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First, I would like to congratulate Vice Mayor Jordan W. Leonard on his installation as Treasurer of the Miami Dade County League of Cities last month (see photo below). As an Executive Committee member, he has the opportunity to become the President of the organization within a few years. Congratulations to Councilman Robert Yaffe, who was installed as a Director. The Town Council has chosen Solange Rousselot as the alternate Director. The installation of these elected officials ensures that Bay Harbor Islands will be well represented in all League initiatives.

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The Florida Department of Transportation held a workshop at Town Hall relating to a Kane Concourse repaving project set to begin in summer 2014. Representatives from FDOT exhibited plans for the project, and provided opportunities for residents, merchants and other stakeholders to ask questions about the project. Forms were provided to participants enabling them to submit written comments and suggestions for the Project Supervisor to consider prior to commencement. Staff is engaged in conversation with FDOT and is monitoring the plans and the project's progress routinely.

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With little fanfare, but absolute unanimity Bay Harbor Islands took a step closer to becoming a city friendlier to alternative lifestyle couples. Last month, the Council unanimously approved the "Domestic Partnership and Family Coverage" Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to enable Town employees in domestic partnerships to acquire health insurance coverage and other employment benefits for their partners. These vested rights were previously reserved for married couples only.

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On April 16th, the Town is holding elections for two seats on the Council. Bay Harbor Islands employs a "Council – Manager" system of government. The seven Council Members who are elected by the voters are elected to four year terms. All the Town Council seats are "at large" meaning there are no designated districts. The Town Council appoints the Mayor, Vice Mayor, Clerk and Attorney annually at the "Organizational Meeting" in May. The Town Council has one employee, the Town Manager, who is in charge of running the day to day affairs of the municipality.

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In closing, I would like to give thanks and applaud our "Shoreline Clean Up Project," who has taken the lofty task of keeping the shoreline around our islands free of unsightly and environmentally hazardous debris. The group consists of several students and their parents who volunteer many hours of their time to ensure that the beauty of our Town is protected, as well as our public health and safety.

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At the Miami Dade County League of Cities gala (L-R) Homestead Mayor Jon Burgess, Miami Beach Commissioner Deede Weithorn, BHI Mayor Isaac Salver, Pinecrest Mayor Cindy Lerner and BHI officials: Councilwoman Solange Rousselot, Vice Mayor Jordan W. Leonard and Councilman Robert Yaffe.

BAY HARBOR ISLANDS OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

See *Dolphin Tale* on March 16



Dive into the movie *Dolphin Tale* at the BHI outdoor movie night on Saturday, Mar. 16. The movie will be shown at 7 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.

For more information, contact Town Hall at (305) 866-6241 or visit the Town website: www.bayharborislands.org.

Artist Recognized for T-Shirt Design

Valentina Cardona, a student at the Bay Harbor Islands Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center, received a certificate for creating the design of the T-shirt for the recent 7th Annual 2013 Bay Harbor 5K/10K Run and Walk. She is pictured with Vice Mayor Jordan W. Leonard and her art teacher.



Surf Bal Bay Club to Host Information Session on Wednesday Mar. 13

There's no place like home – especially for retirees in Bay Harbor Islands. Learn how you can enjoy the best of retirement living while living at home.

Come to a free, one-hour information session and Coffee to learn more. The event will be held on Wednesday, Mar. 13 at 10:30 a.m. at the Surfside Community Center, 9301 Collins Avenue.

Jewish Community Services' Surf Bal Bay Club offers the support services to live independently in your own home including concierge-level services, social and cultural activities, transportation, healthcare-related programs, discounts and an in-home personal emergency response system.

For more information or to register. Call the Surf Bal Bay Club at 305.403.6515 or send an email to info@sbbclub.org. Visit www.sbbclub.org.



Resident Honored for Service by Miami-Dade



For his many years of volunteer service benefiting the community, resident Elan Radick was honored by Miami-Dade County Commissioner Sally Heyman with a proclamation designating Elan Radick Day. Elan, now a student at Miami Beach High School, has been leading local volunteer efforts, such as an annual book drive, since his childhood. (L-R) Vice Mayor Jordan W. Leonard, Councilman Robert Yaffe, Councilman Alberto Ruder, Councilwoman Solange Rousselot, County Commissioner Sally Heyman, Elan, Councilwoman Stephanie Bruder, Elan's parents Lauren and Jason Radick and Councilman Francisco Temprano.

Information on the April 16 Town Election

Our annual municipal election will take place on **Tuesday, April 16th**. If you are not already properly registered to vote with a residential address in Bay Harbor Islands, you may obtain a registration form at Town Hall or at any state Driver's License office. Under state law, the books close to new registrations 29 days prior to the election (March 18th). If you already have a current Miami-Dade County voter's registration card with the proper address, you need not re-register. If you are not sure your registration is current, call Miami-Dade County Elections Department at 305-499-8683.

For new voter registration, a resident must be at least 18 years of age and be a citizen of the United States. There is no minimum residency requirement for registration. If you will be unable to go to the polls on the day of the Town election, absentee ballots may be requested by calling the Miami-Dade County Elections Department at 305-499-8444. Absentee ballots must be returned no later than 7 p.m. of the day of the election.

Two seats on the Town Council will come up for vote in the April 16th election (Stephanie Bruder and Alberto Ruder). If you wish to become a candidate for a Town Council seat, file with the Town Clerk during regular business hours at Town Hall after 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 7th and before 5 p.m. on Friday, March 15th. To qualify you must be a registered voter and have been a Bay Harbor resident for at least 12 months.

Each Town Council member is elected by the voters of the Town for a 4-year term of office. These terms of office are staggered so that only two Council members run for office each year (with only one seat open each fourth year). This system provides for stability and continuity in our Town Government. Each Council member receives a salary of \$1 per year, which is traditionally donated to a charitable cause.

The Town Council meets on a regular basis, on the second Monday evening of the month, at least ten times

Student Council President Leads Pledge

Nathalie Vega, President of the Student Council at Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center received a certificate from Vice Mayor Jordan W. Leonard for leading the Council meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.



per year. In addition, the Council members spend many hours at various committee, board, workshops, and special meetings. By state law, all meetings are open to the public, and members of the community are encouraged to attend meetings to be informed on issues concerning our community.

As of the writing of this article, February 26, 2013, two residents have announced their candidacy, Stephanie Bruder and David F. Anderson.

Upcoming Meetings

The Town Council welcomes your attendance at meetings. Regular Council meetings are scheduled for the first 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 and Zoning Board - Tuesday Mar. 5, at 6 pm
- Regular Council Meeting - Monday Mar. 11, at 7 pm
- Planning and Zoning Board - Tuesday, Mar. 19, at 6 pm

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

- Regular Council Meetings: Monday, April 8; Monday May 13 and Monday June 10
- Planning & Zoning Board Meetings: April 2 May 7 & 21 and June 4 & 18.

Qualifying for the 2013 Election BEGINS Thursday, March 7 at 9 a.m. and ENDS Friday, March 15 at 5 p.m. Voter Registration ENDS Monday, March 18, 2013

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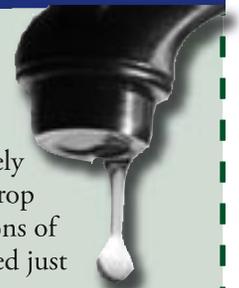
Committee meeting dates and times to be announced

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ENVIRONMENTAL TIP

Fix Leaking Faucets

Check faucets regularly and immediately fix any leaks. A faucet leaking at one drop per second can waste up to 1,661 gallons of water each year. If every household fixed just one leaky faucet, we would reduce water use in America by over 13 billion gallons per



Surf Bal Bay PAL Receives Donation from Race Proceeds



Bay Harbor Islands' youth programs will benefit from a generous \$17,936 donation to the Police Athletic League from the proceeds of the 7th Annual Bay Harbor 5K/10K Run. Vice Mayor Jordan W. Leonard presented the check to Surf Bal Bay PAL Director Jose Andrade.

BHI Hosts Pee Wee Soccer

The new Pee Wee Soccer Program is underway at the 98th Street Park. The eight week course is for children ages 1-4 years old and will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays.

The next eight-week session begins on March 11, 2013. The cost is \$175 for residents and \$250 for non-residents with a \$10 registration fee per family.




Storytime at the Park

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

March 1: Merlina

March 15: Stories by Nancy

2nd & 4th 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.



SUPER SOCCERSTARS



Mondays

12 to 24 months: 3:30- 4:30 pm

2 year olds: 4:30-5:30 pm

Wednesdays

3-4 year olds: 3:30-4:30 pm

4-5 year olds: 4:30-5:30 pm



Pedestrians & Drivers Share Safety Responsibility

Safety is a shared responsibility for all road users, including drivers and pedestrians. The following are some tips to improve road safety for everyone.

Safety tips for pedestrians

Be safe and be seen: make yourself visible to drivers

- Wear bright/light colored clothing and reflective materials.
- Carry a flashlight when walking at night.
- Cross in a well-lit area at night.
- Stand clear of buses, hedges, parked cars or other obstacles before crossing so drivers can see you.

Be smart and alert: avoid dangerous behaviors

- Always walk on the sidewalk; if there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.
- Stay sober; walking while impaired increases your chance of being struck.
- Don't assume vehicles will stop; make eye contact with drivers, don't just look at the vehicle. If a driver is on a cell phone, they may not be paying enough attention to drive safely.

- Don't rely solely on pedestrian signals; look before you cross the road.
- Be alert to engine noise or backup lights on cars when in parking lots and near on-street parking spaces.



Seniors on the Go

Plan now to enjoy these exciting trips. **For more information, contact Town Hall at (305) 866-6241.**

• Thursday, March 14

Seniors Trip to Aventura Mall, 11 am. Bus leaves at 10:30 a.m. and returns at 4 p.m. – *Free Event*

Please note: Residents must come in to register three days before this event.

• Wednesday, April 3rd

The Metropolitan Opera Live HD performance of Francesca da Rimini at 6:30 pm \$18 (Surf-Bal-Bay JCS Program). For more information please contact SBB Club (305) 403-6515.

Work of Bay Harbor Islands Artist on Display

Artist and Bay Harbor resident Inez Hollander, recently had her portrait series, called Miami Mosaic, displayed at the Jewish Museum of Florida -FIU. A chronicler and storyteller, Inez Hollander documents the diversity and emotions of South Florida through bold and vibrant primary colors and strong brush strokes. A Miami native, she joined the Miami Art League in 2003 and began painting the students in her sketch class. Ms. Hollander has 50 years of teaching experience and her work has been widely exhibited and featured in American Artist Watercolor and Palette Magazine.



Inez Hollander, 'Miami Mosaic', 2008.

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Inez Hollander, 'Miami Mosaic', 2008.



MIAMI MOSAIC

Inez Hollander

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Council Highlights of the February 11 Council Meeting

- Approval of an ordinance on second reading creating an additional homestead exemption for qualifying senior citizens.
- Approval of an ordinance on second reading amending the Retirement System for general employees and Police officers.
- Approval of an ordinance on first reading amending the breezeway ordinance changing the review process responsibility to the Planning & Zoning Board.
- Approval of an ordinance on first reading creating Chapter 15 ½ Article VI, Domestic Partnership and Family Coverage.
- Approval of a Resolution accepting a gift from the Morgan Hotel Group of a tree to be placed on the Causeway.
- Approval of the selection of YGreene Energy Fund, Florida, LLC as administrator for the Clean Energy Coastal Corridor PACE District.
- Approval of transfer of development rights to 9261 East Bay Harbor Drive, 1025 – 1035 92 Street and 9940 West Bay Harbor Drive.

Discussion Items for the March 11, 2013 Council Meeting

At the time of printing. All items are subject to change.

- **Discussion** first reading of an ordinance regulating above grade parking garage designs and screening code.
- **Discussion** on second reading of an ordinance amending the breezeway ordinance changing the review process responsibility to the Planning & Zoning Board.
- **Discussion** on second reading of an ordinance creating Chapter 15 ½ Article VI, Domestic Partnership and Family Coverage.