

# BAL HARBOUR

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OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

LETTER TO COUNCIL

NO. 072-2016

To: Mayor Martin Packer and Members of the Village Council  
From: Jorge M. Gonzalez, Village Manager   
Date: April 8, 2016  
Subject: Bal Harbour Village March/April Newsletter

The purpose of this Letter to Council (LTC) is to transmit a copy of the Bal Harbour Village March/April newsletter (attached).

This item was mailed to all Village residents earlier this week and should begin to arrive in mailboxes by the end of this week.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me directly or Assistant Village Manager, Ramiro Inguanzo.

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

- Wednesday, April 6 at 11 a.m.  
Architectural Review Board
- Tuesday, April 13 at 5:45 p.m.,  
Special Village Council meeting  
Seaview Hotel, 9909 Collins Avenue  
(see page 1)
- Tuesday, April 19 at 7 p.m.,  
Village Council meeting
- Tuesday, April 26 at 6 p.m.,  
Resort Tax Committee meeting

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## WEBSITES

BALHARBOURFL.GOV (Village)  
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## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ON APRIL 13 REGARDING THE BAL HARBOUR SHOPS EXPANSION

A special Council meeting to discuss the proposed Bal Harbour Shops expansion is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13 at 5:45 p.m. at the Seaview Hotel. Please join us at this meeting to learn about the proposed plans for this project, to share any feedback you may have and to hear the discussion regarding the next steps in the process.

A key component of the proposed expansion plan includes the purchase of the current Village Hall structure and land. The proposed sale of the Village Hall site would be pursuant to Section 81 of the Village Charter, Section 81 which states: *"The Village shall not sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any real property owned by the Village, unless the Village Council determines that said sale, lease or disposal is in the best interest of the Village and such sale, lease or disposal is approved by a majority of the Village electors voting on such proposed sale, lease or disposal."* Therefore, if the Village Council determines that the sale of Village Hall is in the best interest of the Village, then a special election shall be held. If the sale is approved, the proposed Development Agreement provides that the land located at 9800 Collins Avenue (formerly the Fairfield Manor just north of the Shops on Collins Avenue) to be deeded to the Village for the Shops to construct a replacement Village Hall.

At the April 13 special Council meeting, the Village Council will discuss and consider several resolutions and ordinances pertaining to the proposed Bal Harbour Shops expansion. If you are interested in more detailed information, or to access the numerous documents, meeting minutes and on-line resources pertaining to this project, please visit: [www.balharbourfl.gov](http://www.balharbourfl.gov)

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## MESSAGE FROM THE VILLAGE

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Spring has arrived in Bal Harbour Village and with it, many exciting activities are underway. This year, Bal Harbour Village celebrates the 70th anniversary of the day of its incorporation as a municipality on August 16, 1946. In anticipation of this important milestone, initial preparations are underway to celebrate this important occasion with our residents and the greater Bal Harbour Village community.

On Wednesday, April 13 at 5:45 p.m., a special Council meeting is scheduled to take place at the Seaview Hotel to discuss the proposed Bal Harbour Shops expansion. Input and feedback from our residents is always welcome and we encourage you to attend this meeting to learn more about the next steps involved with this important initiative. The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Village Hall. The Resort Tax Committee meets on Tuesday, April 26 at 6 p.m.

Many cultural and recreational activities continue to take place in Bal Harbour Village. You can read about recent cultural events as well as upcoming ones on pages 4 and 5. The Village continues to offer free recreational excursions to several South Florida attractions. Recent and scheduled excursions can be found on page 6.

If you have not already done so, please install the My Bal Harbour mobile app on your phone by going to the App Store or Google Play Store and search for "My Bal Harbour." You can also sign up on our website or via the mobile app to receive important information about Bal Harbour Village via text and email. If you ever have any questions or need any information, please feel free to visit or call Village Hall at 305-866-4633, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## RECENT VILLAGE COUNCIL ACTION

At the March 22, 2016 Village Council meeting, the Village Council passed the following:

- An Ordinance amending Section 5-5 "Dogs prohibited in parks, on beaches; dogs running at large; canine excrement" of chapter 5 "animals" of the Village Code of Ordinances, to permit dogs on village beaches on a permanent basis subject to certain location restrictions. This Ordinance follows up on an Ordinance passed in March of 2015 in which the Village Council passed Ordinance No. 2015-581 amending Village Code, Section 5-5(c) permitting dogs on designated sections of Village Beaches with a sunset provision of one year. This new Ordinance would remove the sunset provision and allow the walking of dogs in designated areas of the beach on a permanent basis. During the past year our Police Department has received very few complaints regarding dogs on the beach, with no adverse impact to the condition of the beach.

**According to Florida Statutes, an Ordinance is an official legislative action of a governing body and a regulation of a general and permanent nature and enforceable as a local law.**

- A Resolution authorizing the Village Manager to execute an agreement between Bal Harbour Village and Universal Signs and Accessories for the purchase and installation of in-road crosswalk system and maintenance support services. To further improve pedestrian safety within the community, the installation of an in-road crosswalk system at a critical location along the Collins Avenue corridor is proposed for the 2015/2016 Fiscal Year. Other key locations may be identified in the future. In-pavement LED crosswalk markers have proven to be the most innovative and cost-effective approaches to clearly designating key crosswalks. The in-road markers installed on Bal Bay Drive as a pilot project have demonstrated the effectiveness of lighted crosswalks and the feasibility of expanding crosswalk enhancements to other key locations throughout the Village. Since installation on Bal Bay Drive, the Village has received positive feedback from the residents. As the next step, and based on consistent and constant resident feedback, the LED crosswalk marker shall be installed at the intersection of 99th Street and Collins Avenue.

**According to Florida Statutes, a Resolution means an expression of a governing body concerning matters of administration, an expression of a temporary character, or a provision for the disposition of a particular item of the administrative business of the governing body.**

### STAY IN TOUCH AND INVOLVED IN 2016

Village residents are encouraged to stay engaged and informed of Bal Harbour's activities and progress in the year ahead. Below is the 2016 calendar of monthly meetings of the Village Council. These meetings provide an opportunity for all residents to see your elected officials and staff administer the Village and work to improve the quality of life in Bal Harbour. All residents are invited to attend and participate. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are held in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Village Hall.

- Tuesday, April 19, 2016
- Tuesday, May 17, 2016
- Tuesday, June 14, 2016
- Tuesday, July 19, 2016
- Tuesday, September 20, 2016  
(an additional meeting will be identified for September for budget hearings)
- Thursday, October 27, 2016
- Monday, November 21, 2016 - Induction Meeting at 10:00 AM
- Tuesday, November 22, 2016
- Tuesday, December 20, 2016

CLIP AND SAVE



A portion of the Bal Harbour beach where dogs are permitted.



Pilot program of lighted crosswalks being installed near 96th Street.

## ARTS AND CULTURE IN BAL HARBOUR VILLAGE

### WYNWOOD ART FAIR ON VALENTINE'S DAY

Bal Harbour's *Unscripted* program featured an exclusive Art Access event on Valentine's Day at Art Wynwood. Participants enjoyed a brunch and tour hosted by Art Wynwood Director Grela Orithuela and an opportunity to experience the dynamic Wynwood Art Fair.



### RITZ CARLTON SOUTH BEACH ART TOUR



Village residents enjoyed a curated tour of the art collection in the Ritz-Carlton South Beach on February 18. Gallery owner and collector Diana Lowenstein led the group, one of a series of the *Unscripted* Bal Harbour Art Access tours.



### THE ARMORY WEEK, NEW YORK

For three exciting days, the *Unscripted* Bal Harbour Art Access Program shifted to the big apple for Armory Week, March 2-6. Those that participated enjoyed an exclusive New York art experience that featured more than 200 international art galleries, special events, private art previews and exhibits, including a tour of the Whitney Museum, a self-guided tour of the Cooper Hewitt Design museum, an exhibition at the Guggenheim Museum of Art and the New York Modern Museum of Art. Image courtesy of Roberto Chamorro for The Armory Show



## ARTS AND CULTURE IN BAL HARBOUR VILLAGE

### 2,500 ATTEND DESTINATION FASHION 2016 IN BAL HARBOUR VILLAGE



Destination Fashion 2016 took place in Bal Harbour Village on Saturday, March 5. This high-style, star-studded gala attracted over 2,500 South Florida notables, celebrities, philanthropists, business and civic leaders. The Bal Harbour Shops closed its doors to the public to host this high profile event which included a concert by Pitbull and a fashion show by Brunello Cucinelli showcasing his Spring 2016 collection in partnership with Neiman Marcus Bal Harbour. Among those honored at the event were music icons Gloria and Emilio Estefan for their many contributions to the South Florida community. This event raised funds for the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis and the Buoniconti Fund.

Destination Fashion emcee Savannah Guthrie of NBC's Today Show presents Mayor Packer with an award in appreciation of the event taking place in Bal Harbour Village.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### THURSDAY, APRIL 28 - ART CHAT

*Placemaking: Subterranean, Celestial, Democratic*

**A conversation with Teresita Fernández and Franklin Sirmans**  
Thursday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Regis Bal Harbour Resort

Teresita Fernández's work is characterized by an interest in perception and the psychology of looking. Fernández's experiential, large-scale works are often inspired by rethinking of the meaning of landscape and place, and by diverse historical and cultural references. A 2005 MacArthur Foundation Fellow, Fernández became the first Latina to serve on the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts when appointed by President Obama in 2011.

Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM) director Franklin Sirmans has vast experience as a curator, writer and editor. In his role as the contemporary art curator at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA), he curated "Noah Purifoy: Junk Dada" as well as "Fútbol: The Beautiful Game." He is also the former Artistic Director of the 2014 Prospect New Orleans biennial exhibition, and was the U.S. Editor of Flash Art and Editor-in-Chief of ArtAsiaPacific.



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

### CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AMBER RIVIERE



Amber Riviere, an experienced municipal financial administrator and planning specialist, joined the Village in May of 2014 as Chief Financial Officer. She is responsible for all Village funds and oversees a wide variety of Village administration, including budgeting, financial management, utility management, financial reporting, establishing proper internal processes and control, compliance with partner agencies and data and transaction processing.

Ms. Riviere previously served as the Director of Budget, Administration and Planning for the Town of Miami Lakes. She also served as the Town's Interim Finance Director. Earlier in her career, she held several finance-related positions with Miami-Dade County including Senior Analyst of Strategic Business Management, Policy and Planning Analyst and Principal Planner of the Department of Planning and Zoning. Ms. Riviere earned both her Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning and Bachelor's in Social Sciences from Florida State University.

### RECENT VILLAGE EXCURSIONS TO SOUTH FLORIDA ATTRACTIONS

The Bal Harbour Village Parks and Public Spaces Department has hosted several excursions this year, including the following:

On January 22, a group of Bal Harbour Village residents traveled to the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino where they attended the Boomer Expo and visited booths to obtain information related to health, finance, entertainment and travel. The participants also had lunch and visited the casino.

On February 25, a group of residents enjoyed an excursion to the beautiful Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens. The world-famous 83-acre botanic garden, with extensive collections of rare tropical plants including palms and flowering trees, is always a popular trip. The group enjoyed a tram ride followed by a box lunch lakeside. Participants also toured the Clyde Butcher photography exhibit and strolled through the Wings of the Tropics butterfly pavilion.

The next excursion is scheduled to take place on Thursday, April 28 to Gulfstream Park and Casino. Registration is required. Residents may board the bus at the Village Recreation Center (655 96th Street) at 10 a.m. sharp. Bus pick-up along Collins Avenue condominiums will commence at 10:15 a.m. Register by calling (305) 866-8597.

### WATER RESCUE DEVICE ENHANCES BEACH SAFETY

The Bal Harbour Police Department has initiated an enhancement to our residents and visitors beach safety by re-emphasizing the Village's Beach Warning Flag program and deploying a new rescue device named ResQ Disc to our local beaches. The ResQ Disc is an easy-to-use device designed to rescue distressed swimmers and prevent drownings. This device will be placed at all Life Saver Stations for easy access to beachgoers. The device is also issued to all Bal Harbour Village Police Officers. This is just another example of this administration's efforts to enhance the safety of the residents and visitors to this world class community.



## ON THE POLICE BEAT

### OFFICER RAY FERNANDEZ NAMED 2015 OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Officer Ray Fernandez received the 2015 Officer of the Year award for his consistent and dedicated service to this community. Officer Fernandez excels at all aspects of his profession. He is consistently willing to go above and beyond the call of duty and understands the importance of building public trust while enforcing the law and treats all citizens with respect and dignity. Officer Fernandez's performance during 2015 was consistent with the highest standards of professional law enforcement. Officer Fernandez was recognized at the February 2016 Village Council meeting.



(L-R) Village Manager Jorge Gonzalez, Chief Mark Overton, Officer Ray Fernandez and Mayor Martin Packer.

### POLICE PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED AND NEW OFFICERS JOIN THE FORCE

On March 30, 2016 a Promotional and Swearing-in ceremony was held for the Bal Harbour Police Department. Corporal Ronald Smith was recently promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He has been a member of the Bal Harbour Police Department since 2010 and was ranked number one to be considered for promotion to the rank of Police Sergeant. To fill the rank of Corporal, Officer Chris DeStefano was promoted. Corporal DeStefano has been with the agency since 2008.



Corp. Chris DeStefano (L) Sgt. Ron Smith

Two new police officers were also sworn-in at the March 30 ceremony. Officer David Navas comes to the Village having served as a Police Officer at Florida International University and Miami Dade College. His duties there included: backgrounds investigator, Public Information Officer, Social Media Manager, Honor Guard Coordinator, Accreditation Manager, Training Assistant and Court Liaison Manager. Officer Navas holds a degree in Criminal Justice from Miami Dade College. Officer Ricardo Rodriguez served as a Police Officer and Code Compliance Officer since 2002. In 2005, he was promoted to a Police Detective working in the following areas: Robbery Unit, Internal Affairs, Major Crimes Unit and Family Crimes Unit. Officer Rodriguez graduated Cum Laude with a degree in Business Administration and Management from American Intercontinental University. Also, an additional Code Compliance Officer, Staci Ostrofsky, was recently hired. She most recently worked for the Boca Raton Resort and Club.



(L-R) Ricardo Rodriguez, Staci Ostrofsky and David Navas.

### CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Seniors are more vulnerable to certain crimes such as fraud. But, you can reduce the opportunities for criminals to strike by being careful, alert and a good neighbor. If you are suspicious or concerned about anyone who has contacted you, call the Bal Harbour Police Department.

- Be suspicious of anyone who offers you a chance for quick and easy wealth.
- Be wary of exaggerated claims for health and medical products, such as cures for cancer or arthritis or quick weight loss. Before buying any cure-alls, check with your doctor, pharmacist, or clinic.
- Don't give any details about your credit cards to phone solicitors even if they offer you gifts, a free vacation, or a sweepstakes prize.
- Investigate any "work-at-home" schemes with local or state consumer protection agencies.
- Don't give credit cards, checkbooks, or savings account passbooks to your housekeeper or caretaker. Don't make an employee a joint owner of your bank account or your property.
- Never make cash transactions in secret. Discuss any large transaction with your banker.

### OFFICER BRAXTON MCCLAMS AND K-9 NAMED TOP OF CLASS



Officer Braxton McClams and K-9 Gina are officially certified in explosive detection. The duo's lead instructor reported they received a perfect score in their training. Best in class!