

BAL HARBOUR


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OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

LETTER TO COUNCIL

NO. 022-2020

To: Mayor Gabriel Groisman and Members of the Village Council

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez, Village Manager 

Date: February 14, 2020

Subject: **Bal Harbour Police Department Weekly Report for the period of February 7, 2020 through February 13, 2020**

The purpose of this Letter to Council (LTC) is to transmit to you a Weekly Report from the Bal Harbour Police Department that I requested in order to enhance the flow of communication and transparency.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to call Chief Raleigh Flowers or me directly.

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Bal Harbour Police Department Weekly Summary

Week of Friday, February 07, 2020 - Thursday, February 13, 2020

Calls for Service		Reports		Arrests		Code Enforcement		Traffic Enforcement	
Primary	34	Incident	16	Felony	00	Notice	00	Citations	42
Back Up Outside Agency	03	Crash	03	Misdemeanor Includes Traffic	04	Warning	03	Warnings	41
Total	37	Total	19	Total	04	Total	03	Parking	40
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Weekly Marine Patrol Enforcement

Stops	11
Contacts	84
AOA	00
Reports	00
Citations	01
Warnings	09

Enforcement Activity Summary

Friday, February 07		
Traffic Enforcement Details		
Location / Detail Type	Citations	Warnings
Parking Enforcement Village Wide	06	00
Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue	00	00
9700 Collins Avenue / Shops Illegal Right Turns	00	01
North Lot / Frontage Road	00	00
Residential 20 MPH is Plenty AM & PM Details	00	00
Harding Avenue & 96 Street / Crosswalk	00	00
All other Collins Avenue Enforcement Results	03	05

Saturday, February 08		
Traffic Enforcement Details		
Location / Detail Type	Citations	Warnings
Parking Enforcement Village Wide	05	00
Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue	00	01
9700 Collins Avenue / Shops Illegal Right Turns	00	02
North Lot / Frontage Road	00	00
Residential 20 MPH is Plenty AM & PM Details	00	00
Harding Avenue & 96 Street / Crosswalk	00	02
All other Collins Avenue Enforcement Results	02	01

Sunday, February 09		
Traffic Enforcement Details		
Location / Detail Type	Citations	Warnings
Parking Enforcement Village Wide	11	00
Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue	02	00
9700 Collins Avenue / Shops Illegal Right Turns	01	02
North Lot / Frontage Road	00	00
Residential 20 MPH is Plenty AM & PM Details	00	00
Harding Avenue & 96 Street / Crosswalk	00	00
All other Collins Avenue Enforcement Results	10	08

Monday, February 10		
Traffic Enforcement Details		
Location / Detail Type	Citations	Warnings
Parking Enforcement Village Wide	06	00
Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue	00	00
9700 Collins Avenue / Shops Illegal Right Turns	00	00
North Lot / Frontage Road	00	00
Residential 20 MPH is Plenty AM & PM Details	00	00
Harding Avenue & 96 Street / Crosswalk	02	01
All other Collins Avenue Enforcement Results	01	03

Tuesday, February 11		
Traffic Enforcement Details		
Location / Detail Type	Citations	Warnings
Parking Enforcement Village Wide	08	00
Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue	00	00
9700 Collins Avenue / Shops Illegal Right Turns	01	00
North Lot / Frontage Road	01	00
Residential 20 MPH is Plenty AM & PM Details	00	00
Harding Avenue & 96 Street / Crosswalk	01	02
All other Collins Avenue Enforcement Results	06	02

Wednesday, February 12		
Traffic Enforcement Details		
Location / Detail Type	Citations	Warnings
Parking Enforcement Village Wide	01	00
Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue	00	00
9700 Collins Avenue / Shops Illegal Right Turns	00	00
North Lot / Frontage Road	00	00
Residential 20 MPH is Plenty AM & PM Details	00	00
Harding Avenue & 96 Street / Crosswalk	00	00
All other Collins Avenue Enforcement Results	05	03

Thursday, February 13		
Traffic Enforcement Details		
Location / Detail Type	Citations	Warnings
Parking Enforcement Village Wide	03	00
Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue	01	02
9700 Collins Avenue / Shops Illegal Right Turns	04	00
North Lot / Frontage Road	00	00
Residential 20 MPH is Plenty AM & PM Details	00	00
Harding Avenue & 96 Street / Crosswalk	00	00
All other Collins Avenue Enforcement Results	02	06

Summary of Activities and Events

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officers (CEO) patrolling the gated community responded to a complaint of overgrown vegetation at a residence on Camden Drive. Further investigation revealed plants grew onto a neighbor's property. The homeowner was issued a warning and directed to trim the plants. CEOs will return to the property to ensure compliance to Village codes.

Code Enforcement Officers patrolling the jetty area discovered five women on the jetty while it was closed due to surf conditions. CEOs explained the dangers of being on the jetty during rough surf conditions and escorted them off of the jetty.

Code Enforcement Officers responded to a complaint of poorly aligned lights at a condominium building on the 10100 Block of Collins Avenue. A condo owner complained of lights shining into his unit. CEOs coordinated a meeting between condo personnel and the condo owner to resolve the issue and re-align the lights. No enforcement action was needed.

Code Enforcement Officers discovered persons pitching a tent on the beach behind the Ritz Carlton. CEOs explained Village rules about not using tents on the beach and the visitors promptly took down the tent. CEOs issued a verbal warning.

Code Enforcement Officers worked with Public Works personnel in response to a contractor who broke a water pipe while digging at construction sites on Bal Cross Drive and Camden Drive. Initial investigation by Public Works suggest the contractor may have begun digging before utilities were properly located and marked. CEOs issued a verbal stop order pending further investigation by Public Works. Follow-up investigation by Public Works revealed the contractor had followed the necessary procedures and did not violate Village codes. Public Works is monitoring the situation.

Code Enforcement Officers testified at a Special Master's Hearing regarding three open code violations. The first case focused on short-term rental violations in the gated community. The Special Master found the property owner in violation of the Village code and issued a fine of \$875, plus an administrative fee of \$100. The second case was a dog-off-leash violation. The Special Master found the dog owner in violation of the Village code and issued a fine of \$100, plus an administrative fee of \$150. The third case which involved cutting a tree down without the homeowner's consent was withdrawn by the violator prior to the case being called. The violator agreed to pay the issued fine of \$100 instead of presenting his case to the Special Master.

Code Enforcement Officers responded to a complaint of a vehicle for sale on a property on the 10200 Block of Collins Avenue. The car faced Collins Avenue and had its For-Sale sign facing the avenue. CEOs contacted the vehicle's owner and the car was promptly removed from view. CEOs verbally warned the owner about Village codes pertaining to signage.

Criminal Investigations

The Criminal Investigation Division (CID) continues its investigation of an applicant for police reserve. The applicant is an expert in banking fraud and cyber fraud investigations. The addition of this candidate will greatly enhance the CIDs ability to properly investigate fraud related crimes.

Detectives met with prosecutors at the State Attorney's Office for a pre-filing conference related to the armed robbery arrest in January. Detectives are working with prosecutors to ensure proper charges are filed and the case is ready for trial.

Detectives met with prosecutors at the State Attorney's Office to secure an arrest warrant for the suspect involved in a theft by fraud case of over \$100K. The victim, a prominent businessman in South Florida, discovered his long-time personal assistant was skimming profits from his various accounts. The investigation has been on-going for several months as forensic accountants reviewed evidentiary items to confirm the theft occurred. Detectives continue their investigation as the case progresses to the next level.

Summary of Noteworthy Calls for Service

02/07/2020	Theft	9700 Collins Avenue, Bal Harbour Shops
Officers responded to the Gucci store regarding a theft that occurred with the subject possibly still in the area. According to store associates, the subject entered the store and concealed merchandise under his shirt then exited the store without paying. Officers promptly canvassed the area, but were unable to locate a subject matching the description. The incident was captured on store surveillance and has been forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division for further follow-up.		

02/08/2020	Battery on Law Enforcement	9100 Block of Collins Avenue
<p>While conducting a traffic stop in the area of Collins Avenue, Surfside Police sent an alert of a theft occurring at the CVS pharmacy. The suspect fled from the scene in a golf cart. Bal Harbour officers responded to Surfside's call for assistance and attempted to stop the subject from fleeing. The subject struck a Bal Harbour officer with the golf cart and continued fleeing from police. Fortunately, the officer was not seriously injured. A perimeter was quickly established, but the subject was not located.</p>		

02/08/2020	Traffic Arrest	9300 Block of Collins Avenue
<p>While conducting traffic enforcement along the Collins Avenue corridor, officers initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle that committed a traffic infraction. During the traffic stop, officers discovered the driver did not have a valid driver's license. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to jail.</p>		

02/09/2020	DUI Arrest	500 Block of 96 Street
<p>While conducting traffic enforcement along the 96th Street corridor, officers observed a driver unable to maintain his vehicle in a single lane. Officers initiated a traffic stop and determined the driver was under the influence. The driver was unable to perform roadside sobriety tests. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to jail.</p>		

02/09/2020	Beach Warrant Arrest	9800 Block of Collins Avenue
<p>Officers conducted traffic enforcement along Collins Avenue utilizing the mobile LPR system. During one of the traffic stops, officers discovered the driver had an open and active arrest warrant in Miami-Dade County. Officers arrested the driver and transported him to jail without incident. The LPR system continues to be an effective enhancement tool for officers on patrol.</p>		

02/12/2020	Assist Other Agency	Haulover Park
<p>Patrol officers assisted the Miami-Dade Police Department by responding to reports of gun shots at Haulover Park. Bal Harbour and Miami-Dade officers arrived and canvassed the area. After an extensive coordinated search of the area, officers were unable to locate any signs of criminal activity</p>		

Completed by: Raleigh Flowers, Chief of Police

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