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OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

LETTER TO COUNCIL

NO. 094-2016

To: Mayor Martin Packer and Members of the Village Council
From: Jorge M. Gonzalez, Village Manager 
Date: May 13, 2016
Subject: Bal Harbour Village May Newsletter

The purpose of this Letter to Council (LTC) is to inform you that the May 2016 Bal Harbour Village Newsletter was mailed on Wednesday of this week and should begin to arrive in mailboxes beginning today. As always, the newsletter was mailed to all Village residents.

Attached is a copy of the May 2016 Bal Harbour Village Newsletter.

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

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RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO ENJOY BAL HARBOUR PARK

The Bal Harbour Park and the Recreation Center are important assets to the Village, offering a wide-range of services to residents of all ages. Located along the Indian Creek waterway at 96th Street and Bal Bay Drive, the park features a tot lot playground with swings and a slide for younger children, a cooling water spray feature, picnic pavilion, benches, extensive landscaping and a reduced scale basketball court. The park is open 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday - Friday and 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. on weekends. The Recreation Center is open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Use of the Bal Harbour Park is only for registered Bal Harbour residents and their guests and a photo identification card or driver's license is required to enter. Free resident identification cards are available at the Recreation Center and are renewed every three years. Guests must be signed in by the hosting resident at entry and children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Residents can arrange to have private parties in the park by contacting the Parks and Public Spaces Department at least 72 hours in advance of the event. Please follow all the posted rules and regulations and be courteous to other residents and guests while enjoying the Bal Harbour Park. For more information, please call (305) 866-8597 or Village Hall at (305) 866-4633 or email to parks@balharbourfl.gov.



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We hope that you are looking forward to the start of another beautiful summer season in Bal Harbour Village. Memorial Day weekend officially kicks off the season, and as in years past, this holiday weekend attracts many visitors to the beaches in our area and our Village certainly experiences the impacts. Additional information on Page 7 may help you prepare for this busy and festive holiday weekend.

June 1st marks the start of the Atlantic Hurricane season, which runs through November 30th. As all of Bal Harbour Village is located in an evacuation area, now is the time to establish your hurricane preparedness plans. Please review the information and suggestions on Pages 4-5. National Hurricane Preparedness Week is May 15-21, with many entities offering tips for preparing for the hurricane season.

The *Unscripted* Bal Harbour Art Access Program had a very active several months culminating with two well attended recent art events before the Summer break. Page 6 provides a summary and pictures of both of these events. The *Unscripted* events will resume in the Fall. As a reminder, in addition to the many *Unscripted* special events hosted by the Village, Bal Harbour residents have free access to South Florida's top art museums and events as well. To learn more about this free program and to receive your Art Access card, please visit: www.balharbourflorida.com/access.

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 - Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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RECENT VILLAGE COUNCIL ACTION

RESULTS OF THE APRIL 13 SPECIAL VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

At a special Council meeting held on April 13, the Village Council provided an opportunity for the public to learn more about the proposed Bal Harbour Shops expansion and for the public to share feedback about the proposed plans. The vote on the Resolution regarding the determination of whether the sale of Village Hall to the Bal Harbour Shops as part of their expansion plan is in the best interest of the Village failed to pass on a 2-2 vote. Given that this resolution did not pass, no other resolutions or ordinances pertaining to the proposed expansion plans were discussed at the meeting.

RESULTS OF THE APRIL 19 REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

A Resolution was passed supporting and endorsing the South Florida Parks Coalition Charter. The Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners approved the original Resolution which created the Parks and Open Space System Master Plan, a 50-year vision for Miami-Dade County which provides a road map for developing a more sustainable, livable community by using a comprehensive and coordinated park system as its engine. The South Florida Park Coalition (SFPC) and Charter was created to help achieve this vision.

A Resolution was passed approving the purchase of a new 2016 Eldorado Advantage Shuttle Bus and associated costs and authorizing the sale of the surplus Village vehicles. This new shuttle bus would replace the two current older buses and replace them with this newer sixteen (16) passenger plus two (2) wheel chair positions bus which is also Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant. It will also have GPS tracking to improve service by providing real-time location information. It is expected that the new bus will be in operation at some point this summer.

A Resolution was passed approving a conditional use for a temporary place of worship at the Bal Harbour Shops. A Substitute Motion was made to move the item forward for review of a major site plan by the Architectural Review Board pursuant to Section 21.322(f) of the Village Code. The revised resolution would then return to the Village Council for further consideration at the May 17 Council meeting. This revised development agreement will address several issues, including correctly listing the square footage and dated plans on the temporary church as well as compliance with the Anti-BDS ordinance and other possible issues.

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.

UPCOMING EVENT

BAL HARBOUR LAUNCHES INTO SUMMER WITH LUAU ON SUNDAY, JUNE 5

On Sunday, June 5, 2016, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bal Harbour Village will present an afternoon of interactive fun at the Bal Harbour Park. The Launch into Summer Luau will celebrate the end of school and the beginning of summer. Enjoy a variety of activities, including interactive games and family fun challenges, Polynesian show with interactive dancing, outdoor art studio, glitter tattoos and a giant water slide. Complimentary refreshments will be served, including Kona ice water and kosher pizza. For more information, please feel free to contact (305) 866-8597.

AMBASSADOR VISITS VILLAGE



Bal Harbour Mayor Martin Packner (R) with Danny Danon, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, during the Ambassador's visit to the Village.



2016 HURRICANE SEASON PREPARATION

STOCK UP ON YOUR HURRICANE SUPPLIES NOW, INCLUDING:

Food

Set aside several days worth of canned and packaged non-perishable foods as well as items that require minimal preparation

Water

Store enough water for drinking, bathing, cooking for all family members and pets

Health & First Aid

Storage

Protect important documents in zip locked bags such as: birth certificates, social security cards, insurance documents, etc.

Cleaning & Supplies

Disposable eating utensils, mosquito repellent, gloves, liquid soap

Tools

Flashlights, batteries, pliers, hammers, goggles, dust mask, screwdrivers, etc.

Generator and fuel

Battery Operated Radio

Special Items



BEFORE THE STORM

Hurricane season officially runs June 1 to November 30, and as such, Bal Harbour residents should be prepared. Now is the time to make a plan for you and your family. If you are going to be away during the hurricane season, insure you have arrangements in place to secure your home. Purchasing supplies once a storm is threatening is expensive and strenuous. Shopping for items now eliminates stress and avoids long lines and empty shelves.

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.

LANDSCAPE

Pruning trees and shrubs before a hurricane can reduce the debris that may become airborne. Proper pruning also increases the likelihood that a tree can weather a storm. Consult or hire a certified, licensed arborist prior to tree pruning. Landscapers hired to maintain residential and commercial properties must remove all vegetation. **Do not begin** pruning or cleanup activities or place trash on the curb during a Hurricane Watch/Warning.

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 or storm panels. 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. Depending on conditions, bus, rail, garbage and recycling services, as well as airport and seaport operations could be affected. Fully charge portable items, such as cell phone, tools and hand-held devices. Make sure your car's gas tank is full and withdraw cash that may be needed after a storm.

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.

FLOODING

Bal Harbour Village is a coastal community. Storm surge and flooding is possible during a hurricane. Do not walk or drive near areas of standing water - there could be dangerous debris and uneven depths that will cause injuries.

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 (STAY AWAY FROM DOWNED POWER LINES), broken gas or water mains, overturned gas tanks, etc. Do not drive or walk through standing water.

For non-emergency general information, call 3-1-1 for 24-hour information during emergency events such as hurricanes or natural disasters. CALL 9-1-1 only for urgent emergencies like a crime in progress, a burning building or medical emergency.

MAKE SPECIAL PLANS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

Individuals within Miami-Dade County who have special needs - and may require additional assistance during evacuations - can register with the County's People with Special Needs & Emergency Evacuation Assistance Program (PSN/EEAP). The PSN/EEAP is registration driven and the locations are not published.

Upon qualifying for the program, a letter of confirmation will be mailed to the special needs client that will identify their shelter location. The Special Needs Evacuation Centers (SNECs) are staffed with medical personnel from the Department of Health and/or Jackson Memorial Hospital nursing staff. The needs of infants, the elderly and persons with disabilities must be included in your overall plan to be fully prepared for an emergency.

2016 STORM NAMES

ALEX
BONNIE
COLIN
DANIELLE
EARL
FIONA
GASTON
HERMINE
IAN
JULIA
KARL
LISA
MATTHEW
NICOLE
OTTO
PAULA
RICHARD
SHARY
TOBIAS
VIRGINIE
WALTER

BAL HARBOUR CONTACTS

Bal Harbour Building Department
(305) 865-7525

Bal Harbour Parks and Public Spaces
Department
(305) 866-4633, Ext. 368

Bal Harbour Police Department
(305) 866-5000
www.balharbourpolice.org

Bal Harbour Security District Guardhouse
(305) 861-8488

Bal Harbour Village Hall
(305) 866-4633
www.balharbour.org

Miami-Dade Fire Station #21 (Haulover Park)
(305) 513-7921
www.miamidade.gov/MDFR

Miami-Dade Police Department
(305) 595-6263
www.miami-dade.gov/MDPD

WEATHER

National Hurricane Center
www.nhc.noaa.gov
South Florida Weather Forecast Office
(305) 229-4550
www.srh.noaa.gov/mfl

ELDERLY/SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCES

Miami-Dade County Special Transportation
Services
(305) 630-5300 / (305) 263-5439 TDD
www.miamidade.gov/transit

Alliance for Aging-Helpline
(305) 670-4357
www.allianceforaging.org

American Red Cross
(305) 644-1200
www.redcross.org

Florida Division of Emergency Management
(850) 413-9969
www.floridadisaster.org

Federal Emergency Management Agency
(FEMA)
(800) 621-3362 / (800) 462-7585 TDD
www.fema.gov

Florida Relay Service
(800) 955-8770 / (800) 955-8771 TDD
www.ftri.org/floridarelay

Miami-Dade Emergency Operations Center
(305) 468-5900 / (305) 468-5402 TDD
www.miamidade.gov/oem

National Flood Insurance Program
(800) 638-6620 / (800) 447-9487 TDD
www.fema.gov/business/nfip

CONSUMER RESOURCES

Miami-Dade County Consumer
Services
(305) 375-3677 / (305) 375-4177 TDD
www.miamidade.gov/csd

Humane Society
(305) 696-0800
www.humanesocietymiami.org

Miami-Dade Cooperative Extension
(305) 248-3311

UTILITIES

Florida Power and Light
(800) 468-8243 / (800) 251-5325
www.fpl.com

AT&T
(888) 757-6500 / (305) 780-2273
www.att.com

Comcast
(800) 266-2278
www.comcast.com

TECO/Peoples Gas
(877) 832-6747

For further information, call 3-1-1 or
visit www.miamidade.gov

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

JASON ATKINSON, OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR



Since March of 2015, Jason Atkinson has served as the Operations Supervisor in the Village’s Division of Public Works, which is part of the Parks and Public Spaces Department. Mr. Atkinson assists the Village with the daily public works, beautification and emergency management functions along with special project support activities.

He has nearly 20 years of operational experience with nearly 10 years in supervisory capacities in the public and private sector. Most recently, he was employed by the City of Miami Beach as Public Works Operations Supervisor. Mr. Atkinson has a wide range of experience in providing direction and supervision to field staff and crews including experience in Green Space and Right-of-Way management, strong knowledge of the principles, practices, procedures, equipment and materials used in facility maintenance, irrigation design and maintenance, landscape/arbor care and contract administration.

He also has experience in the installation and repair of water mains, sewer, and drainage lines, replacing valves, fire hydrants and drainage structures. He has expertise in managing fleet vehicles and machinery, including repair, maintenance, procurement and supplies.

Mr. Atkinson is a veteran of the United States Army where he served as an Avionics Technician Paratrooper. He is currently pursuing a bachelor’s degree in public administration.

ARTS AND CULTURE IN BAL HARBOUR VILLAGE

More than 40 participants enjoyed a March 31 private tour to see the contemporary Latin American private art collection at the home of Alan Kluger and Judge Amy Dean.



Mayor Packer (R) with guest.

Alan Kluger (far right) talks to Bal Harbour guests about his collection.

UNSCRIPTED BAL HARBOUR ART CHATS

Placemaking: Subterranean, Celestial, Democratic was the topic for the April 28 Art Chat at the St. Regis Bal Harbour Resort. Artist Teresita Fernandez and Perez Art Museum (PAMM) Director Franklin Sirmans were the guest speakers.



(L-R) Bal Harbour Councilman Jaime Sanz, speakers Teresita Fernandez and PAMM Director Franklin Sirmans.



(Above) Guests listen to Art Chat. (Left) Dr. Lois and Dr. Michael Krop in the audience.

ON THE POLICE BEAT

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Keep in mind that Memorial Day Weekend begins Friday, May 27 through Memorial Day on Monday, May 30. Bal Harbour Village certainly experiences the impact of the many visitors that converge upon our Village, Haulover Park and the neighboring cities during this holiday weekend.

As in years past, we expect a substantial increase in traffic during the holiday weekend. As a result, the Bal Harbour Village Police Department has developed an operational plan that will address the increased volume of visitors to the Village. The Village will have additional police staffing and directed patrol activities.

Our goal is to ensure the public safety for our residents and visitors and to address the particular needs created by the increased volume of both vehicular and foot traffic within our jurisdiction. Here are some useful and important reminders for you and your family:

- **Traffic:** Residents should expect traffic congestion in the area, particularly during the daylight hours. Based on the experience over the past several years, peak traffic congestion occurs on the Sunday of the holiday weekend.
- **Towing of Unauthorized Vehicles:** Residents should be aware that unauthorized vehicles that may park on your property cannot be removed by Bal Harbour Police Department (BHPD) wreckers. The vehicle would need to be removed by the towing companies that each of your associations have privately contracted. The Bal Harbour Police Department will respond to requests for police assistance.
- **Beach Safety:** As you enjoy the Village's beautiful beaches, please remember that there are no lifeguards on duty. As recommended by the U.S. Lifesaving Association, abide by the most common safety tips - swim with a buddy (if possible), use sunscreen and drink water.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

When You Are at Home:

- Use deadbolt locks on all exterior doors. Keep your doors locked even when you are inside.
- Protect windows and sliding glass doors with good locks or other security devices.
- Never let strangers in your home without checking their identification. Call their company if you are not sure. Install a viewer in your door and use it.
- Use only your first initial in phone books, directories, and apartment lobbies. If you live alone, don't advertise it.
- Be sensible about keys. Don't put an address tag on your key ring, and don't hide an extra key under a doormat or flower pot.
- Hang up immediately on harassing or obscene phone calls. If the caller persists, call law enforcement and the phone company.
- Engrave your valuables with a number recommended by the Crime Prevention Unit.
- Keep valuable items, seldom worn jewelry, stamp and coin collections in a safe deposit box.
- For an extra measure of protection, don't keep large amounts of cash at home.
- Use direct deposit for Social Security or pension checks.
- Keep emergency numbers for police and fire agencies handy.



A view of the beautiful beach at Bal Harbour Village.



Bal Harbour Police Department patrolling the Village beach.

BAL HARBOUR POLICE JOIN IN MULTI-AGENCY SHRED-A-THON

To help reduce identity fraud, the Bal Harbour Police Department is joining with other local municipalities to host a Shred-A-Thon at the Bill Bird Marina in Haulover Park, 10800 Collins Avenue on Saturday, June 11 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bring paper only. Limit of three boxes.

The Bal Harbour Police Department reminds all residents to do their duty and if they see something suspicious to call the Bal Harbour Police Department at 305-866-5000.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

Tuesday, May 17

Village Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 24

Resort Tax Committee, 6 p.m.

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day, Village Hall closed

Wednesday, June 1

Architectural Review Board, 11 a.m.

Sunday, June 5

Launch into Summer Luau, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturday, June 11

Shred-A-Thon at Haulover Park, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Tuesday, June 14

Village Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

VILLAGE CONTACTS

Normal operating hours for Village Hall are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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(305) 866-4633

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(305) 866-4633, Ext. 368

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(305) 866-4633, Ext. 337

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(305) 866-4633, Ext. 329

WEBSITES

BALHARBOURFL.GOV (Village)
BALHARBOURFLORIDA.COM (Tourism)



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