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I think we all agree that although beauty in grounds and buildings are in the eye of the beholder, it is very helpful to have established maintenance standards that give us a common starting point. Through our Code of Ordinances we have provided a standard that makes achieving an aesthetically satisfying environment for our Town an attainable goal.

Recently, while on Kane Concourse, I was approached by a citizen of our community seeking some insight about how to resolve some code compliance issues. It was clear to me that maybe I could reach out to others with similar questions through this newsletter and clear up some confusion about the process that some of our neighbors may be facing. This might help enhance the “quality of life” we hold dear on our islands.

We have in our Town a staff in the Code Compliance department of two highly trained and certified Code Compliance Officers, Stacy Hirsch and Candyce Toleman, Administrative Assistant Evelyn Merizalde and probably the most knowledgeable supervisor on Bay Harbor Island’s Code, Town Clerk Marlene Marante. Their duties are mandated in our Town Code. The Code describing these standards was designed to ensure property values are maintained and we achieve the highest levels of appearance in our neighborhoods.

The Code officers will during their patrol activities initially issue a written Courtesy Notice if they observe a Violation which specifies a period of time to correct the problem. If the property owner, i.e., house, condo, business space, does not respond and fix the deficiency, a Notice of Violation will be issued. This notice initiates the formalized process required by the Code and alerts the person(s) within a specified period of time to correct the violation or a hearing date before a Bay Harbor Islands Special Master to explain the situation will be established. It is important to communicate with the Code Officer should an adjustment in the date for your hearing be required.

If you are confused and need help in clarifying the violation call the Code Officer. If the repair requires a permit or you are not sure call the Bay Harbor Islands Building Department at 305-993-1786. If you fail to get a permit and one is required and you do the work without the permit, it may result in an additional violation.

The main objective of the program is not to punish violators, but to ensure the highest standard for a clean, safe and beautiful environment for all to enjoy. Staff continues to work on assisting the community and improving its image and has made great strides in this area in the past two years.

The Bay Harbor Islands Building Department on the 2nd floor of Town Hall has available to all citizens two pamphlets that could answer any questions I may have overlooked. Let’s continue to work together to make our Town the showplace of South Florida. A town’s appearance speaks a lot about the people who live and work there.



-Ken

Groundbreaking Marks Construction of Town Garage

Although construction is already underway, the official ground-breaking of the Town's long-anticipated municipal parking garage was held on Dec. 9.

In addition to representatives from the Town, guests included Miami-Dade Commissioner Sally Heyman, School Board Member

Martin Karp, representatives from Florida International University's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), architect Timothy Haahs & Associates and Dooley Mack Constructors. Miami-Dade Fire Rescue personnel included Chief Herminio Lorenzo, Chief Dan Whu and Battalion



(L-R) Town Manager Ron Wasson, Councilman Isaac Salver, Councilman Alberto Ruder, Councilman Jordan Leonard, Mayor Kenneth Weinstein, Vice Mayor Ilene Wallace, Councilwoman Stephanie Bruder, Councilman Robert Yaffe, Miami-Dade Commissioner Sally Heyman, Fire Rescue Chief Herminio Lorenzo.

Chief Charles Ruchle. In addition to providing parking for the businesses and residents of the Town and the school, the facility will include a community center and a Miami-Dade Fire Rescue substation.

FIU and Bay Harbor Islands Partner With Special Classes

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Florida International University (FIU) is proud to announce its partnership with Bay Harbor Islands. The OLLI provides the opportunity for individuals to expand their knowledge and enhance their quality of life. These non-credit courses will be held at the **Bay Harbor Islands Town Council Chambers**. Additional courses for the winter terms will be held at the FIU Biscayne Bay Campus. Membership in OLLI includes participation in trips and tours.

Please call 305-919-5910 for more information. Membership into OLLI is required and is \$50 a year or \$80 for two members. OLLI welcomes the residents of Bay Harbor Islands into the exciting world of lifelong learning.

Winter A Term

Course: More Jazz Greats

Instructor: Joe Donato

Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

January 12, 26 and February 2, 9, 23 and March 2

Fee: \$90. Register by calling 305-919-5910

Winter B Term

Course: Broadway: The American Musical

Instructor: Hersh Adlerstein

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

February 18, 25 and March 4, 11, 18, 25

Fee: \$90. Register by calling 305-919-5910

Mark Your Calendar!

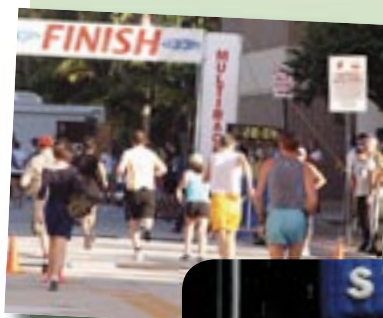
3rd Annual Bay Harbor Islands 5K Race

Join your friends and neighbors at

5K Run and Fun Walk!

Sunday, January 18, 2009 • 8 a.m.

Awards • T-shirts • Refreshments



Register online at multirace.com



Star Wars Feature is First Outdoor Movie of '09



The Town of Bay Harbor Islands proudly presents the first film of the Town's Outdoor Movie Series, *Star Wars: The Clone Wars*. The popular sci-fi adventure film will be shown on Saturday, January 10 at 7 p.m. and includes all your galactic favorites: Anakin Skywalker and the Jedi knights, Obi-Wan Kenobi and Master Yoda. Enjoy an evening under the stars with your neighbors. Admission is free and open to the public. The films are shown at the open lot at 1177 Kane Concourse. Free parking is available. Here is the 2009 schedule:

- February 21- *Driving Miss Daisy*
- March 28 - *Indiana Jones, Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*
- April 18 - *Arctic Tale*
- May 16 - *Grease*

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

Storytime at the Park

Storytime at the Park returns in January to entertain children and families at the Bay Harbor Islands' Tot Lot at West Broadview Drive and 96th Street. It will be held twice monthly on Fridays through May of 2009. For more information, contact Town Hall at 305-866-6241 or visit www.bayharborislands.org. The first event is scheduled for:

- Friday, January 23rd at 4 p.m.
Merlina Tells The Story

Off. Caous Receives Police Chief's Award

Bay Harbor Islands Officer Patrick Caous recently received the prestigious Officer of the Month Award from the Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police for his outstanding performance as a marine patrol officer. In 2008, he has stopped drug smugglers, rescued passengers from sinking boats and even assisted in a plane crash in the bay.



(L-R) Chief Duncan Young, Officer Patrick Caous and wife, Johana and Chief Steve Steinberg, President of the Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police.

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, Jan. 6 at 7 p.m.
- Public Hearing - Monday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting (immediately following hearing)
- Annual 5K Run/Walk - Sunday Jan. 18 at 8 a.m.
- Planning and Zoning - Tuesday, Jan. 20 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, Jan. 5 at 6:45 p.m.
- Parks & Recreation - Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m.
- Education - Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m.
- Charter & Ordinance Review - Wednesday, Jan. 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.

- Regular Council Meetings: Feb. 9, Mar. 9, April 13, 2009
- Planning and Zoning Board Meetings: February 3 & 17; Mar. 3 & 17, Apr. 8 (Wed.) and Apr. 21, 2009
- 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 Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting on **Monday, January 12, 2009**. All items are subject to change.

- Application for approval of a variance to build a dock that is 2.5 feet higher than the seawall. The property is located at 9700 West Broadview Drive.
- Application for approval of a variance to allow a unit that does not have the required minimum square footage. The property is located at 10281 East Bay Harbor Drive, Unit 2D.

New Sign Names Town Hall Facility For Mayor Gardner

A plaque and new exterior signage were recently unveiled naming the Town Hall facility the “Mayor Joseph J. Gardner Government Center,” in honor of the late Mayor and 58-year resident Joseph Gardner, who served 44 years in local government.

Mr. Gardner’s widow, Frances, and his children and grandchildren were on hand for the evening festivities, which included the public lighting of the sign for the first time. The cost of the plaque and sign were supported by the Broad Foundation and Morris Broad spoke about Mr. Gardner’s many contributions to the development of Bay Harbor Islands.



(L-R) Councilman Jordan Leonard, Councilman Isaac Salver, Mayor Kenneth Weinstein, Morris Broad, Mrs. Frances Gardner, Vice Mayor Ileene Wallace, Councilwoman Stephanie Bruder, Councilman Robert Yaffe, Councilman Alberto Ruder.

Planning & Zoning Board Members Take Oath



Members of the Planning & Zoning Board were recently sworn in by Town Clerk Marlene Marante, at far right. From left, Roberto Gambach, Xavier Capdevielle, Markus Frankel, Oscar Sklar, Nina Gladstone and Gerome Gavocvich .

Holiday Events Mark the Season



Thanks to the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Thanksgiving turkeys were handed out for the holidays. (L-R) BHI Toll Plaza employee Santina Castillo, Councilman Isaac Salver, North Bay Village Commissioner Paul Vogel, Bal Harbor Councilman Joel Jacobi and Executive Director of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities Richard Kuper.

Seniors on the Go

- **Sunday, January 11, 2009**
Miami City Ballet Dancing Fox Trot Music of Artie Shaw, Duke Ellington and others at the Arsht Center, \$58.75
- **Saturday, January 17, 2009**
Glenn Miller Orchestra, at the Parker Playhouse, \$35
- **Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 8 p.m.**
Chorus Line at the Broward Center, \$49.50
Reservations must be paid by Jan. 25
- **Thursday, March 26, 2009, at 8 p.m.**
Dame Edna at the Parker Play House, \$56.50
Reservations must be paid by Feb. 26

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



The City of North Miami’s 34th Annual Thanksgiving Winterfest parade is another holiday tradition. As in past years, Bay Harbor Islands participated with its marine patrol boat. Other participants included Miami-Dade, Broward, and Federal Law Enforcement agencies and Smokey the Bear from the Florida Division of Forestry was the “Grand Marshal” of the parade. (L-R) Officer Patrick Caous, Officer Lindsley Noel, Vice Mayor Ileene Wallace, Sergeant Alan Block.

Ann Bussell & Morris Broad - *Two Extraordinary People*

Morris Broad and his sister Ann Bussel, children of Ruth and Shepard Broad, the founder of Bay Harbor Islands, believe in public education. And they put a portion of the Shepard Broad Foundation money to work making sure that the Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center, named for their mother, is an excellent educational facility. Their commitment to the school has paid off since this is the ninth year it has achieved an A rating, and is considered one of the finest schools in the state. In fact, many families move to Bay Harbor Islands so their children can attend the school.

Shepard and Ruth Broad had a vision of having a first-rate school in their town and Ann and Morris have strived to achieve this. Ann's long range plan is to position Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center as a model nationwide; the standard of what a school should be; and a benchmark for other schools. Ann feels strongly that a good school is the backbone of a thriving community and helps to keep real estate values high. "To have a quality All-American town you have to have a first-rate school," says Ann.

The Foundation has a long history of helping the school. In 1996 it provided a \$300,000 challenge grant, which resulted in raising \$600,000 that helped to purchase computers and printers. The most recent purchase is 16 Smart Boards worth \$40,000, the latest and most important teaching technique on the market. It is an interactive system that helps motivate students.

When there is a need at the school, Principal Arlene Ortenzo goes to Morris and Ann and they seldom turn her down. When she learned that they would be receiving less money for tutoring children for the FCAT and would have to decrease the number of sessions offered, Morris and Ann donated \$15,000 so they could continue an effective after school program as previously offered.

But they do more than donate necessary funds. They find partners who help fund projects to enhance the facility, enrich the student's experiences, and improve skills of the teachers. For example, they helped initiate a program with the University of Florida that provides teachers with professional development through workshops that leads to a master's program—at no cost to them. This keeps the staff top notch and well trained and many of the teachers have gone through this program. Ann and Morris

are also working with the Lastinger Foundation, part of the School of Education at the University of Florida, to have a partnership with the Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center; an innovative program in the field of education. They also present the teacher who is selected "Teacher of the Year" with a \$1,000 check.

The Shepard Broad Foundation has its finger in projects throughout South Florida—and all over the country and the world. And, when they support a cause or cultural activity in our community, they make sure that the Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center benefits. They arranged for the Bruce Heiken Lighthouse for the Blind to do visual testing for every child at the school. Of the many who needed glasses, there was a choice of three different styles, all free of charge. MetroZoo does a program at the school, as does the Young Patronesses of the Opera and Playground Theatre who put on shows for the students. This year for the first time, the New World Symphony will be working with the school, thanks to Morris and Ann. They also connected the school with the Fairchild Tropical Gardens

Challenge, a competition in the fields of music, art and math that presents awards to students in each area. One of Morris and Ann's favorite projects is the yearly presentation of the Bobcat award, the school Mascot, where students who participate in a community service project and complete it, receive sterling silver pins with the likeness of Shepard and Ruth as official Bobcats. Projects have included cleaning up the park and the beach; taking a blind lady shopping; tutoring fellow students; or collecting funds for a charity.

The Foundation has helped the Town in so many ways, as well. To name just a few: Morris and Ann are responsible for the Town Hall being renamed the Joseph J. Gardner Government Center and paid for the plaque and signage at Town Hall; they donate \$10,000 a year toward the annual Town picnic; were major contributors to the 60th Anniversary festivities; help to fund the annual 5K Walk/Run; give the Officer of the Year a \$1,000 check; and are presently working with the Lighthouse for the Blind in hopes of giving free vision testing to senior residents of Bay Harbor Islands – and much more.

When asked what makes them so giving, Morris says, "Our parents taught us to be philanthropic and to help others in sharing our good fortune and continue their tradition of giving."



(L-R) Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Principal Arlene Ortenzo, Morris Broad and Ann Bussel.

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Highlights of the December 8 Council Meeting

- Approved on second reading Ordinance 867 amending Section 23-11 (B1)(10) of the Town Code creating a new Section 23-11 (B1)(13) regarding requirements for 15% roof top landscaping when the roof is used for recreation in the RM-1 Multiple Family Residential District.
- Approved on second reading Ordinance 868 amending Section 23-11(B2)(10) of the Town Code and creating a new Section 23-11 (B2)(12) of the Town Code regarding requirements for 15% roof top landscaping when the roof is used for recreation in the RM-2 Multiple Family Residential District.
- Approved on second reading Ordinance 869 amending Section 24-16 of the Town Code increasing landscape standards, creating enhanced provisions for tree removal, for landscape materials, irrigation and water conservation, and the use of pesticides and fertilizers.
- Approved the appointment of Milton Cubas to the Planning and Zoning Board to fill the vacancy.
- Award of a service agreement for Community Enhancements Phase II Project in the amount of \$116,400 with engineering consultant, Calvin Giordano & Associates, Inc., to perform on-site engineering inspections for construction landscape and irrigation.
- Approval of an Extension of the Contract with Miller Pipeline Corp to perform Lining of Storm Outfalls with CIPP (Cured in Place Pipe Liner). The contract will include the outfalls found to be in the worst condition, which require immediate attention, and for an amount not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$50,000.