



# Bay Harbor Islands

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## A Message from the Mayor

### Stay Ready, Stay Safe - You Can Do It

Right now, before hurricane season is upon us, is the time to get ready for contending with a storm. I know you are probably thinking, here he goes again “Mr. Gloom and Doom.” I know I’ve said and written about this over and over. The best defense for all of us against hurricanes is to plan and prepare early and not **deny** it could happen here. We owe it to our families, neighbors and friends to accept the responsibilities associated with living in a hurricane prone location.

It is your responsibility to prepare yourself, your family and your property for disaster events. No matter how much your community’s government works to prepare for a catastrophic series of events like hurricanes, floods and earthquakes, they cannot do it alone. Our Citizen’s Hurricane Preparedness Manual for the Town of Bay Harbor Islands is an excellent starting point for new residents to learn how and as a refresher for those of us who have lived here for awhile. If you don’t have a copy, the Manual is available at Town Hall.

Your main objective should be to make sure you and your family are as safe as possible and include in your plan how to protect your property. A generator, storm shutters and impact resistant glass for windows and doors are not the total answer for absolute safety. Instead, state, county and city officials have mandated we are to leave our Islands and not return until authorized by government officials.

Your plan whether new or being updated should be detailed and cover all aspects of survival to include procedures for before, during and after the hurricane event. Remember you could be on your own with little or no outside assistance.

Hurricanes are unpredictable. Even the experts cannot be precise on where the storm will make landfall. Bay Harbor Islands Staff will make every effort to keep you informed of the latest developments through its Reverse 911 telephone system, website and TV Channel. The Town will also use its Disaster Preparedness Committee to hold refresher workshops on how to prepare your family and property for disasters in the coming months. You can reduce the danger and distress your family may face by preparing now.

Hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30. Prepare now before a storm threatens our area. For more information contact Bay Harbor Islands Town Hall at 305-866-6241.



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**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.**

# Officer and Telecommunication Specialist of the Year Selected



Patrick Munsch



Pam Holmes

The BHI Police Department recently awarded the Officer and Telecommunication Specialist of the year for 2009. The Officer of the Year is Patrick Munsch, an eight year veteran of the police department. Officer Munsch was recognized

for his substantial contribution and commitment in the area of traffic safety. Officer Munsch is a member of the Department's CITE (Combined Intensive Traffic Enforcement) unit.

The recipient of the Telecommunication Specialist of the Year is Communications Supervisor Pamela Holmes. Pamela is a three year veteran of the Department with more

## Be Aware of Lead in Tap Water

Lead in drinking water, although rarely the sole cause of lead poisoning, can significantly increase a person's total lead exposure, particularly in the case of infants who drink baby formulas and concentrated juices that are mixed with water. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) estimates that drinking water can make up 20 percent of a person's total exposure to lead.

When water stands in lead pipes or plumbing systems containing lead for several hours or more, the lead may dissolve into drinking water. This means the first water from the tap in the morning or later in the afternoon, can contain fairly high levels of lead. **Do not consume** water that has been in contact with your home's plumbing for more than six hours, such as overnight or during your work day. Before using water for drinking or cooking, "flush" the cold water faucet by allowing the water to run until you can feel the water has become as cold as it will get. You must do this for each drinking faucet -- taking a shower will not flush your kitchen tap. **Flushing is important** because the longer water is exposed to lead, the greater the possible lead contamination.



The second step is to never cook with or consume water from the hot-water tap. Hot water dissolves lead quicker than cold water. Do not use water from the hot tap for cooking or drinking, and especially not for making baby formula. When plumbing work is done on your premises, instruct any plumber you hire to use lead-free materials for repairs or in newly installed plumbing. To have water tested contact a state approved laboratory in your area: Advanced Environmental Laboratories (AEL), 954-889-2288.

For more information on testing contact: Miami-Dade County Office of Environmental Health at 305-623-3500.

than 30 years of experience. On one occasion, while officers were speaking with a man in the lobby of the police department, she observed drug paraphernalia in one of his shoes. She alerted officers who arrested him and later found he was wanted in a theft case. She also observed an individual outside the police department that fit the description of a man wanted in a domestic violence case. After alerting officers the individual was apprehended. Communications Supervisor Holmes does not let the fact that her office is inside keep her from assisting her fellow officers as well as keeping the community safe.

## Town Officers Honored By MADD

For their outstanding efforts and commitment to end drunk driving, Officers Lindsley Noel and Patrick Munsch were honored at the awards dinner of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). Officer Noel received the Top Cop DUI Officer Award for the third consecutive year for logging the most DUI arrests and Officer Munsch received the Unit Achievement Award for participation in BHI Police Department's CITE (Combined Intensive Traffic Enforcement) unit.



Officer Munsch



Officer Noel

## Increased Seat Belt Enforcement

The Bay Harbor Islands Police Department will participate in a two-week *Click It or Ticket* enforcement wave May 24 - June 7, 2010. The Bay Harbor Islands Police Department and other agencies throughout the state will be conducting special enforcement operations targeting seat belt and child restraint violations. These operations, funded by the Florida Department of Transportation and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, will be focused on promoting increased seat belt and child restraint usage through an extensive media campaign, stepped-up enforcement and pre-operation/post-operation studies to help determine their effectiveness.

No other safety device has as much potential for immediately preventing deaths and injuries in motor vehicle crashes. Remember that seatbelts save lives. Unless you want to risk a ticket, or worse – your life, please remember to **Click It or Ticket**, day and night.



# Councilman Leonard Takes Oath of Office

Councilman Jordan Leonard, winner of the April 20 municipal election, was sworn into office at the May Town Organizational Meeting. As the Town Charter specifies, other actions included the re-appointment of Kenneth Weinstein as Mayor and Ilene Wallace as Vice Mayor. The Town Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Town Attorney also took the Oath of Office.



Jordan Leonard (L) is sworn in by Town Clerk Marlene Marante.

(L-R) Vice Mayor Ilene Wallace and Mayor Kenneth Weinstein are sworn in by Town Clerk Marlene Marante.



# Outstanding Student Honored

Alessia Pizzorni, a Bay Harbor Islands resident and top student at Miami Beach High, received a Certificate of Recognition for being named Outstanding Student for her achievements in academics, athletics and community service. She received \$1,000 from the Town to use towards college.

(L-R) Vice Mayor Ilene Wallace, Alessia Pizzorni and Mayor Kenneth Weinstein.



# Proclamation For Boat Safety Week

At the May Town Council meeting Mayor Kenneth Weinstein presented a Proclamation to Coast Guard representative Mark Roth to raise awareness for Boat Safety Week May 16-22, 2010.



# 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](http://www.bayharborislands.org).

- Planning & Zoning Board - Tuesday, June 1 at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting - Monday, June 14 at 7 p.m.
- Parks & Recreation Committee - Tuesday, June 8 at 7 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Board - Tuesday, June 15 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](http://www.bayharborislands.org).

- Regular Council Meetings: July 12, Aug. 9 and Sept. 13
- Planning and Zoning Board Meetings: July 6 & 20, Aug. 3 & 17 and Sept. 7 & 21
- The following committee meeting dates to be announced: Charter & Ordinance Review, Disaster Preparedness and Environmental Impact

**ALL MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

# Business Spotlight

## Psychologist and Mental Health Counselor Open Offices

Clinical Psychologist Dr. Adriana W. Rosen and Licensed Mental Health Counselor and Dance Movement Therapist Sofi H. Matz have opened offices at 1111 Kane Concourse, Suite 607. Adrianna Rosen, Ph.D. received her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology at the University of North Texas and completed her Predoctoral Internship in Clinical Psychology and Postdoctoral Fellowship in Chronic Mental Illness at the University of Miami, where she has also taught. She is bilingual in Spanish and English and specializes in relationship difficulties, depression, anxiety and problems of self-esteem. Dr. Rosen can be reached at 305-804-5117.

Sofi H. Matz combines mental health counseling with dance movement therapy to help her clients. She has a Masters degree in Mental Health Counseling and is a Registered Dance Movement Therapist. She combines verbal and movement therapy. She also leads group therapy and movement to treat emotional eating and provides self esteem and life skills training for children. For information, call 786-457-5714 or email [solutions@sofiamatz.com](mailto:solutions@sofiamatz.com).



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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## Highlights of the May 10 Organizational & Council Meetings

- Accepted the Certification of Elections presented by the Town Clerk and Canvassing Board Members.
- Re-elected Councilman Jordan Leonard sworn in for his four-year term.
- Re-appointed Mayor Kenneth Weinstein and Vice Mayor Ileene Wallace to serve for the next year.
- Re-appointed Town Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Town Attorney and Assistant Town Attorneys.
- Re-appointed and appointed new members to the Planning and Zoning Board to serve for two years.
- Re-appointed and appointed new Committee members to serve for the next year.
- Approved on second reading Ordinance #899 amending Section 23-12 related to swimming pools and swimming pool decking projections into the street side setback areas on corner lots.
- Approved on first reading a proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 18, Section 18-7 of the Town Code related to on-street parking in the Town owned right of way.
- Approved the sponsorship of the Adopt-A-Homeless Donation Meter Program sponsored by the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust.
- Approved Resolution #1110, the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and the Miami-Dade County Police Benevolent Association.
- Approved support of an upcoming event sponsored by the 1160 Hair salon to benefit Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K – 8 Center PTA Association.

## Anticipated Discussion Items for June 14 Council Meeting

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

- Second reading of a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 18 of the Town Code, Section 18-7, related to temporary use of the Town's property and right of way.
- First reading of a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the Town Code, Section 5-19, regarding windows and door openings. This ordinance is coming back on first reading from the last meeting with changes requested by the Town Council.