



# Bay Harbor Islands

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What makes our Town unique? Simply put the people who help in creating the quality of life we have come to enjoy. If we are really honest with ourselves, we expect it. This is not selfish. There is just more to this statement that we should be aware of, but frequently let it go unnoticed.

Here is what I mean, just to name a few examples. There is a family which gives significant amounts of money to our community picnics and other good causes within our Town without asking anything in return. Then, there are the Town's Police Officers who give of their time so our children and many others from less fortunate surroundings can have Christmas with all the trimmings. Even our citizens who volunteer from the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) willingly staff the refreshment booth at the outdoor movies to raise money for PTA activities for our children and teachers. In addition, the owner of the land where the free movies are shown allows us to use it without a fee and a doctor whose office is nearby gave the community the use of his electricity for the lighting and projector without compensation. There is even a citizen of our community who is producing a DVD at no cost to our Town about Hurricane Preparedness so that our neighbors and friends who can't attend the hurricane symposiums can see the presentation on our cable channel. This man has even given up his salary from time to time while working with the Police Activity League (PAL) when funding has become difficult to secure. That's not the end of it by far. A senior public servant turned down a well deserved pay raise knowing how hard the coming year will be for meeting budgetary issues. Even the Town Council gives its dollar a year salary to charity as another symbol of community spirit.

These examples are just the tip of the iceberg of our community's togetherness. Believe it or not, without fan fare or self aggrandizement their reasons for doing it seem pretty clear. The giving of time, money and labor gives great personal satisfaction in knowing this helps all of us in achieving the standards we have come to enjoy.

The year ahead will not be easy for any of us, but by working together we can assure our "quality of life" will continue to improve.

I salute the men and women who willingly give of themselves. These are the people who make Bay Harbor Islands what it is today.



*Ken*

# Results of April 7 Town Election

At the recent election, voters of the Town of Bay Harbor Islands re-elected Stephanie Bruder and Alberto Ruder to office for a four-year term and Jordan W. Leonard will complete the one-year term of former Mayor Peter Lynch. Four candidates ran for office, Stephanie Bruder had 560 votes, Jordan W. Leonard had 523 votes, Alberto Ruder had 539 votes and Denis Neuhut had 343 votes. Therefore, Bruder, Leonard and Ruder earned the majority votes.

Out of a total 2,885 registered voters, 430 came to the polls and 349 voted by absentee ballot, for a total of 779 voters who participated in this year's election. This represents 27 percent of the Town's registered voters.

Bruder, Leonard, and Ruder were sworn in at the Town's Organizational Meeting on April 13.



*Town Clerk Marlene Marante administers the Oath of Office to (L-R) Alberto Ruder, Jordan W. Leonard and Stephanie Bruder.*

## Mayor, Vice Mayor and Staff Take Oath of Office



*At the completion of the Town's annual election, Mayor Kenneth Weinstein and Vice Mayor Ileene Wallace were reappointed and sworn into office as were Town staff (L-R) Deputy Town Clerk Pat Gibbs, Town Attorney Craig B. Sherman, Assistant Town Attorney Frank Simone and Town Clerk Marlene Marante.*

## OLLI and Bay Harbor Islands Join Forces

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Florida International University (FIU) in partnership with the Town of Bay Harbor Islands will be offering non-credit courses held at the Bay Harbor Islands Town Council Chambers.

Membership into OLLI is required. For more information, please contact Clara Barman at 305-919-5910.

### **Course: Dutch Cinema**

Instructor: Mariette Fisher

Time: Wednesday from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Dates: May 6, 13, 20, 27

Fee: \$70

## Elected Officials Donate \$1 Salaries



*Following the long Town tradition of donating their annual salaries of \$1 to their favorite charity, Council members made a donation to the Police Athletic League.*

# Grease is the Word at May Movie

Join Danny and Sandy for some musical fun as the classic *Grease* will wrap up the Bay Harbor Islands outdoor film series on Saturday, May 16 at 8 p.m.

Set in 1959 California, greaser Danny Zuko and Sandy Olssen fall in love on the beach only to clash once they return to their high school cliques. They struggle to stay together while keeping their teen identities.

Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy an evening under the stars with your neighbors. Admission is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be available for purchase with

the proceeds benefiting the Ruth K. Broad

Bay Harbor K-8 Center's Grades 5-7 Yes! Career Program. The films are shown at the open lot at 1177 Kane Concourse. Free parking is available.

For information, contact Town Hall at 305-866-6241 or visit [www.bayharborislands.org](http://www.bayharborislands.org).

## Storytime at the Park

The Storytime at the Park program entertains children and families at the Bay Harbor Islands' Tot Lot at West Broadview Drive and 96th Street. Admission is free.

For more information, contact Town Hall at 305-866-6241 or visit [www.bayharborislands.org](http://www.bayharborislands.org).

Friday, May 1 at 4 p.m.: *Magic with Merlina*

Friday, May 15 at 4 p.m.: *Miss Gail*

## Deadline Extended to Volunteer!

### Serve your Town on a Committee

At the Town Council meeting held on April 13, the Council decided to extend the deadline to sign up for committee participation. The new deadline is now **May 22**.

If you are interested in participating and feel qualified to provide input, please submit a letter of interest and a copy of your 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](mailto:mmarante@bayharborislands.net). Please mention which committee(s) you are interested in joining. **Remember, the new deadline to submit is May 22.** The following committees are open for citizen participation: Charter/Ordinance Review, Disaster Preparedness, Education, Environmental Impact, and Parks and Recreation.

## 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, May 5 at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting - Tuesday, May 11 at 7 p.m.
- Planning and Zoning - Tuesday, May 19 at 7 p.m.
- Offices closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day

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, May 4 at 6:45 p.m.
- Parks & Recreation - Tuesday, May 12 at 7 p.m.
- Education - Wednesday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m.
- Charter & Ordinance Review - TBA

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: June 8, July 13 and August 10
- Planning and Zoning Board Meetings: June 2 & 16, July 7 & 21 and August 4 & 18.
- 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 Council Meeting on **Monday, May 11, 2009**. All items are subject to change.

- Second reading of a proposed Ordinance amending Section 17-2 and Section 17-20(s) of the sign Code to change the fees for the real estate signs and provide transferability of signs within the Town.
- Second reading of a proposed Ordinance amending Section 2-1 of the Town Code to codify existing policies for competitive bidding, purchasing requirements, bid and protest procedures, etc.
- Discussion of proposed ordinance regarding the adoption of regulations for abandoned or distressed properties within the Town.



## SPRING PICNIC!

### Residents Enjoy Earth Day

BHI residents enjoyed a mixture of fun, food, music, games and environmental awareness at the Spring Picnic and Earth Day celebration. Held under sunny skies at the grassy lot on Kane Concourse, the event featured plenty of activities for children, the soothing sounds of the talented Miami Beach Rock Ensemble and a delicious picnic menu. Many thanks to the Town staff and volunteers who made the memorable day a success.



*Councilman Isaac Salver, Councilman Alberto Ruder, Councilman Jordan Leonard*



*Lewis Beilman (L), from the South Florida Water Management District accepts a proclamation declaring April "Water Conservation Month" from Mayor Kenneth Weinstein and Susan Luck, Chair of the Environmental Impact Committee.*



*Councilman Jordan Leonard, Vice Mayor Ileene Wallace, Miami-Dade County Commissioner Sally Heyman, Mayor Kenneth Weinstein, Councilman Alberto Ruder, Councilwoman Sephanie Bruder and Councilman Robert Yaffe.*



## Town's June 4 'Bark Stroll' to Benefit Humane Society

Residents and their pet dogs are invited to attend The Bay Harbor Islands Bark Stroll, a fun street party on Thursday, June 4 from 5pm to 8pm on Kane Concourse and the surrounding Business District. Enjoy complimentary refreshments and entertainment while visiting the participating shops and services. There will be raffles for sale to benefit the Humane Society and a portion of sales made that evening will go to the organization.

The Humane Society of Greater Miami-Adopt-A-Pet is dedicated to placing every dog and cat in its care into a loving home, and to promoting responsible pet ownership and spay/neuter programs. ***Plan now to attend The Bay Harbor Islands Bark Stroll.***



**HUMANE SOCIETY  
OF GREATER MIAMI  
ADOPT-A-PET**

## BHI Police Participate in DUI Check Point



Captain Ken Klingman of Bal Harbour Police Department and BHI Assistant Police Chief Allan Sjoberg.



Officers Kathy Sullivan and Patrick Munschy stop a vehicle at the check point.

## Recording Your Property Can Prevent Burglary

Bay Harbor Islands is a safe community, but we are not immune from crime. Here are some tips to make your home more secure.

- Make your home look occupied, and make it difficult to break in.
- Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed. Even if you leave for a short time, lock your doors.
- Leave lights on when you go out. If you are going to be away for a length of time, connect some lamps to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day.
- Keep your garage door closed and locked.
- Don't allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers or flyers to build up while you are away.
- Arrange with the Post Office to hold your mail, or arrange for a friend or neighbor to take them regularly.
- Arrange for your lawn to be mowed if you are going away for an extended time.
- Check your locks on doors and windows and replace them with secure devices as necessary. Pushbutton locks on doorknobs are easy for burglars to open. Install deadbolt locks on all your outside doors.
- Sliding glass doors are vulnerable. Special locks are available for better security.

Most importantly, keep a detailed inventory of your valuable possessions, including a description of the items, date of purchase and original value, and serial numbers, and keep a copy in a safe place away from home -- this is a good precaution in case of fires or other disasters. Make a photographic or video record of valuable objects, heirlooms and antiques. A downloadable form for you to print and record your information is available at: [www.bayharborislands.org](http://www.bayharborislands.org)

## Obey Pet Laws and Respect Neighbors Property

Many people who own a dog, especially those who live in apartments where there is no private yard, walk the dog several times a day. **Please remember that the yards of other residents, grassy areas and the roadway are not intended to be your pet's toilet.** It is rude, inconsiderate, and unsanitary to leave your dog's excrement where it becomes a nuisance and a health hazard. You are required to pick up and remove the waste under Section 4-15 of the Town Code. **Violators will be issued \$50 fines.** In addition, dogs must be leashed and are prohibited from running at large within city limits. Sections 4-9, 4-10, 4-13.

## Homebuyer Assistance Lottery Available Under USHUD Program

Miami-Dade County and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (USHUD) recently established the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) grant agreement. This program provides second mortgage subsidies towards the acquisition of affordable single-family homes for low and moderate income residents.

The County's Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) will utilize a lottery process for the award of second mortgages to eligible buyers. These second mortgages, considered spot loans, will qualify in any of the NSP target areas. A qualified applicant must be pre-approved by a first mortgage lender and may only purchase a foreclosed home with a maximum purchase of \$205,000.

Applications are available until May 22, 2009, online at the County's website and at County offices. For more information, please contact Clarence Brown at 786-469-2221.

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### **Town Council**

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*Mayor*

Ileene S. Wallace  
*Vice Mayor*

Stephanie Bruder  
*Councilwoman*

Jordan W. Leonard  
*Councilman*

Alberto Ruder  
*Councilman*

Isaac Salver  
*Councilman*

Robert H. Yaffe  
*Councilman*

### **Town Officials**

Ronald J. Wasson  
*Town Manager*

Marlene Marante  
*Town Clerk*

Craig B. Sherman  
*Town Attorney*

Duncan W. Young  
*Chief of Police*

Alan Short  
*Finance Director*

For information or emergencies:

Town Hall: (305) 866-6241

Building Department: (305) 993-1786

Police: (305) 866-6242

**Emergency: 911**

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

## Highlights of the April 13 Council Meeting

- Elected Council members Stephanie Bruder, Jordan W. Leonard, and Alberto Ruder were sworn in to office.
- Re-appointment of Kenneth Weinstein as Mayor and Ileene Wallace as Vice Mayor to serve another one year term.
- Re-appointment of Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, Town Attorney, and Assistant Town Attorneys for another one year term.
- Re-appointment of Councilman Alberto Ruder to the Board of Trustees of the Employees Retirement System.
- Approved a variance request from Section 23-12(6)(a)(i), to permit a dock to be higher than the allowable 1.5 inches above the seawall for a property located at 9700 West Broadview Drive, Lot 66, Block 23, Bay Harbor Islands, Florida. This application for a variance was requested by the property owner Rafael Egozi.
- Approved on first reading a proposed Ordinance amending Section 17-2 and Section 17-20(s) of the sign Code to change the fees for the real estate signs and provide transferability of signs within the Town.
- Approved on first reading a proposed Ordinance amending Section 2-1 of the Town Code to codify existing policies for competitive bidding, purchasing requirements, bid and protest procedures, etc.
- Approved Resolution #1095 supporting the Miami-Dade County initiative with regards to high quality education.
- Consensus to support a fund raising event in the Business District to be held June 4, 2009, that will benefit the Humane Society of Greater Miami Adopt-A-Pet.
- Approval to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Miami-Dade Fire Department to cover construction, engineering and design costs for the planned fire rescue station. This agreement includes payment in the amount of \$30,500, which represents half of the cost.
- Approval of payment of Change Order #4 in the amount of \$47,039.44 to Dooley Mack Constructors of South Florida, LLC for costs to relocate a 6" water line on the site where the parking garage is being built.