

BAL HARBOUR

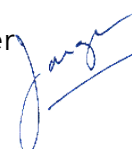
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OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

LETTER TO COUNCIL

NO. 175-2020

To: Mayor Gabriel Groisman and Members of the Village Council

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez, Village Manager 

Date: December 18, 2020

Subject: **Bal Harbour Police Department Weekly Report for the period of December 11, 2020 through December 17, 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 #50: December 11, 2020, through Thursday, December 17, 2020

<i>Calls for Service</i>		<i>Reports</i>		<i>Arrests</i>		<i>Code Enforcement</i>		<i>Traffic Enforcement</i>	
Primary	40	Incident	22	Felony	00	Violations	02	Citations	63
Assist Other Agency	02	Crash	02	Misdemeanor Includes Traffic	00	Warnings - Verbal and Written	03	Warnings	31
Total	42	Total	24	Total	00	Investigations	51	Parking	31
								Total	125

2019 Week #50: Friday December 13, 2019, through Thursday, December 19, 2019

<i>Calls for Service</i>		<i>Reports</i>		<i>Arrests</i>		<i>Code Enforcement</i>		<i>Traffic Enforcement</i>	
Primary	35	Incident	24	Felony	01	Violations	01	Citations	32
Assist Other Agency	01	Crash	02	Misdemeanor Includes Traffic	00	Warnings	01	Warnings	41
Total	36	Total	26	Total	01	Investigations	02	Parking	32
								Total	105

Weekly Marine Patrol Enforcement

Bal Harbour Boat out for Maintenance / On Patrol with Indian Creek Marine Patrol	
Stops	02
Contacts	06
AOA	01
Reports	00
Citations	01
Warnings	01

Enforcement Activity Summary

Friday, December 11		
Traffic Enforcement Details		
Location / Detail Type	Citations	Warnings
Parking Enforcement Village Wide	00	00
Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue	03	01
9700 Collins Avenue / Shops Illegal Right Turns	NA	NA
North Lot / Frontage Road	01	03
Residential 20 MPH is Plenty AM & PM Details	00	00
Harding Avenue & 96 Street / Crosswalk	00	00
All other Collins Avenue Enforcement Results	03	01

Saturday, December 12		
Traffic Enforcement Details		
Location / Detail Type	Citations	Warnings
Parking Enforcement Village Wide	04	00
Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue	00	02
9700 Collins Avenue / Shops Illegal Right Turns	NA	NA
North Lot / Frontage Road	00	00
Residential 20 MPH is Plenty AM & PM Details	01	00
Harding Avenue & 96 Street / Crosswalk	00	00
All other Collins Avenue Enforcement Results	14	04

Sunday, December 13		
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	NA	NA
North Lot / Frontage Road	02	00
Residential 20 MPH is Plenty AM & PM Details	00	00
Harding Avenue & 96 Street / Crosswalk	00	00
All other Collins Avenue Enforcement Results	11	02

Monday, December 14		
Traffic Enforcement Details		
Location / Detail Type	Citations	Warnings
Parking Enforcement Village Wide	04	00
Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue	00	00
9700 Collins Avenue / Shops Illegal Right Turns	NA	NA
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	07	00

Tuesday, December 15		
Traffic Enforcement Details		
Location / Detail Type	Citations	Warnings
Parking Enforcement Village Wide	10	00
Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue	03	06
9700 Collins Avenue / Shops Illegal Right Turns	NA	NA
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	04

Wednesday, December 16		
Traffic Enforcement Details		
Location / Detail Type	Citations	Warnings
Parking Enforcement Village Wide	07	00
Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue	02	00
9700 Collins Avenue / Shops Illegal Right Turns	NA	NA
North Lot / Frontage Road	01	01
Residential 20 MPH is Plenty AM & PM Details	00	00
Harding Avenue & 96 Street / Crosswalk	00	00
All other Collins Avenue Enforcement Results	02	01

Thursday, December 17		
Traffic Enforcement Details		
Location / Detail Type	Citations	Warnings
Parking Enforcement Village Wide	04	00
Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue	11	02
9700 Collins Avenue / Shops Illegal Right Turns	NA	NA
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	04

Summary of Activities and Events

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officers (CEOs) revisited various locations throughout the Village where property owners were warned of code violations. The locations included homes and construction sites and were related to appearance standards. CEOs ensured all previously warned locations were in compliance with Village Codes.

Code Officers revisiting a prior warned location on the 100 Block of Bal Cross Drive, discovered jet skis remained in plain sight despite personal appeals to the property owner. CEOs issued the property owner a code violation notice directing them to correct the violation.

Code Officers patrolling the gated community discovered fence screens at a construction site in disrepair. The contractor and property owner were issued a code violation warning directing them to correct the deficiency.

A delivery company drove its truck onto the beach area without prior authorization or a police escort. The vehicle got stuck in the sand and required a tow truck to pull it back to the pavement. CEOs issued the company a code violation warning informing them of the requirement to access the beach areas.

Criminal Investigations

Detective Gonzalez presented the hosts of *Despierta Orlando* (a Spanish news and opinion show similar to Good Morning America) with Autism Awareness patches and Autism Awareness challenge coins. This gesture wrapped up a series by the program on Autism awareness training for police officers.

The Criminal Investigation Division (CID) teamed with the Secret Service on an investigation of fraudulent checks cashed at the SunTrust Bank location in Bal Harbour. Working with other agencies, detectives discovered the fraud in Bal Harbour was related to a scheme to defraud involving multiple banks in various jurisdictions. The local case was part of a larger fraud scheme involving over four million dollars. The Bal Harbour case was closed and transferred to the Secret Service for inclusion in the on-going federal investigation.

Summary of Noteworthy Calls for Service

12/11/2020	Assist Other Agency / Stolen Vehicle Recovery	Collins Avenue & 89 Street
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A Bal Harbour officer received a stolen vehicle alert on his License Plate Reader. Surfside police were notified the vehicle was in the area of Collins Avenue and 89 Street. The Bal Harbour officer continued to receive alerts as the vehicle appeared to be driving around the same area. The Bal Harbour officer responded to assist Surfside Police and eventually located the stolen vehicle. The vehicle was parked and unoccupied at the time. Surfside police officers responded and recovered the vehicle.

12/11/2020	Traffic Incident	10200 Collins Avenue
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While conducting a parking lot check utilizing the License Plate Reader, a Bal Harbour officer received an alert to a vehicle with a seize tag order. The investigation also revealed the driver had a suspended driver's license. The tag was impounded and the driver was issued a criminal traffic citation.

12/12/2020	Deceased Person	10185 Collins Avenue
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Bal Harbour officers were summoned to an east side condominium to check on the welfare of a resident. Family members were unable to contact the resident. Officers arrived and discovered the resident expired in the apartment. No foul play is suspected at this time. Miami-Dade Police Department, Homicide Investigators responded and took over the investigation.

12/12/2020	Suspicious Vehicle	9930 Collins Avenue
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A resident notified the Bal Harbour police department regarding of an occupied suspicious vehicle parked in a private residential condominium parking lot. Officers responded and located the vehicle. Investigation revealed the driver works for Door-Dash and parked in the property while waiting for the next call. Officers recalled the driver from a prior incident at the same location. The driver had an expired driver's license and he was not authorized to be on the premises. The driver was cited for the expired tag and warned that unauthorized parking on private property is prohibited. All information was documented in the Computer Automated Dispatch (CAD) database.

12/12/2020	Recovery Reported Stolen Tag	Harding Avenue and 95 Street
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The License Plate Reader System alerted to a vehicle traveling south on Collins Avenue entering Bal Harbour's jurisdiction. A Bal Harbour officer conducted a stop and discovered the occupants were tourists who had just flown in and picked up the rental vehicle at the airport. The investigation revealed the tag was reported stolen in error. BHPD notified the rental agency and the reporting police department. In an effort to ensure the tourist were not inconveniently stopped again as they travelled to their Miami Beach Hotel, BHPD contacted Miami Beach police and notified them of the incident and the possibility of Miami Beach LPRs' receiving a duplicate alert on the vehicle's tag.

12/13/2020	Traffic Stop/Seize Tag	9600 blk Harding Avenue
Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle; the license plate attached was not assigned to the vehicle. The license plate was seized and the driver was cited. The vehicle was towed from the scene.		

12/14/2020	Hazardous Condition	291 Bal Bay Drive
Construction crews struck a gas line while removing a tree stump. The area was immediately evacuated and secured by officers and Miami-Dade Fire Department. TECO gas company responded and capped the leak without further incident. No injuries were reported and the construction site was reopened.		

12/15/2020	Information	10295 Collins Avenue
Bal Harbour police received a call regarding a possible stolen vehicle taken from the valet at the Ritz-Carlton. The tag was entered in the License Plate Reader and the officer advised that the vehicle had not exited the jurisdictional boundaries of Bal Harbour or Surfside. Officers from both agencies conducted an extensive area canvass and the vehicle was soon located in Surfside. The investigation revealed that the driver (registered guest at the Ritz) had inadvertently entered a vehicle which was very similar to hers and drove away. The vehicle was returned without incident. No crime was committed and all parties were satisfied with the outcome.		

12/15/2020	Assist Surfside PD	Harding Avenue and 89 Street
After receiving a Be On the Look Out (BOLO), Bal Harbour officers responded to assist Surfside police regarding a vehicle burglary that just occurred. Surfside police officers located the offender and discovered he was a convicted felon who was in possession of a firearm and burglary tools. Surfside arrested the individual and subsequently issued an informational flyer.		

12/17/2020	Assist Surfside PD	300 Block of 96 Street
Surfside police requested assistance regarding a suspect of an assault which was fleeing towards Bal Harbour on foot. A Bal Harbour officer located the male in the area and detained him until Surfside officers responded and took over the investigation.		

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

Date: December 18, 2020

