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A Message from the Mayor

Preparation is Paramount When Storms Come Knocking

Arthur, Bertha, Cristobal, Dolly . . . Hanna, Kyle, Laura . . .

These are nice names when they belong to people. But these are not the names we want to hear this summer and fall when tropical storms and hurricanes begin to form in the Atlantic ocean and Caribbean over the next several months.

Of course, when it comes to hurricane season, we have no control over whether or not we will be impacted by storms. However, what we can do is to be fully prepared for hurricane season. As a municipality, our administration and Town staff prepare by cleaning out storm drains to reduce flooding, making sure Town generators and storm shutters are functional and trimming back trees and shrubs on Town property.

Residents also have responsibilities to be prepared. Most importantly, all residents should have a plan for evacuation and have the necessary supplies on hand for the storm season. For those in single-family homes, make sure that tree branches on your property are trimmed away from power lines.

Since we are surrounded by the waters of Biscayne Bay, we may be required to evacuate if Miami Dade County emergency administrators determine that flooding is imminent. Please review the checklist and information provided on page 2 in this newsletter. Have a plan for yourself and your family – and follow it. Make it a point to monitor the weather forecasts throughout hurricane season.

Summer is also a season for relaxing and enjoying a little extra leisure time. And parks are the perfect place for summer. We recently began site work on a new Town park at 98th Street on the east island. The park is sure to become a central gathering place for residents and families throughout the neighborhood. It will include a playground, a water feature, bathrooms, storage and extensive landscaping. Read more about the new park on page 3.

Please note that the Town Council will not have a Council meeting in July for summer break. There is still time for youngsters to sign up for our Summer Sports Camp to be held at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center. For more information, call (305) 866-6241.

To all of our residents who will be vacationing this summer, I wish you happy and safe travels.



-Bob

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BAY HARBOR ISLANDS HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Hurricane season is from June 1– November 30. Residents should ALWAYS be prepared

BEFORE THE STORM

Purchasing supplies once a storm is threatening is expensive and strenuous. Avoid the long lines and shop for your storm supplies early. Stock up on specific foods, first aid and cleaning supplies, batteries, medicine and pet needs. If a storm is imminent, make sure you have cash and your car is full of fuel.

IMPORTANT DETAILS

Pets: In addition to food, make sure pets (cats/dogs) have proper identification tags and properly working pet carriers and leashes.

Shelters: Keep maps and numbers of your nearest shelter listed in case of emergency evacuations. (If you have pets call ahead to locate shelters that allow pets).

Photos: Take pictures of your property before and after the storm for insurance purposes.

TRIM TREES NEXT TO POWER LINES

In past hurricane seasons, many power lines were brought down by overgrown trees. In an effort to prevent this from happening again, the Town Council passed an ordinance requiring property owners to keep their trees and vegetation trimmed and away from power lines. Please be proactive and considerate of your neighbors and try to minimize impact to the area by keeping your trees trimmed and all vegetation away from power lines. Visit Florida Power and Light's website, www.fpl.com, for more information on tree trimming and look for their publication entitled "Guide to Trees and Power Lines." If you don't have access to the internet, you can pick one up at Town Hall.

For a copy of the ordinance or additional information, please contact the Town Clerk, Marlene Marante, at 305-866-6241 or the Code Compliance Department at 305-993-1786.



IF A STORM IS IMMINENT

Protect the areas of your home where wind can enter. Secure windows and doors, preferably with permanent, County-approved storm shutters. A second option is to board up windows with 5/8" plywood. The boards should already be cut to fit and ready for installation. Note that tape **does not** prevent window damage. Bring in lawn furniture, garbage cans, bins and other items that are not secured and could become airborne. If you own a boat, use double lines at the marina. If it is trailered and cannot be garaged, stake it to the ground with rope and fill the hull with water. Monitor the storm's progress regularly. Visit www.miamidade.gov or call 311 for updates on services.

If an evacuation order is given, you must leave the area and move to a location outside the evacuation zone. Make sure you take your local identification, so you can return after the storm. Turn off your electricity at the main breaker. Unplug appliances. Bay Harbor Islands is an island community. Storm surge and flooding is possible during a hurricane.

USE PHONES ONLY FOR EMERGENCIES.

Call 911 only for **life-threatening** situations. After the danger of the storm is passed, call police or utility companies immediately to report hazards such as downed power lines, broken gas or water mains and overturned gas tanks.

STAY AWAY FROM DOWNED POWER LINES. Do not drive or walk through standing water.

Maintaining the Drainage System and Protecting Our Environment

A severe risk to the safety of our residents and protection of property occurs when storm water drains and gratings become blocked with debris. When this happens, storm water is prevented from flowing off the Islands and flooding occurs. Depending on the intensity of the rain event flood waters could rise up to two feet. The Department of Public Works sweeps the streets regularly to remove leaves and litter that would otherwise block these drains in a rain event. However, it is also important that our

residents do not place garbage containers or bulk debris over these gratings to block water flow and allow debris to enter the drainage outfall.

In addition, lawn cuttings must not be blown into these drainage structures or into the bay as this is prohibited by Section 9-27 of the Town Code. If you see anyone illegally dumping debris or blowing lawn cuttings into our drainage system, please call Town Hall at 305-866-6241. Protecting our beautiful environment in Bay Harbor Islands is everybody's business.

Work Begins on 98th Street Park



The clearing and initial site work is underway for the new multi-use 98th Street Park on the East Island. As the rendering shows, the park will have something for everyone, including:

- Plenty of open green space for playing
- Benches for relaxing
- Playground for toddlers
- Playground for older children
- Shelter structure
- A “splash pad” which is a water feature that includes a rubberized platform with water jets that shoot up like a fountain.
- A separate fenced area for dog owners to let their pets play.

The park will also have bathrooms, parking, dozens of new trees and extensive landscaping. Construction will continue through 2014 and the park will be completed towards the end of the year or in early 2015.

Summer Sports Camp Begins June 9

The Bay Harbor Islands Police Athletic League (PAL) and the Town of Bay Harbor Islands will be sponsoring a Summer Sports Camp at the Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center middle school wing from June 9 - August 1, 2014.



Parents can register for four or eight-week sessions. In addition to a variety of sports, the camp will include field trips, arts and crafts and more.

The camp is for children entering Kindergarten through 8th grade. Sign up early, because registration is limited to 50 campers, first come, first serve. Campers must bring their own lunch. Camp is from 9 am- 4 pm each day with additional costs for pre-camp and post camp. (A minimum of 50 children to hold camp).

	Resident	Non-resident
Eight-weeks	\$ 750	\$ 1,000
Four weeks	\$ 400	\$ 550
Precamp, 8-9 am	\$15 per week	\$15 per week
Post camp 4-6, pm	\$25 per week	\$25 per week

No refunds once child begins program (no exceptions)

For more information or to register, contact Town Hall, 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace, (305) 866-6241

Ruth K. Broad's SGA President Leads Pledge



Kylie Curtis, the Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center student government President and a graduating eighth-grader, led the May Council meeting pledge. She is pictured with Mayor Robert Yaffe.

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Police: (305) 866-6242

Emergency: 911

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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 – Tuesday, June 3 at 6 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting – Monday, June 9, at 7 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Board – Tuesday, June 17, 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: June 9, August 11 and September 8, 2014
- Planning & Zoning Board Meetings: July 1 & 15; August 5 & 19 and September 2 & 16, 2014

Committee meeting dates and times to be announced

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

May 12th Council Highlights

- **All members** of the Planning & Zoning Board were reappointed for the term 2014-2016.
- Conceptual plans were approved for the Community Center, prepared by Stantec in October 2013.
- **Approval** of a Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) application requesting to purchase 9 units from the Town's TDR bank for construction of a previously approved project on December 14, 2013 to be located at 1170-93 Street was approved.
- **Contract was awarded** to Roadway Construction, LLC in the amount of 263,953 to install new water mains under the sidewalks on Kane Concourse (96th Street).
- **Approved on first reading** of an Ordinance amending Section 17-20 of the Town Code allowing for the Planning & Zoning Board to approve signs that do not meet the Code's criteria based on physical location and design.
- **Approved** a private Transfer Development Rights (TDR) transaction of the transfer of 3 dwelling units from Bay Harbor Townhouse Condo Assoc. (10066 Bay Harbor Terrace) to 1045 – 92 St. BH, LLC (1045-92 Street).

Discussion Items for June 9, 2014

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

- Discussion regarding the development of a fee schedule for the use of Town's right-of-way by developers/contractors.
- Discussion regarding the manner that appointments are made to the Town's Citizen Committees.