

BAL HARBOUR


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OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

LETTER TO COUNCIL

NO. 096-2020

To: Mayor Gabriel Groisman and Members of the Village Council

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez, Village Manager 

Date: July 10, 2020

Subject: **Bal Harbour Police Department Weekly Report for the period of July 2, 2020 through July 9, 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

2020 Week #27: Thursday, July 2, 2020, through Wednesday, July 09, 2020

Calls for Service		Reports		Arrests		Code Enforcement		Traffic Enforcement	
Primary	47	Incident	16	Felony	00	Violations	3	Citations	08
Assist Other Agency	02	Crash	03	Misdemeanor Includes Traffic	00	Warnings - Verbal and Written	2	Warnings	42
Total	49	Total	19	Total	00	Investigations	84	Parking	14
								Total	64

2019 Week #27: Friday June 28, 2019, through Thursday, July 4, 2019

<i>Calls for Service</i>		<i>Reports</i>		<i>Arrests</i>		<i>Code Enforcement</i>		<i>Traffic Enforcement</i>	
Primary	39	Incident	23	Felony	00	Violations	01	Citations	24
Assist Other Agency	02	Crash	05	Misdemeanor Includes Traffic	00	Warnings	01	Warnings	38
Total	41	Total	28	Total	00	Investigations	02	Parking	20
								Total	82

Weekly Marine Patrol Enforcement

Stops	15
Contacts	90
AOA	03
Reports	00
Citations	00
Warnings	15

Enforcement Activity Summary

Thursday, July 2		
Traffic Enforcement Details		
Location / Detail Type	Citations	Warnings
Parking Enforcement Village Wide	07	00
Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue	00	07
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	01	00

Friday, July 3		
Traffic Enforcement Details		
Location / Detail Type	Citations	Warnings
Parking Enforcement Village Wide	02	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	00	03

Saturday, July 4		
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	01	00
All other Collins Avenue Enforcement Results	02	03

Sunday, July 5		
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	01	02

Monday, July 6		
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	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	00	07

Tuesday, July 7		
Traffic Enforcement Details		
Location / Detail Type	Citations	Warnings
Parking Enforcement Village Wide	00	00
Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue	01	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	00	09

Wednesday, July 08		
Traffic Enforcement Details		
Location / Detail Type	Citations	Warnings
Parking Enforcement Village Wide	00	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	04
Harding Avenue & 96 Street / Crosswalk	00	00
All other Collins Avenue Enforcement Results	00	05

Thursday, July 9		
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	01	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	01	00

Summary of Activities and Events

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officers (CEOs) patrolling the gated community discovered a driveway was under construction at a residence on the 100 Block of Balfour Drive. CEOs investigated and learned the work was started without proper permits. A stop work order and code violation notice were issued.

Code Enforcement Officers noticed construction occurring at an apartment on the 200 Block of Bal Bay Drive. The contractor had applied for county permits but had not completed the process. A stop work order was issued pending permits and the contractor was issued a code violation warning.

Code Officers addressed two issues at a vacant house on Bal Bay Drive. A code violation and stop work order were issued due to demolition work commencing without proper permits. A code violation warning was issued requiring the contractor to properly fence and screen the property. CEOs will return to the property to ensure compliance.

The Public Works Department alerted Code Enforcement of a potential National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) violation at a construction site on the 100 Block of Bal Cross Drive. CEOs and Public Works responded to the scene and confirmed the contractor was outside of NPDES protocols. A Code Violation was issued and a stop work order was put in place until the violation was corrected.

CEOs issued a Code Violation Warning to a residence on the 100 Block of Balfour Drive for maintenance and appearance. CEOs will return to ensure the property returns to proper code status.

Criminal Investigations

The Criminal Investigation Division (CID) focused its efforts this week on closing open investigations for 2020 that remained open due to unavailable information or leads. Detectives closed six open investigations dating back to February, 2020. The majority of the investigations were suspended due to the lack of information.

The CID continues its investigation into the possible theft of a ring valued at \$27,000. The ring was purchased via an online transaction and delivered to a beachside apartment complex. The box arrived open and the purchaser claimed the ring was not inside. Detectives are reviewing video footage and obtaining testimony from the building staff to determine if a theft occurred or if the ring may have been lost in transit.

Summary of Noteworthy Calls for Service

07-02-2020	Noise Complaint	200 Block of Bal Bay Drive
<p>Bal Harbour officers were summoned to the pool area of a hotel on the 200 Block of Bal Bay Drive regarding persons using the pool beyond the time restrictions imposed by Miami-Dade County. Officers and hotel staff met with the parties involved, reminded them of the restrictions, and obtained voluntary compliance. No other enforcement action was necessary.</p>		
07-03-2020	Open Door	9700 Collins Avenue
<p>An alert security guard patrolling the Bal Harbour Shops after closing noticed an open door at one of the retailers. Officers responded to the scene and assisted the security officer by conducting a building search. There was no one inside of the business and no signs of criminal activity. A store representative responded to properly secure the door.</p>		
07-03-2020	COVID Restriction Violation	10200 Block of Collins Avenue
<p>Officers responded to a beachside condominium complex regarding a tenant not abiding by quarantine restrictions. Officers spoke with the tenant and discovered he had been tested for the COVID-19 virus with negative results but had not yet reported the results to Village staff. The tenant was reminded to comply with the restrictions until given clearance by the Tourism Department. The tenant agreed to comply.</p>		
07-04-2020	Ordinance Investigation	100 Block of Park Drive
<p>Bal Harbour police officers discovered that a resident had set off a type of roman candle in the driveway of the residence that they had a large number of fireworks in preparation for the Independence Day celebrations. Officers met with the home owners and explained the restrictions on fireworks, however, the owner wished to speak with the on-duty lieutenant. The on-duty police lieutenant responded and explained in great detail the restrictions, state and local laws including the Village Code Ordinance governing the use of fireworks. They owner was very satisfied and advised that they would not set off any illegal fireworks.</p>		
07-04-2020	Disturbance	9700 Collins Avenue
<p>Bal Harbour Officers working an extra-duty detail at the Bal Harbour Shops intervened in a disturbance call involving a female yelling and insulting employees at the mall. Security requested the female leave the property and warned her not to return. Officers documented the trespass warning. No further enforcement action was needed.</p>		
07-04-2020	Independence Day Detail	Village Wide
<p>In order to address illegal fireworks, the police department augmented the midnight shift with additional police officers. The detail officers were posted on the North and South side of the beach, inside the gated community and on Collins Avenue. The officers conducted proactive high visibility patrols until midnight. No issues or complaints were encountered.</p>		

07-05-2020	Assist Other Agency	Surfside Police Department
Bal Harbour officers assisted Surfside Police by responding to a domestic disturbance in the Town of Surfside. Bal Harbour officers managed the scene until a Surfside officer arrived and resolved the incident.		

07-05-2020	Accidental Shooting	10100 Block of Collins Avenue
Bal Harbour Police investigated a shooting incident at a restaurant inside a beachside condominium. Bal Harbour officers and detectives on the scene determined the incident was an accidental discharge. The projectile traveled through a wall and injured the chef who was working in the kitchen. The chef suffered a puncture wound to his right leg and was transported to the hospital by Miami-Dade Fire Rescue.		

07-06-2020	Disturbance	9700 Collins Avenue
A restaurant customer at the Bal Harbour Shops refused to leave after closing claiming he had not been given enough time to finish his wine. Officers responded to the scene and met with the management and the customer. After a brief conversation, the customer agreed to leave.		

07-07-2020	Disturbance	10100 Block of Collins Avenue
A Miami-Dade bus driver became concerned when a passenger became verbally abusive with the driver and passengers. The driver flagged down a Bal Harbour officer on patrol and informed the officer of the conflict. Officers intervened and the passenger agreed to leave the bus. There were no indications of a physical altercation. No further enforcement action was necessary.		

07-09-2020	Ordinance Investigation	Gated Community
A resident contacted the Kent Security Guard House and complained about a contractor pressure cleaning the driveway of the neighbor's home. Bal Harbour police officers responded at 6:20 PM and discovered the work being done after hours. The contractor advised that he was not aware of the restriction. He ceased the work and left the area. The owner of the residence was also advised of the work restrictions. A report was completed and forwarded to the Code Enforcement Unit for review.		

Completed by: Raleigh Flowers, Jr., Chief of Police

Date: July 10, 2020

