak hours and make sure the product contains zinc oxide, titanium dioxide with a SPF of 30 or greater. Reapply sun block every two hours while in the sun.

The practice sees an equal number of men and women who want to continue looking young. After having treatment, patients can purchase an exclusive line of anti-aging products. The doctors work with the patients' primary doctors so there is continuity in the treatment. The offices are located at 1045 95th St., Suite 300. For further information call 305-403-6100.



Dr. Igor Chaplik (L) and Dr. Jason Green

Message from the Manager

Update on Construction Projects

Kane Concourse Improvements

On March 16, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) commenced replacing all of the street lights along Kane Concourse between East Bay Harbor Drive and West Broadview Drive. This project will not have any impact on the medians. FDOT expects this project to last approximately six months. All efforts are being made to keep traffic and parking interruptions as brief as possible. Once the lights are complete, all of the sidewalks on Kane Concourse will be replaced.

Community Enhancements Project Phase II

In May 2009, the Town will begin construction on Phase II of the Community Enhancement Project. This project will occur in the North side of the West Island and will consist of the following:

- Replacement of all concrete curbs and valley gutters
- Mill and resurface all roadways
- Replace all storm drains with new pollution control catch basins
- New decorative street lights
- Enhanced landscaping

The Town and the contractor will be notifying residents prior to construction. For more information on these projects, please contact Ronald J. Wasson, Town Manager or J.C. Jimenez, Assistant Town Manager at 305-866-6241.

Youngster Sings National Anthem

Patrick Espitia, a student at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center, provided a performance of the National Anthem before the March Council meeting. He received a Certificate of Appreciation from Mayor Weinstein.



Town Council

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Alberto Ruder
Councilman

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Highlights of the March 9 Council Meeting

- **Approved** a variance request from Jason and Diana Starkman from Section 23-12(15)(g)(iii)b, Section 23-12(15)(g)(ix) and Section 23-11(A)(4) with reference to an existing pool and deck and a proposed addition to the house located at 10031 West Broadview Drive, Lots 10 and 11 in Block 26.
- **Approved on second** reading Ordinance #878 amending Section 20-5 and 20-6 of the Town Code increasing the monthly charge for water service and the minimum monthly service charges per meter, due to an increase in charges from Miami-Dade County.
- **Approved on second** reading Ordinance #879 creating Section 2-2 of the Town Code adopting regulations pertaining to the official use of the Town's seal.
- **Approved** a Resolution of support urging Governor Charlie Crist to convene a task force to explore effective means to protect our communities from sexual violence.
- **Approval** of payment in the amount of \$18,115.00 to Calvin Giordano and Associates, Inc. for additional engineering services on Contract BC 123 - Toll Plaza Lane Widening.