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It never fails to surprise me to watch our citizen volunteers, who without any compensation are willing to assist in problems and needs facing our community. In order to ensure success we must continue to seek individuals who are willing to participate and provide input. Only together can we build a “quality of life” that we wish for all of Bay Harbor Islands. The Council and its current citizen volunteers and staff work very hard to make this become a reality and ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely and effectively not only because of the bleak economic environment we presently face, but their own efforts to achieve the highest of personal standards for our Town.

We will all be asked shortly to renew our commitment to serve our community by volunteering for committees, running for elected office or just ensuring there is public accountability by our community leaders. We have noticed what appears to be a wall of corruption outside our community by public officials at all levels of government. Too often, those that don't want to participate will use as an excuse that the system is corrupted and cannot be fixed. What is even more depressing is the claim that those that do participate in any capacity are also corrupt seeking only power and money or to satisfy their egos instead of serving for the good of us all.

There is a solution to this negative stigma. Become a citizen volunteer or an elected official and prove that this theory is way out of line. If you think this does not concern you, look at what has been done by honest committed citizens of your community the next time you walk or drive throughout Town. See the clean and safe streets of our Islands or review what is being done to keep our community moving ahead with parks, street paving, lights, free public services, increased parking facilities, controlled growth and fair and honest police enforcement, just to name a few. These things just don't happen. It takes commitment to participate by all of us. We can make a difference and ensure the “jewel” of South Florida, Bay Harbor Islands, remains an example to all.

Get out and vote in the next election, volunteer for committees, use your powers to ensure that all who represent us at all levels of government do their job in their fight against public corruption.



-Ken

Outdoor Movie Night

Bay Harbor Islands will show the film *Back to the Future* on Saturday, March 20 at 8 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. The films are shown at the open lot at 1177 Kane Concourse. Free parking is available and snacks will be for sale with proceeds benefitting the Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center Broadcasting Club. Here is the 2010 schedule:

- April 17: *March of the Penguins*
- May 22: *Funny Girl*

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

Storytime at the Park

Storytime at the Park continues to entertain children and families 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. For more information, contact Town Hall at 305-866-6241 or visit www.bayharborislands.org.

- **March 5 & 19: *Magic and Stories with Merlina***

T-Shirt Finalists Recognized

Students from Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center were recently honored for their artistic efforts in designing the 2010 5K Race T-shirt.



(L-R) Mayor Kenneth Weinstein, contest winner Kalani Gonzalez, Aidan Levi-Minzi, Vice Mayor Ileene Wallace, Amado Viera and, far right, Jake Shevlin.

Run Proceeds Donated to PAL

The more than \$7,000 in proceeds generated by the 2010 5K Race sponsors and entrance fees were donated to the Surf-Bal-Bay Police Athletic League for their youth programs.



(L-R) PAL Director Jose Andrade, Vice Mayor Ileene Wallace, Mayor Kenneth Weinstein and Police Chief Duncan Young.

Morris and Anita Broad Community Picnic on April 11

Through a generous contribution from Morris and Anita Broad and the Shepard Broad Foundation, the Town's annual picnic was spared from budget reductions. The picnic is set for Sunday, April 11. The popular family-oriented event will be from 1-5 p.m. at the open lot at 1177 Kane Concourse.

The menu will include barbecue chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, kosher pizza and desserts. Entertainment will include music, clowns, bounce houses and a rock climbing wall. The Environmental Impact Committee will be hosting local environmental organizations to mark Earth Day and will have containers available to collect batteries and electronic equipment for recycling.

There is no cost, but tickets are required. Beginning March 29, tickets will be available at Town Hall or at the Police Station after hours on a first come, first served basis. Proof of residency is required. You may also request tickets by calling Town Hall at 305-866-6241 and ask that they be mailed to your Bay Harbor Islands address. The tickets will be collected the day of the picnic, so please bring them with you.

Serve your Town on a Citizen Committee

The Town is 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 to 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
- Environmental Impact
- Disaster Preparedness
- Parks & Recreation
- Education

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 be presently or formerly employed full time in engineering, architecture, land use and zoning law, city planning, construction or other field which substantially relates to the planning and development of real estate.



Recycle Old Batteries at Town Hall

Residents are encouraged to drop off their old household batteries at Town Hall for recycling.

April 20 Town Election Update

The Town will hold its annual municipal election on **Tuesday, April 20**, to fill one seat on the Town Council. The official qualifying period began on February 26 and ends March 19. Therefore, a complete list of candidates is not yet available. A brief article on each candidate will be included in the April issue of *NewsWaves*.

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 their votes. If you have not yet registered, you may obtain a registration form at Town Hall or at any state driver's license office. Under the law, the books close to new registrations 29 days prior to the election, Monday, March 22. If you are not sure if your registration is current or have other questions regarding registration, please contact the Miami-Dade County Elections Department at 305-499-8683.

If you are unable to go to the polls on the day of the election, absentee ballots may be requested by calling the Elections Department at 305-499-8444. Absentee ballots must be returned no later than 7 p.m. on the day of the election. **If you wish to become a candidate, file with the Town Clerk during regular business hours at Town Hall after 9 a.m. on Friday, February 26 and before 5 p.m. on Friday, March 19.**

Make Your Town Proud!



Morris Broad, the son of the founder of Bay Harbor Islands, Shepard Broad, wants you to display your Town pride. He has donated decorative auto tags for residents to display with pride. **Pick them up**

free of charge at Town Hall! "When I look at the tag on the front of my car, I get a wonderful feeling of pride and want the residents to share the same pride," Mr. Broad said.

Need help filling out the 2010 Census?



Starting in March, a representative from the U.S. Census Bureau will be available at Town Hall on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12 noon – 4 p.m. to assist residents in filling out the 2010 Census questionnaire. For additional information, please contact Town Hall at 305-866-6241.

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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.

- Disaster Preparedness Committee - Monday, Mar. 1 at 7 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning - Tuesday, Mar. 2 at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting - Monday, Mar. 8 at 7 p.m.
- Parks & Recreation Committee - Tuesday, Mar. 9 at 7 p.m.
- Environmental Impact Committee - Monday Mar. 15 at 6:45 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Committee - Tuesday, Mar. 16 at 7 p.m.
- Charter & Ordinance Review Committee - Monday, Mar. 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: April 12, May 10 & June 14
- Planning and Zoning Board Meetings: *ONLY* April 6, (due to Town Election on April 20), May 4 & 18, June 1 & 15

MEETING DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Join in a Celebration of Life! American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Surf-Bal-Bay Saturday, May 1, 2010

Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center • 1155 93rd St, Bay Harbor Islands
**Face painting • Live music • Healthy foods • Yoga
Fitness challenges for all ages • Art projects • Jump rope contest**

Contact: Suzanne Wolar (305) 779-2859



Seniors on the Go

Plan now to attend the next *Seniors on the Go* trip:

- Thursday, April 22, 2010
Gulfstream Park
(Bus leaves Town Hall at 10:30 a.m.) Participants receive 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.

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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www.bayharborislands.org

Highlights of the February 8 Council Meeting

- Approved on second reading Ordinance #897 amending Section 17-8 relating to temporary political signs to allow signs to go up 30 days prior to a municipal election.
- Approved a request from Town Manager Wasson for authorization to re-advertise the sale of public land (Lot 13, Block 20) which is the vacant area in front of the Municipal Parking Garage.
- Awarded a contract to Graphplex Signage in the amount of \$75,954.00 for stop/street name sign units and traffic control signs for the West Island.
- Awarded a contract to Horizon Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$714,680 for the Kane Concourse Sidewalk Replacement Project.
- Awarded a contract to Calvin Giordano and Associates in the amount of \$88,090 for project management and governmental services for the Kane Concourse Sidewalk Replacement Project.
- Awarded a revised contract in the amount of \$453,000 for project BHI-143, 92nd Street Park. The amount has been revised to include the previously approved contract amount plus additional improvements selected by the Parks and Recreation Committee, project management services by Calvin Giordano and a contingency fund.

Anticipated Discussion Items for March 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 and docks.
- Discussion on amending Section 23-12(24) regarding Storm Shutters / Balcony Enclosures.