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After extensive planning, discussions, workshops and research the Bay Harbor Islands Parks and Recreation Committee is reaching the final stages in the schedule and design for **two** new parks for our community. Councilman Alberto Ruder, the chairman of this committee, and his dedicated team of citizen volunteers have been working for over two years to see the light at the end of the tunnel and new parks on the horizon. I think we all agree how badly we need to expand the “greening” of our islands as the demographics of our community change.

As our community struggles with falling revenues, rising costs and increasing demand for services we look to our Assistant Town Manager for his expertise in writing and securing public grants to aid in providing the financial foundation for parks equipment along with our Town's acquisition of land strategically located within our community. This will help serve our citizens in areas where no “green” space existed.

I've asked Councilman Ruder to briefly describe the plans for the parks and the stages of the development that are planned that will make these parks a reality. Councilman Ruder, at a recent Parks and Recreation Committee meeting, stated, “Our Town will soon be building the new 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Park and proceeding with the next phase of the 98<sup>th</sup> Street Park. Approximately \$450,000 of grant funds will be invested to convert about two-thirds of what is now the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street surface parking lot into a park. Once completed, this new park will have approximately 8,000 square feet of an open green area, walkways throughout the park, a vita course, park benches, beautiful landscaping and an approximately 5,000 square foot dog run. As for the next phase of the 98<sup>th</sup> Street Park, it will include the construction of parking and an ADA access area, an entry feature into the park, construction of a walkway, placement of park benches and an expansion of the existing dog run.”

Establishing parks for our community is a process that starts out with planning, financing, designing, building and operating. The important thing is managing that process and making sure the administration and construction flow together. Alberto Ruder's 23 years of local government experience, of which 14 years was spent as a professional parks and recreation department director, and supported by dedicated volunteers: Councilwoman Stephanie Bruder, Hillary Frankel, Sugar Firtel, Janice Silver and Violeta Horne-Epstein is essential for proper completion.

As a member of the committee it reaffirmed to me again that our citizens can and do come forward to work on projects that make our community better and future brighter. It proves we can make our community greener and meet the needs of all of our citizens regardless of the challenges. That's what makes Bay Harbor Islands such a wonderful place to live.

Season's Greetings,

- Ken



## Message from the Manager

### New Parking Lot Rates

Beginning in January 2010, monthly parking permits and hourly parking rates will be increasing in several parking lots in our Town:

- The new Public Parking Garage on 95th Street and West Bay Harbor Drive, (due to open soon) will be \$60 for a monthly permit or \$1 per hour.
- The Orange Lot located on 95th Street and East Bay Harbor Drive will be \$55 for a monthly permit or \$1 per hour.
- The three Red Lots located on 92nd, 100th and 103rd Streets on the East Island will be \$15 for a monthly permit. There will be no change to the hourly rate.
- The Brown Lot (newly designated) located at 97th Street and West Bay Harbor Drive will be \$50 for a monthly permit.

### The Bay Harbor Civic Association Continues the Tradition of the Employee Holiday Fund

The annual Holiday Fund was established 45 years ago to provide a method of sharing the goodwill of residents and business owners with employees in *all* departments of the Town.

Through your contribution, employees “behind the scenes” or working at times or locations not usually seen by residents will not be forgotten. The Holiday Fund provides the only bonus given to Town employees, who work hard throughout the year. They truly value this token of appreciation from our residents. This effort is carried out every year by the Bay Harbor Civic Association, headed by Peter Cohn, Gold Coast Chamber of Commerce President.

Checks may be made payable to “Bay Harbor Civic Association Employees Holiday Fund” and sent to P.O. Box 546258, Bay Harbor Islands, FL 33154. Contributions may also be dropped off at Town Hall.

### Howl-A-Ween Trick or Treat Street Party

Families and their fidos did their trick or treating on Kane Concourse at the popular Howl-A-Ween event on Oct. 29. The evening drew a crowd of ghosts and goblins walking the street and enjoying a balloon maker, an airbrush tattoo artist, a face painter and stilt walker.

At 7p.m. the film *Goonies* was shown at the lot on Kane Concourse. Part of the fee for watching the movie benefitted the Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center. Thanks to Melissa Manas, owner of Splatter, who organized the event.



Above right: Jackie Abraham (L) and Councilman Isaac Salver. Right: Johana Abraham with Norma and Mayor Kenneth Weinstein.



### Mark Your Calendar! Bay Harbor Islands 5K Run SUNDAY, JAN. 10, 2010 Register online at [active.com](http://active.com)



### Free Class on Condo Rules and Regulations on Dec. 10

Feel like you are being abused by your condo association? Have questions about your rights as a condo dweller? Does your association need help with complicated issues? The Office of the Condominium Ombudsman, created in 2004, is the perfect neutral resource to help with all these problems.

The Office of the Condominium Ombudsman will hold a free seminar on *Condominium Rules & Regulations* given by William and Susan Raphan on Thursday, December 10 from noon-3 p.m. at the Miami Beach Public Library, 227 22 Street at Miami Beach in the first floor meeting room.

“Everyone who lives in a condo should attend,” said Kelly Reid, a Bay Harbor Islands resident. “The condominium Ombudsman office is a wonderful resource for all condo residents.” To find out more information and register for the class contact Lynn Bernstein at 305-673-7000 ext. 6178 or email her at [lynnbernstein@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:lynnbernstein@miamibeachfl.gov).

## Councilman Salver Serves as Principal for the Day

Councilman Isaac Salver was Principal for a Day at Natural Bridge Elementary School in North Miami. After a day at the school Salver said, "I have a new appreciation for Principal Janice Hutson. Not only did I witness the impact she had on the kids she is educating, but I also witnessed the challenges she faces with a culturally diverse student body and limited financial resources."

*Principal Janice Hutson, Councilman Isaac Salver, Assistant Principal Lidia Lechtman.*



## Donate Your Books to A Novel Idea

Elan Radick has been collecting used books for Title-One Schools and Florida prisons for five years. Last year he met his goal of over 10,000 donations. His community service project, *A Novel Idea* has been a success for everyone.

As we approach the holiday season, he will collect again. His brother, Alex will join him this year. Please contact us if you can either drop off donations on our porch or if we should come to your home and pick up books from your porch. Donations may also be dropped off at Town Hall.

Collections begin now and will be completed by Sunday, December 6. This will allow us to have lots of books delivered to the schools before the holidays begin.

Clean out your closets and contribute your adult and children books now! To schedule a pick-up or for more information contact Lauren Radick at 305-308-7350.

## Seniors on the Go

- Wednesday, December 16, 2009  
Normal Rockwell Exhibit at the Museum of Art Ft. Lauderdale, \$12.50, includes audio tour.
- Tuesday, January 5, 2010  
Morikami Museum & Japanese Gardens, \$28  
Includes tour and lunch.
- Wednesday, February 24, 2010  
*39 Steps* at the Broward Center, \$42

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

## 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, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting - Monday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m.
- Planning and Zoning - Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m.

OFFICES CLOSED DECEMBER 24 AND 25

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, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.
- Education - Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m.
- Charter & Ordinance Review - Monday, Dec. 28 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: January 11, February 8 and March 8, 2010.
- Planning and Zoning Board Meetings: January 5 & 19, February 2 & 16 and March 2 & 16, 2010.
- 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 Town Council meeting of **December 14, 2009**. All items are subject to change.

- Second reading of a proposed ordinance renaming and amending Chapter 5 3/4 of the Town Code "Code Enforcement" to "Code Compliance" and making changes to comply with State Law.
- Discussion regarding award of Contract for BHI-143 the 92nd Street Park.

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## Highlights of the November 9 Council Meeting

- Approved on second reading Ordinance #891 amending Chapter 7 ½ “Flood Damage Prevention” of the Town of Bay Harbor Islands Code of Ordinances to comply with FEMA requirements.
- Approved on second reading Ordinance #892 amending Chapter 7 “Fire Protection and Prevention”.
- Approved on second reading Ordinance #893 amending the Town Code to create regulations for outdoor recreational game court facilities.
- Approved on first reading a proposed Ordinance renaming and amending Chapter 5 ¾ of the Town Code “Code Enforcement” to “Code Compliance” and making changes to comply with State Law.
- Approved Resolution #1101 authorizing the Town Manager to apply for the Federal Drug Control and System Improvement Program Grant.
- Approved Resolution #1102 endorsing employer support for the National Guard and Reserve, in furtherance of our Country’s service members and their families during time of need.
- Approved payment of Project BHI-150 Repair to 95th Street to Plumbing Enterprise Corporation in the amount of \$52,485.
- Approval of a contract for Project BHI-151 Repair Force Mains on Kane Concourse and Broadview Terrace to Solo Construction in the amount of \$99,541.80.
- Approval of a contract for Project BHI-152 Repair South Alleyway between West Bay Harbor Drive and Bay Harbor Terrace to Solo Construction in the amount of \$50,907.74.
- Approval of Change Orders #23, #24, and #25 totaling \$14,562.35 for the parking garage project.