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On Tuesday, April 1, Bay Harbor voters will cast their votes to fill two seats on the Town Council. I hope to see you at the polls on election day, exercising your right and responsibility to voice your opinion and have a say in how our Town is governed.

In this issue, we have included profiles on the three candidates for the Council seats (see pages 4-5). Please take a few minutes to review their qualifications and visions for the future of Bay Harbor Islands.

Bay Harbor has a seven member Council and an annual election. Each year we elect two members of the Town Council, except for every fourth year when we elect a single member. This year the voters would have elected one Council member but due to the resignation of a Council member last year, the Town is also holding a special election. This system of annual elections dates back to the Town's founding almost 70 years ago. The Town founders adopted this staggered election cycle to assure that there would always be experienced Council members in office after each election to promote continuity of Town governance and the best interests of the community. As we approach election day, we again salute our Founders.



Speaking of Town history, we have recently launched the Shepard Lecture Series. This event began in February with a lecture by Morris Broad, son of Town founder Shepard Broad, on this history of the Town. In March, Seth Bramson, author of 33154, was scheduled to speak about the history of the towns within the 33154 zip code. We thank the Shepard Broad Foundation for sponsoring the Lecture Series.

Finally, thanks again to Morris and Anita Broad, the Shepard Broad Foundation and our hard-working Town staff for another successful Town Picnic on March 16th. The great music, delicious food and the fellowship of friends and neighbors made for a great afternoon.

See you at the polls!

Bob

BHI Celebrates 2014 Community Picnic

More than 800 Bay Harbor residents and visitors enjoyed the Town's annual community picnic and Earth Day celebration on Sunday, March 16. With breezy, sunny weather, the crowd listened to the sound of the Miami Beach High School Rock Ensemble while children were entertained by a variety of activities and special treats. In addition to the delicious food, local organizations were on hand to promote environmental issues and collect batteries and electronic equipment to be recycled. Thanks to Town staff for their efforts in organizing the successful event and to the Shepard Broad Foundation for their generous sponsorship.



(L-R) Bay Harbor Islands Council members Kelly Reid, Joshua Fuller, Isaac Salver, Mayor Robert Yaffe, Vice Mayor Jordan W. Leonard, Council member Solange Rousselot and son, Brando; Morris and Anita Broad and Miami-Dade Commissioner Sally Heyman.



News from Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center Broad Foundation Support Benefits Students

The Shepard Broad Foundation has been instrumental in providing invaluable yearly support to the students at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center. Just this year, the Broad Foundation provided funding to ensure that school children have safe and new playgrounds allowing them to be more physically active. The primary playground is completely completed and the intermediate playground is about 90% complete.

The Foundation also makes it possible for all of the school's teachers to participate in a partnership with the University of Florida Lastinger's Center where they learn best practices and sharpen their teaching skills. As part of this program, Principal Rodriguez participates in the Principal's Network and Leadership Institute and

the assistant principals participate in the AP Leadership Professional Learning Communities (PLC).

Sunday With Shepard
LECTURE SERIES

Save the Date

For the next
Sunday With Shepard Lecture
11 a.m. Sunday, April 27, 2014

Electric Car Charging Available at Town Garage



Car Charging Group, a nationwide provider of electric vehicle (EV) charging services, has added a car charging station in the town's parking

garage located at 1165 95th Street. The charging station is at Level II, which provides 240 volts with 32 amps of power to quickly recharge an electric vehicle's battery. Drivers can request a SemaConnect card on CarCharging's website (www.CarCharging.com). CarCharging also accepts direct payment via credit card.

"Partnering with CarCharging is a win-win proposition for Bay Harbor Islands," said Vice Mayor Jordan W. Leonard. "CarCharging provides and installs the hardware, and operate and maintain the services, so there is no cost to the town."

Read a Book, Leave a Book

In an effort to promote literacy in the Town, we invite you to join in our *Read a Book, Leave a Book Program*. Visit either the Bay Harbor Islands Tot Lot or the 92nd Street Park and read a book, leave a book in our Bay Harbor Islands book cabinet located in the entrance of the park. Children can pick up a book, read it and return it back to the cabinet. We also welcome anyone to leave a book in the cabinet or at town hall for our children to read.

Storytime at the Park

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands invites you to enjoy an afternoon at the Park

April 4: **Stories & Magic with Merlina**

April 18: **Stories with Miss Nancy**

1st & 3rd Friday at 4 p.m. at the Bay Harbor Islands Tot Lot
North of Kane Concourse on West Broadview Drive

FREE/Bring your blanket or chair. For more info please call Town Hall at 305-866-6241 or visit the Town's website at www.bayharborislands.org.

Meet the Candidates Forum on March 25

The March 25 Candidates Forum is your opportunity to meet candidates for the upcoming April 1 Town election. The League of Women Voters will host this pre-election debate on Tuesday, March 25 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall Council Chambers.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute to Offer Classes at Town Hall

Florida International University's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) will begin offering courses at the Bay Harbor Islands Town Hall beginning April 28.

Two courses are currently scheduled: **Healthy Living** (six weeks, on Mondays from April 28 to June 9, from 1:30 -3 p.m.) and **Books Inside Out** (six weeks on Tuesdays from April 29 - June 3 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. OLLI will administer the classes.

For more information, please contact Clara Barman at (305) 919-5910.

Tai Chi for Seniors

Tai Chi for Seniors will be held from Tuesday, April 8 through Thursday, May 29, 2014. The eight-week course is a healthy and therapeutic exercise program for seniors. The classes are held at the Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center, twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-6 p.m. For more information, contact Regine Choute at (305) 866-6241.

Pee-Wee Soccer

The Bay Harbor Islands Pee-Wee Soccer Program continues at the 98th Street Park. This eight-week course will cater to children ages 12 months to five years old and is held on Mondays and Wednesdays (depending on the age category). The course is \$160 for residents and \$200 for non-residents with a \$10 registration fee per family. There is a 25% discount for families with more than one child in the same household (must register by week 4 to receive multiple child discount). Call Town Hall (305) 866-6241.

A Bug's Life is the April Outdoor

The April Outdoor movie will be the animated classic *A Bug's Life*. The featured presentation will begin at 8 p.m. at the vacant lot at 1177 Kane Concourse. Remember to bring your blanket or chair for a fun evening under the stars.

Admission and parking is free and children must be accompanied by an adult. *Plan now to attend!* For more information, contact Town Hall at (305) 866-6241 or visit the Town website: www.bayharborislands.org.

ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands will hold its annual municipal election on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 to fill two seats on the Town Council. The candidates are Joshua Fuller, Jordan W. Leonard and Paul Ruthfield. 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 seats. The Town's two precincts are combined in one location for our municipal election. The polling place is located in

CANDIDATE



Name: Joshua Fuller

Age: 40

Spouse Name: Lisa

Children: Mandy, 8; Alexa, 6; Ryan, almost 2

Educational Background: B.S., Finance, University of Florida; J.D., Cornell Law School

Professional/Occupational Information: Attorney and investment consultant

Resident of South Florida since: Born & Raised

Resident of Bay Harbor Islands since: 1973

Hobbies and Interests: Spending time with my kids.

Future Goals for Bay Harbor Islands:

Building the proposed community center and making sure it includes a library and activities for residents of all ages.

Any Comments about Bay Harbor Islands:

It is important that as Bay Harbor Islands grows, we do not sacrifice our security and our way of life. I have been committed to improving Bay Harbor since the day I moved in 11 years ago, and I will continue that commitment as a member of the Town Council. I gladly volunteer my time and efforts for the benefit of my family and for yours.



Name: Jordan W. Leonard

Age: 36

Spouse Name: Meytal

Children: Josh, 4; Bella, 2

Educational Background:

B.S., Florida State University with a Double Major in Political Science & History; graduated from Miami Beach Senior High, Nautilus Middle School and Bay Harbor Elementary

Professional/Occupational Information:

Co-Own a Pediatric Therapy Practice in Bay Harbor. Served as an Assistant to the City Manager, Village Clerk, State Legislative Aide and Executive Director of a Community Redevelopment Agency with over a decade of government experience. Vice Mayor since 2012, Council Member since 2008, Chairman of the Town's Parks & Recreation Committee, Vice Chair of the Litigation Committee, former Chairman of the Charter & Ordinance Review Committee,

Secretary of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities Executive Board, Board Member of the Miami-Dade County Board of Rules & Appeals (BORA), Chairman of the Clean Energy Coastal Corridor, former Board of Director's and President of the Bay Harbor Islands Citizens Coalition, former Board of Director's and President 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 for four generations since 1954.

Hobbies and Interests: Spending time with my family. Taking my children to parks with adequate bathroom facilities.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2014

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 two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will take their oath of office at the Town's next Council meeting on Monday, April 7, 2014.

PROFILES

Future Goals for Bay Harbor Islands:

If re-elected, I will continue to ensure that the Town provide the highest quality of service at the lowest cost to taxpayers. I intend to continue to work towards the building of a community center with a library, seeing the completion of the new park on 98th Street, the conversion to toll-by-plate by SunPass, ensuring the removal of the wooden electrical poles and final installation of new lighting on the East Island. I also support changing the dog park on 92nd street to be redone with grass, installing an esthetically pleasing lighting enhancement for the Broad Causeway and implement additional and more affordable community services for seniors and younger generations.

Any Comments about Bay Harbor Islands:

Bay Harbor is one of the most beautiful and safest places to raise a family within the greater South Florida area. This year, our family reached a milestone as residents of Bay Harbor Islands for 60 years. The qualities that attracted my grandparents to move here in 1954 are the same reasons why we continue to raise our next generation, Josh and Bella, in Bay Harbor. I believe that we must be good stewards by maintaining our high quality of life while simultaneously preserving our community for future generations and providing solutions for the growing demand for services like a park with a bathroom and community center for children, seniors and everyone in-between, to ensure that all of our families can enjoy the next 60 years in Bay Harbor.



Name: Paul Ruthfield

Age: 75

Spouse Name:

Children: Fern, 50; Abby, 45; Scott, 38

Educational Background:

Miami Beach High School, University of Miami, University of Miami Law School

Professional/Occupational Information:

46 years - Financial Advisor serving in a management Position for the bulk of the time. Military - 3 1/2 years U.S. Naval Reserve active duty

Resident of South Florida since: 1947

Resident of Bay Harbor Islands since: 2010

Hobbies and Interests: Travel, photography, reading

Future Goals for Bay Harbor Islands:

Return Bay Harbor to its reputation of being a premier community; return Kane Concourse to a high quality shopping and dining destination; serve the whole community and all residents, not just a small part of the town.

Any Comments about Bay Harbor Islands:

What was known as a place that people aspired to has lost its panache. The whole town has to work together to regain the reputation that it had.

Robert H. Yaffe
Mayor

Ronald J. Wasson
Town Manager

Jordan W. Leonard
Vice Mayor

Marlene Marante
Town Clerk

Stephanie Bruder
Council member

Craig B. Sherman
Town Attorney

Joshua D. Fuller
Council member

Sean Hemingway
Chief of Police

Kelly Reid
Council member

Alan Short
Finance Director

Solange Rousselot
Council member

Isaac Salver
Council member



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Police: (305) 866-6242

Emergency: 911

www.bayharborislands.org

Meet the Candidates Forum – March 25, 7 pm, Town Hall

Upcoming Meetings

The Town Council welcomes your attendance at meetings. Regular Council meetings are scheduled for the second Monday of the month at 7 pm and the regular scheduled Planning & Zoning Board meetings are scheduled for the first and third Tuesday at 6 pm. **To confirm all dates and times, 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 & Zoning Board – Wednesday, Apr. 2, at 6 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting – **Monday, Apr. 7, at 7 p.m.**
- Planning & Zoning Board – Wednesday, Apr. 23, at 6 p.m.

The following future meeting dates are tentative and subject to change. Please check the Town's website, www.bayharborislands.org.

- Regular Council Meetings: May 12, June 9, 2014
- Planning & Zoning Board Meetings: May 6 & 20 and June 3 & 17, 2014

Committee meeting dates and times to be announced

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

March 10 Council Highlights

Approval of the Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center Nurse Initiative Memorandum, to provide for funding and for the implementation of a Nurse Initiative for the school year 2014-2015.

Approval on **first** reading an Ordinance amending Chapter 23 of the Town Code to modify the list of prohibited uses to include (and prohibit) the sale of live animals.

Approval of a Resolution updating and adopting new values for Town-owned TDR units.

Approval of a Resolution urging the Miami Dade County Mayor and Commission to support the Town's desire to join the Library Taxing District and providing library services to the community by establishing a branch library in the Town.

Appointment of Jed Frankel to the Planning & Zoning Board vacancy for the 2013-2014 Term due to expire in May.

Discussion Items for March 10

At the time of printing, the topics listed below are anticipated for discussion or possible action. All items are subject to change.

- **Discussion** regarding Social Media use for the Town.
- **Discussion** regarding a policy for the distribution of Town TRDs.