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All of us, your local government and the citizens of our community alike, have the responsibility of getting the facts straight. Half truths or personal opinions for the purpose of making a point are unethical and it reveals the weakness in the position some people have taken in trying to convince others that they are right regardless of all the facts.

Your Council and Town Staff are committed to ensuring your tax dollars spent on projects are based on the best advice (facts) available from the professionals in the industry that are performing the work and have the experience to seek out the best and least expensive solutions. When you get an independent analysis that reaffirms the job is meeting industry standards, and a punch list will resolve any shortcomings that have occurred or can occur, it confirms your Town representatives are doing their job.

For example, over the course of the recent enhancement project on the West Island of our community, if residents had questions or complaints and if they called Town Hall, and I know this to be a fact, an immediate response from the staff or a follow-up, on site meeting took place. The process of speaking and meeting with residents by our Town Manager or his representative to address the issues actually took place and expeditiously solved the problem. The Town Manager initiated this procedure and it continues to be practiced on all public works initiatives.

I am proud of being part of a Council that diligently, with transparency, works to meet the needs of our community. I urge you to seek out all of the facts so that your conclusions on matters facing you and our community are not based on half truths, distortions or simply misinformation. You have the right to know and we, your Council, have the duty to ensure you are given the most accurate information available.

The process of replacing roads, re-landscaping and installing new lights and water mains will unfortunately cause inconveniences of dust, dirt, noise and heavy equipment movements throughout the community from time to time. We are all thankful that Phase II of the Town's enhancement project that took over 15 years from its origin is almost over. At the time of this writing, the project is near completion. We will continue to make every effort to minimize these conditions as we work on sidewalks, bus shelters, and street repairs on Kane Concourse, as well as Phase III on the East Island. The majority of our citizens understand the complexity of these projects and seek all the facts from all available sources. To you I say thank you for your patience and understanding and your recognizing that the facts, all the facts, make the difference.



-Ken

Shrek Featured at Outdoor Movie Night on Feb. 20

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands originally planned to show the film *Singing in the Rain* in January, but because of bad weather the film was cancelled. The next film will be the animated, *Shrek*, shown on Saturday, February 20 at 7 p.m. and refreshments will be for sale with proceeds benefitting the Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Broadcasting Club. Here is the upcoming schedule:

- **February 20:** *Shrek*
- **March 20:** *Back to the Future*
- **April 17:** *March of the Penguins*
- **May 22:** *Funny Girl*

For information throughout the season please contact Town Hall at 305-866-6241 or visit www.bayharborislands.org.

AARP to Hold Driving Class for Seniors on Feb. 23

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will hold a classroom refresher course on defensive driving for anyone over age 50. Participants are encouraged to preregister. Costs are \$12 for AARP

members and \$14 for nonmembers. Classes will be held in the BHI Town Council Chambers on the second floor, 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace. Those who complete the course can receive a three-year discount on their automobile insurance, if eligible.

For more information or to register, call (305) 382-5331.

Free Class on Condo Elections on March 11

The Office of the Condominium Ombudsman will hold a free seminar on *Condominium Elections* given by William Raphan on Thursday, March 11 at the Miami Beach Public Library, 227 22nd Street in Miami Beach.

To find out more information and to register for the class contact Lynn Bernstein at 305-673-7000 ext.6178 or email her at lynnbernstein@miamibeachfl.gov.

Asst. Chief Recognized for Completing FBI Academy

Assistant Chief of Police Allan Sjoberg was recently recognized for completing a prestigious 11-week leadership course at the FBI's National Academy. Less than one-tenth of one percent of law enforcement officials worldwide are accepted. "I am so privileged to have been selected," said Assistant Chief Sjoberg, who has been with the Police force for 22 years.

Assistant Chief Sjoberg said the lessons he learned were invaluable and will help him achieve greater success in Bay Harbor Islands. The course focused on important topics such as situational leadership and transitions in leadership style from command and control to cultivate and coordinate.

Assistant Chief Sjoberg looks forward to sharing his learning experience with the command staff and officers for their personal development. Mayor Kenneth Weinstein is proud that both our Police Chief and the Assistant Police Chief have graduated from this prestigious FBI course. "This has broadened their experience and enables them to do a better job in improving our Police Department and serving our community."



Assistant Chief Allan Sjoberg with Chief Duncan Young, receives a Certificate recognizing his accomplishment.

Storytime at the Park

The *Storytime at the Park* program continues in February. Children and families will be entertained at the Bay Harbor Islands' Tot Lot located at West Broadview Drive and 96th Street. Admission is free. Storytime is held twice monthly on Fridays at 4 p.m. through May. For more information, contact Town Hall at 305-866-6241 or visit www.bayharborislands.org.

•**February 5:** Magic and Stories with Merlina

•**February 19:** Stories with Miss Gail

April 20 Town Council Election Information

The Bay Harbor Islands annual municipal election will take place on **Tuesday, April 20th**. 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. Under state law, the deadline for new registrations is 29 days prior to the election (March 22nd). 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 U.S. citizen. 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 Miami Dade Elections Department at (305) 499-8444. Absentee ballots must be returned no later than 7 p.m. on election day.

One seat on the Town Council will come up for vote in the April 20th election (Jordan Leonard). If you wish to become a candidate, file with the Town Clerk during regular business hours at Town Hall after 9 a.m. on Thursday, February 26th and before 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19th. To qualify you must be a registered voter and have been a Bay Harbor resident for at least six months.

Each Town Council member is elected by the voters of the Town for a four-year term of office. The terms of office are staggered so that only two Council seats are open 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 charity.

The Town Council meets on a regular basis, on the second Monday evening of each month. In addition, the Council members spend many hours at various committee, board, and special meetings. By state law, all meetings are open to the public, and members of the community are encouraged to attend meetings to be informed on issues concerning our community.

Seniors on the Go

Plan now to attend the following *Seniors on the Go* trips:

- Wednesday, February 24, 2010
39 Steps at the Broward Center, Tickets are \$42
- Thursday, April 22, 2010
Gulfstream Park (bus leaves Town Hall at 10:30 a.m.)
Each person receives a \$15 credit for free casino play and a box lunch.

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. All meetings, unless regarding topics specifically exempt by state law, are open to the public and held in the Council Chambers, 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace. **Meeting dates and times are subject to change.** Residents are encouraged to confirm all meeting dates and times. Please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 305-866-6241 or check the Town website, www.bayharborislands.org.

- Planning and Zoning - Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting - Monday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m.
- Parks & Recreation - Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m.
- Offices Closed - Monday Feb. 15 for President's Day
- Planning and Zoning - Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m.
- Charter & Ordinance Review - Monday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m.

The following future meeting dates are tentative and subject to change. Therefore, as the dates draw near, please contact the Town Clerk's Office or visit the Town website www.bayharborislands.org.

- Regular Council Meetings: March 8, April 12, and May 10
- Planning and Zoning Board Meetings: March 2 & 16, **ONLY** April 6, 2010 (due to Town Election on April 20), and May 4 & 18

MEETING DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Employees Grateful to Holiday Fund Donors

Town residents and businesses again showed their appreciation to Town employees by contributing to the Bay Harbor Civic Association's Holiday Fund.

For more than four decades, the Civic Association has sponsored the Fund as a means of recognizing the efforts of Bay Harbor Islands's loyal employees in providing services to our residents.

Golden Passports Available at Town Hall on Feb. 18

If you are over 65 years old or a Social Security beneficiary and are a permanent Miami-Dade resident, you are eligible to ride transit free with a Golden Passport EASY Card.

The Golden Passports will be available at Town Hall on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 2 p.m. Please call Town Hall to register and for more information: 305-866-6241.

A Warm Welcome on a Chilly Race Day

Although they were dressed like they were heading to the ski slopes, runners and walkers enjoyed the warm hospitality of Bay Harbor Islands at the 4th Annual 5K run. Despite the record cold, bundled participants enjoyed a well-organized and fun event, fellowship, and a lively awards ceremony. Thanks to all supporters and dedicated volunteers.



Despite a freezing wind chill, runners start the race on Kane Concourse.



Chief Duncan Young and his wife (center) navigate the course.



Please Join the Town of Bay Harbor Islands as We Express our Gratitude to the Companies and Individuals who Supported our Fourth Annual 5K Race Event

- Ann B. Bussel and Family
- Sherman Law Offices Chartered
- Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc.
- Ileene S. Wallace, Vice Mayor
- Dooleymack Constructors of South Florida
- County Commissioner Sally Heyman
- Tran Construction, Inc.
- LMK Pipe Renewal
- Dade County PBA
- Waste Management
- Turnberry International Realty
- Open Door Miami Team
- Bart H. Chepenik, P.A.
- Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza Cole & Boniske, P.L.
- David, Jane, Daniel and Beth Cohen

- Jason, Lauren, Elan and Alex Radick
- Jed, Hillary, Robbie and Davey Frankel
- Ace Construction
- 1160 Hair
- Sunshine Gasoline Dist., Inc.
- Tri-City Electric Co., Inc.
- Melissa Lazarus MD
- Dermatology
- World Waste Services, Inc.
- American Benefit Partners, Inc.
- The Bank of New York Mellon
- Michael Miller Planning Associates
- SKLARchitecture
- Publix
- Concourse Plaza Condominium Association
- Florida Power & Light Co.



Overall Winner Jon Williams finished in 17:52. Top female was Michelina Witte at 23:39.



(Top, L-R) County Commissioner Sally Heyman and Vice Mayor Ileene Wallace. Below is the Radick family, Lauren, Elan and Alex.

U.S. Census Seeks Workers from Bay Harbor Islands



The U.S. Census Bureau is looking for temporary employees from Bay Harbor Islands interested in working for the 2010 census. You will be able to work in the area in which you live and your hours

will be flexible. The pay rate ranges from \$11.25 to \$16.50 per hour. Call 866-861-2010 for more information.

To apply for a position, you are required to:

- Complete application and employment eligibility forms.
- Pass a 30 minute test that consists of 28 multiple-choice questions (clerical skills, reading, number skills, organizational skills).
- Expect to spend about 2 hours at the testing session (filling out forms and completing the test).

- A practice test is available online at www.2010censusjobs.gov. Click Census Practice test.

When arriving for your appointment, bring the following identification:

- **One** of the following: Passport or Employment Authorization document (unexpired with photo), **OR**
- **One from EACH** of the following two lists:
 - 1) Driver's License or State ID with photo, School ID with photo, Voter's registration card, US Military or dependents ID card or draft record, US Coast Guard or Native American tribal document.
 - 2) Social Security Card, original or certified copy of birth certificate, Native American tribal document, US Citizen ID Card, Resident Citizen card, Unexpired employment card from Homeland Security.

For more information, visit
WWW.2010CENSUSJOBS.GOV

Haiti Relief Fund Established

For residents wanting to provide aid to the people of Haiti as they recover from the devastating earthquake, Bay Harbor Islands has established a Haitian relief and recovery effort.

• **Monetary Donations:** Most organizations agree that money is currently the primary need. You are encouraged to make donations to the charity of your choice. Please be careful in the manner in which you pledge, as the FBI has issued a warning against internet donation scams. Several local cities, including Bay Harbor Islands, have created a special account via the Miami Dade League of Cities for the Haitian relief and recovery effort. All funds received will be used entirely for this effort. Donations can be brought to Town Hall. Make checks payable to the **Miami Dade League of Cities** and in the memo portion write **Haitian Relief and Recovery Effort**. Also note that the Town will be making a donation in the amount of \$5,000 on behalf of its residents. This donation represents approximately \$1 for every resident in our Town.

• **Donation of Goods:** The Town's Police Department will be collecting the following items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries | <input type="checkbox"/> Diapers and other baby supplies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water purification tablets | <input type="checkbox"/> Toys for Children (new) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bags | <input type="checkbox"/> Tissues/Wipes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soap | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Utensils |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blankets | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Can Openers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nonperishable canned goods (check expiration dates) | |

Donations can be dropped off at Town Hall or at the Police Department. For additional information, Contact Town Hall at 305-866-6241 or the Police Department at 305-866-6242.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Serve your Town on a Citizen Committee

Volunteer residents have done a great job serving on Town Citizen Committees during their one year appointments. With the new year, the Town is once again seeking residents who may want to serve. If you are interested in participating and feel qualified, please submit a letter of interest and resume to Town Clerk Marlene Marante at Town Hall. If you don't have a resume, please list your life experiences or special qualifications in your letter. You may also fax to, 305-866-4863, or e-mail mmarante@bayharborislands.net. The deadline is Friday, March 19th. Don't forget to include which committee(s) you are interested in joining. The following committees are open for citizen participation:

- Charter/Ordinance Review
- Disaster Preparedness
- Education
- Environmental Impact
- Parks and Recreation

Also, if you are interested in serving on the Town's Planning & Zoning Board and are either a professional and/or a resident of Bay Harbor Islands, please contact Town Clerk Marlene Marante at 305-866-6241. Professionals need not be residents, but must be presently employed full time or were employed full time in the field of engineering, architecture, land use and zoning law, city planning, construction, or any other field which substantially relates to the planning and development of real estate.

Kenneth Weinstein <i>Mayor</i>	Ronald J. Wasson <i>Town Manager</i>
Ileene S. Wallace <i>Vice Mayor</i>	Marlene Marante <i>Town Clerk</i>
Stephanie Bruder <i>Councilwoman</i>	Craig B. Sherman <i>Town Attorney</i>
Jordan W. Leonard <i>Councilman</i>	Duncan W. Young <i>Chief of Police</i>
Alberto Ruder <i>Councilman</i>	Alan Short <i>Finance Director</i>
Isaac Salver <i>Councilman</i>	
Robert H. Yaffe <i>Councilman</i>	



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Building Department: (305) 993-1786
Police: (305) 866-6242
Emergency: 911
www.bayharborislands.org

Highlights of the January 11 Council Meeting

- Approved on second reading Ordinance #895 changing the date of the 2010 Municipal Election and the qualifying dates.
- Approved on first and second reading emergency Ordinance #896 amending Chapter 7 ½ of the Town Code deleting reference to manufactured homes, manufactured home parks and recreational vehicles and amending Section 7 ½ - 27 (1) relating to flood elevation.
- Approved on first reading a proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 23, definitions, height of docks and height, design and construction method requirements for seawalls.
- Approved on first reading a proposed Ordinance amending Section 17-8 relating to temporary political signs to allow signs to go up 30 days prior to a municipal election.
- Approved Resolution #1105 supporting Bill H.R. 3745, Community Access Preservation Act, which addresses critical and immediate threats to local educational and government access channels. This resolution supports the bill that secures the right of residents to a free government channel.
- Award of an additional Service Agreement to Calvin Giordano & Associates for Project Management of Phase II of the Community Enhancements Project in the amount of \$50,000.
- Approval of Extension of contract #136 CCTV Inspection of Storm Outfall and Line with CIPP with Miller Pipeline Corporation in the amount not to exceed \$47,500.

Anticipated Discussion Items for February 8 Council Meeting

(At the time of publication. All items are subject to change.)

- Second reading of a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 23 of the Town Code, Zoning and Planning, with reference to height, design, and construction for seawalls.
- Second reading of a proposed ordinance amending Section 17-8 of the Town Code relating to temporary political signs to allow signs to go up 30 days prior to a municipal election.