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In this month's Mayor's Message column I want to bring you up to date on some of the projects that have been completed and what major projects lay immediately ahead. My efforts to economize on space in the NewsWaves prompted this approach for using the space reserved for the Mayor's Message to allow for this update.

To begin with, just to name a few examples, the new garage was opened on January 4, 2010, and to date is operating without any problems. We are still in the learning curve in training staff and getting familiar with all the operating systems. We also came in under budget by approximately \$100,000. The facility will provide ample parking for our business community, school and visitors for years to come. As an added advantage the structure will also serve as a home for the new Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Station and a Bay Harbor Islands community center.

Community Enhancements Phase II, which covers the north side of the West Island is nearing completion. The project includes roadway restoration, lighting, drainage, landscaping and replacing and relocating the existing water mains from behind residences to the street in front of homes. The process should be complete in April. Some delays may occur as a result of weather and the designs of some of the homes.

In the immediate future we will continue to keep our staff and supporting activities fully committed as we replace and upgrade landscaping on Phase I that has been damaged by weather and restrictions of water usage. Trees, shrubs and sprinkler systems will be replaced where needed as part of the beautification of that portion of the West Island. This work is being done with Town staff to save tax dollars.

Community Enhancements in Phase III on the East Island are already underway with planning and engineering moving forward. The same type of improvements, new curbs, gutters, lighting, landscaping and water mains will be included in this project. It is expected to take 12 to 14 months to complete barring any unusual delays.

Kane Concourse has not been forgotten. The improvement project will include new bus shelters, benches, sidewalks, bike racks and landscaping. Federal Stimulus funds and grants will be utilized to reduce the cost of these enhancements to our Town. Work will be done at night to minimize the impact on the business community. New lighting was installed in 2009.

We have just scratched the surface of what has been done in 2009 and already began in 2010. The Council and staff working together are making things happen. There will be some inconvenience to our community and to residents and for that we apologize. Change for the good has a way of doing that. We are proud of what has been accomplished in our Town and excited about what lies ahead in making our "quality of life" even better. Please feel free to contact Town Hall at 305-866-6241 for updates and questions concerning on-going projects.



Ken

One seat to be decided on April 20th

Annual Town Council Election

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands will hold its annual municipal election on Tuesday, April 20th, to fill one seat on the Town Council. Councilman Jordan Leonard is seeking re-election. Resident Kent Harrison Robbins is also seeking election. 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 votes to fill the elective seat. The Town's two precincts are combined in one location for our municipal election. The polling place is located in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Town Hall at 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace. Remember to bring your voter's card and official photo identification with your name, address and signature (such as a driver's license). The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will take their oath of office at the Town's annual organizational meeting on Monday, May 10, 2010.

Jordan W. Leonard, 32



Spouse: Meytal

Children : Josh, Newborn

Educational Background: B.S., Florida State University with a Double Major in Political Science & History

Professional/Occupational Information: Non-Profit Executive. Served as an Assistant to the City Manager, Village Clerk and State Legislative Aide for several governmental entities. Councilman since 2008, Chairman of the Town's Charter & Ordinance Review Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Town's Litigation Committee, Former President & Board of Director's of the Bay Harbor Islands Citizens Coalition, Former President & Board of Director's of the Coral Sea Towers Cooperative Board

Resident of South Florida since: Born & Raised

Resident of Bay Harbor Islands since: Family has resided in Bay Harbor since 1954

Hobbies and Interests: Spending time with my wife and son.

Future Goals for Bay Harbor Islands: If re-elected I will continue to support the Town's infrastructure and community enhancement projects. This includes finishing Phase II on the North section of the West Island, updating Phase I on the South side of the West Island and beginning Phase III, the East Island, this year which will include new water pipes, paved streets, concrete electrical poles, lighting and for the first time walking paths for pedestrians on all streets. I will also continue to support the building of a new community center for seniors & children and the completion of the Fire Rescue Station on 95th Street and new park on 92nd Street. Lastly, I will continue to diligently work hard with my colleagues on the Council to ensure that in these difficult economic times that your tax dollars are being spent wisely for the benefit of the entire Town.

Any Comments about Bay Harbor Islands: Bay Harbor Islands is truly one of the best places to grow-up, live and raise a family. With the newest addition of our family, Josh, I am proud to say that our family has resided in Bay Harbor for four generations spanning 56 years. In South Florida many say that it is rare to live where you grew up, or where your Mother grew up, for that matter. I see it as a testament to the high quality of life that exists in our Town. As a Bobcat alumni, neighbor, husband and now parent I intend to ensure that our Town continues the tradition of providing the highest quality of services for the lowest cost to taxpayers for my family and yours.

Kent Harrison Robbins, 55



Children: N/A, niece Madison Emas, 14

Educational Background: Juris Doctorate, University of Florida, 1978; Bachelor of Arts, Economics, Florida International University, 1975; Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Haverford College, 1976 and, Miami Beach High, 1972

Professional/Occupational Information: Attorney at Law for 31 years. He has had his own law firm for 29 years, which has been located on Washington Avenue on South Beach for 22 years. He employs four people and includes counsel in offices in San Juan, Puerto Rico and Montreal, Canada

Resident of South Florida since: Entire life

Resident of Bay Harbor Islands since: 2002

Hobbies and Interests: Sierra Club Miami Group, historic preservation and environmental issues. Education Director for Miami-Dade Historic Neighborhood Preservation Coalition, Inc.

Future Goals for Bay Harbor Islands: I am concerned about the general state of the Kane Concourse Business District. I am also especially concerned about historic preservation in the East Island of Bay Harbor Islands because Miami Beach has shown that historic preservation is the ultimate insurance policy in real estate value.

Any Comments about Bay Harbor Islands: I want to see a more responsive city administration. I am constantly amazed by the number of complaints that government is not responsive enough. There is a need for greater accountability and transparency.

Community Picnic Reminder

The Morris and Anita Broad Community Picnic is Sunday, April 11 from 1- 5 p.m. Tickets are available at Town Hall or the Police Department. Free to Bay Harbor Islands residents.

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.

- **April 9:** Magic and Stories with Merlina
- **April 16:** Stories with Miss Gail

Flood Protection Information

Because Bay Harbor Islands lies entirely in a floodplain, the Town is required to have floodplain management ordinances. These ordinances, which were adopted in 1993 and updated in 2009, allow the Town to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The Town's participation in the NFIP enables property owners to obtain flood insurance. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has determined that municipalities in Miami-Dade County should be considered separately to insure better compliance with NFIP regulations.

The Town has received classification in the NFIP's Community Rating System (CRS). As a result of the Town's participation in the CRS, residents may be able to receive a discount on flood insurance premiums. You can help by providing the Town's Building Department with a flood elevation certificate for your property.

LOCAL FLOOD HAZARD

All properties located within the Town are in the flood hazard area. It is imperative that you know what to do to minimize flood damage. Bay Harbor Islands is comprised of two barrier islands surrounded by Biscayne Bay and a storm surge from a hurricane or tropical storm may flood the entire Town.

TOWN FLOOD SERVICES

The Town offers the following services: map determination, consultations on the FEMA 50 percent rule, site specific elevations for mechanical equipment, elevation certificates and brochures. Staff will visit properties on request to review flood exposure and prevention steps. The Building Department is located on the second floor of Town Hall. For further assistance, call 305-993-1786.

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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.

- Regular Council Meeting - Monday, Apr. 12 at 7 p.m.
- Parks & Recreation Committee - Tuesday, Apr. 13 at 7 p.m.
- TOWN ELECTION - Tuesday, Apr. 20, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Charter & Ordinance Review Committee - Monday, Apr. 26 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: May 10, June 14 & July 12
- Planning and Zoning Board Meetings: May 4 & 18, June 1 & 15 and July 6 & 20

MEETING DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

IN MEMORIAM

Resident Sarita Morjaim, age 90

Bay Harbor Islands is sad to announce that long-time resident Sarita Morjaim recently passed away. Sarita was born in Havana, Cuba and arrived in the United States in 1961. She was a trustee and member of the Temple Menorah as well as a member of Temple Moses both on Miami Beach. She was a Ruby Lion of Judah of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, supporter of the Jewish Home at Douglas Gardens, League Against Cancer and many other charitable organizations.

She celebrated her 90th birthday in the company of four hundred relatives and close friends. She will be greatly missed by all that cherished her ever-present smile and bright spirit.

Donate Books to A Novel Idea

Resident Elan Radick continues his efforts to collect used books for Title-One schools and Florida prisons. Last year he collected over 11,500 donations. His community service project, *A Novel Idea*, is now in its fifth year. This year his brother, Alex, joins him in these efforts. Donations can be dropped off on Elan's porch or he can come to your home and pick them up. Collections continue until **Sunday, April 25**. Please e-mail laurenradick@hotmail.com to make arrangements. Books may also be dropped off at Town Hall.

DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

A serious risk is the blockage of catch basins by debris which prevents proper drainage of storm water. The Town sweeps the streets on a weekly basis and monitors all catch basins after each storm event. Do not place lawn cuttings or any debris out by the curbside on the weekend. This is a violation of Section 9-23 of the Town Code. Please report illegal dumping into any catch basins at 305-866-6241.

FLOOD SAFETY TIPS

- Do not walk through flowing water! Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths. If you walk in standing water, use a pole or stick to ensure the ground is still there.
- Do not drive through a flooded area! More people drown in their cars than anywhere else.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires! The number two flood killer after drowning is electrocution. Immediately report downed power lines to FPL or the Police Department.
- Have your electricity turned off by FPL. Some appliances keep electrical charges even after they have been unplugged.
- Look out for animals, especially snakes! Small animals that have been flooded out of their homes may seek shelter in yours.
- Look before you step! After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris including broken bottles and nails.
- Be alert for gas leaks! Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns or open flames until the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.

FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM

Monitor local radio and television stations for critical emergency information. The following local radio and television stations will provide critical information as part of the Emergency Broadcast System: WIOD-610 AM (E), WFOR-CH 4 (E), WQBA-1140 AM (S), WTVJ-CH 6 (E), WINZ-940 AM (E), WSVN-CH 7 (E), WAQI-710 AM (S), WPLG-CH 10 (E), WLTV-CH 23 (S). (E) = English (S) = Spanish. Emergency information covering procedures and evacuation routes is available from the Miami-Dade County Office of Emergency Management, 9300 NW 41st Street, Miami (305) 468-5400. In the event of a hurricane, **all residents are required to evacuate**. Shelter information will be broadcast at the time of the emergency. Residents should make plans well in advance and public emergency shelters should be your last resort. Always dial 911 for Police and Fire Rescue services. Other sources for information for Special Flood Hazard Areas and insurance are: Town Hall, 305-866-6241; Library, 305-682-0726; DERM, 305-375-3376; S. Florida Water Management, 407-687-6966; State NFIP Coordinator; 904-487-4915 and FEMA 404-853-4408. Detailed information concerning flood preparedness and insurance is available at Miami-Dade County Library, Sunny Isles Beach Branch, 18070 Collins Avenue, Sunny Isles Beach, 305-682-0726.

FLOOD PROOFING

Flood proofing means alterations to your building to improve the ability of structures to withstand flood damages. Prepare your own emergency list of activities in case of a flood, tropical storm or hurricane. You must take action now to minimize losses to your property and possessions.

There are a number of ways to flood proof your structure, including flood panels, earthen berms, flood walls and elevating

structures. Information can be found in the library in the book *Retrofitting Flood Prone Residential Structures*. Flood proofing measures can reduce flood insurance. Storm shutters should be obtained for all doors and window openings on your building. All garage doors should be checked and reinforced if necessary. A building permit is required for the installation of shutters.

Dry flood proofing includes sealing or waterproofing with special materials and compounds which provide a chemical or physical barrier against water intrusion during flooding.

FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT

Bay Harbor Islands has a flood damage prevention ordinance that governs all development. This ordinance complies with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program and applicable state law. Cumulative substantial improvement over a five year period is contained in the ordinance. Work that exceeds 50% of the value of the structure in five years triggers additional requirements. The NFIP requires if the cost of reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition or other improvements to a building equals or exceeds 50% of the building's market value, then the building must meet the same construction requirements as a new building. Substantially damaged buildings must be brought up to the same standards. All development and improvements require permitting from the Building Department. This includes buildings, fences, slabs, pools, sprinklers, air-conditioners, excavations, grading and filling. Any work that has a value of \$100 or more must have a permit. If you are considering doing any work to your property, contact the Building Department for a free consultation. All work must have a permit card prominently displayed. Anyone who sees construction work being performed and does not see a permit card should contact the Building Department.

FLOOD INSURANCE

Always carry flood insurance! Regular homeowner's insurance does not cover flood losses, but during the life of an average mortgage, residents have a 26% chance of experiencing a major flood disaster during a 30-year mortgage. Flood insurance through the NFIP is available through a licensed property and casualty insurance broker. Limits to coverage are \$250,000 for residential and \$500,000 for commercial. If you are

covered, check that the building coverage is adequate and you have contents insurance. Contents insurance can be purchased with a separate premium. Limits to contents coverage are \$100,000 for residential and \$500,000 for non-residential. **When purchasing flood insurance, there is a 30-day waiting period before the policy takes effect.**



March of the Penguins to be Shown at Movie Night



The Town of Bay Harbor Islands will show the film *March of the Penguins* in celebration of April's Earth Day. The movie will be shown on Saturday, April 17 at 8 p.m. at the open lot at 1177 Kane Concourse. Admission is free and open to the public. Free

parking is available and snacks will be for sale with proceeds benefitting the Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center Broadcasting Club. The final movie of the series is:

- **May 22: *Funny Girl***

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

POLICE BEAT

Police Show Off 'Super' Badges



This 24K gold plated and engraved Super Bowl XLIV badge was worn by some Bay Harbor Islands police

officers during Super Bowl week. The commemorative badge was authorized for uniform wear by Miami-Dade County law enforcement agencies from February 1 - 8.

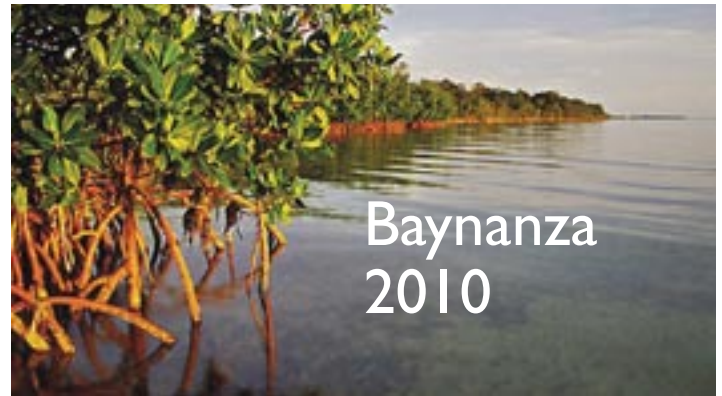
Police Staff Organize Haiti Relief

Immediately following the devastating Haiti earthquake, Officer Paul Brilliant and Dispatcher Linda Presendieu formed a committee to organize and facilitate our local relief efforts. A tremendous amount of non-perishable goods have been donated by our generous citizens through this initiative. On

a weekly basis, Off. Brilliant and Dispatcher Presendieu were joined by Lt. Curtis Johnson to transport donations to the primary County collection point.



(L-R) Lt. Curtis Johnson, Dispatcher Linda Presendieu, Officer Paul Brilliant and Public Works Department employee Emmanuel Jonassaint.



Baynanza 2010

Join thousands of volunteers in the annual county-wide Baynanza Biscayne Bay Cleanup Day set for Saturday, April 17, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The two closest staging areas to Bay Harbor Islands are Surfside, 94th Street and Collins Avenue, and Haulover Beach Park, 10800 Collins Avenue. Those interested in participating can register online at www.miamidade.gov/derm. All registered volunteers will receive a free commemorative T-shirt. Be sure to bring water, sunscreen, mosquito repellent, a hat, sunglasses, gloves and closed toe shoes. For more information call 305-372-6784.

Seniors on the Go

- 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.

Tune In to BHI on Channel 77

From Bay Harbor Islands Council meetings to Town services to upcoming events, residents can tune into Channel 77 on our local cable supplier, Atlantic Broadband, for the latest in Town news and happenings. Currently, the government access channel is showing the most recent Town Council and Planning & Zoning Board meetings. General information on Town services, elected officials, police and emergency information is also available.

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



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>	
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Highlights of the March 8 Council Meeting

- Approved on first reading a proposed Ordinance amending Section 23-12(24) which establishes regulations for the installation of hurricane/storm shutters.
- Approved Resolution No. 1107 urging the Florida State Legislature to provide each region of the State its fair share of State funding based on where revenue is generated.
- Approved a request to utilize forfeiture funds for the purchase, manufacture and installation of a “Police Department” sign at Town Hall.
- Awarded an extension of project management services to Calvin Giordano and Associates in an amount not to exceed \$35,690 for roadway and construction oversight and for the water main installation until April 1, 2010 for Community Enhancements Phase II.
- Approved Change Order #31 in the amount of \$17,369.42 for all required modifications to the new Municipal Parking Garage, as requested by the Miami-Dade Fire Department Inspection and Review Section.
- Approved the lease agreement between the Town and the Miami-Dade Fire Department for the use of 7,525 square feet of space in the Town’s Parking Garage for an annual rent of \$120,400.
- Approved new lighting for Community Enhancements Phase III.

Anticipated Discussion Items for April 12 Council Meeting

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

- Second reading of a proposed Ordinance amending Section 23-12(24) which establishes regulations for the installation of hurricane/storm shutters.
- Review of Council and Citizen Committee assignments and appointment or re-appointment of committee members as applicable.