


# BAL HARBOUR

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OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

LETTER TO COUNCIL

NO. 071-2021

To: Mayor Gabriel Groisman and Members of the Village Council  
From: Jorge M. Gonzalez, Village Manager   
Date: May 14, 2021  
Subject: **Bal Harbour Police Department Weekly Report for the period of  
May 07, 2021, through May 13, 2021**

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

**2021 Week #19:** Friday May 7, 2021, through Thursday, May 13, 2021

<i><b>Calls for Service</b></i>		<i><b>Reports</b></i>		<i><b>Arrests</b></i>		<i><b>Code Enforcement</b></i>		<i><b>Traffic Enforcement</b></i>	
Primary	48	Incident	30	Felony	00	Violations	00	Citations	45
Assist Other Agency	02	Crash	03	Misdemeanor Includes Traffic	00	Warnings - Verbal and Written	06	Warnings	64
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>00</b>	Investigations	51	Parking	38
								<b>Total</b>	<b>147</b>

**2020 Week #19:** Friday May 8, through Thursday, May 14, 2020

<i><b>Calls for Service</b></i>		<i><b>Reports</b></i>		<i><b>Arrests</b></i>		<i><b>Code Enforcement</b></i>		<i><b>Traffic Enforcement</b></i>	
Primary	39	Incident	19	Felony	01	Violations	00	Citations	32
Assist Other Agency	04	Crash	05	Misdemeanor Includes Traffic	02	Warnings	00	Warnings	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>03</b>	Investigations	<b>00</b>	Parking	14
								<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>

## Enforcement Activity Summary

Friday, May 7		
Traffic Enforcement Details		
Location / Detail Type	Citations	Warnings
Parking Enforcement Village Wide	03	00
Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue	00	00
9700 Collins Avenue / Shops Illegal Right Turns	00	00
North Lot / Frontage Road	03	01
Residential 20 MPH is Plenty AM & PM Details	00	00
Harding Avenue & 96 Street / Crosswalk	00	00
All other Collins Avenue Enforcement Results	07	05

Saturday, May 8		
Traffic Enforcement Details		
Location / Detail Type	Citations	Warnings
Parking Enforcement Village Wide	01	00
Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue	05	09
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	03

Sunday, May 9		
Traffic Enforcement Details		
Location / Detail Type	Citations	Warnings
Parking Enforcement Village Wide	10	00
Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue	00	07
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	03	03

Monday, May 10		
Traffic Enforcement Details		
Location / Detail Type	Citations	Warnings
Parking Enforcement Village Wide	05	00
Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue	04	03
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	02	02

## Enforcement Activity Summary (continued)

<b>Tuesday, May 11</b>		
<b>Traffic Enforcement Details</b>		
<b>Location / Detail Type</b>	<b>Citations</b>	<b>Warnings</b>
Parking Enforcement Village Wide	01	00
Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue	02	01
9700 Collins Avenue / Shops Illegal Right Turns	00	00
North Lot / Frontage Road	00	02
Residential 20 MPH is Plenty AM & PM Details	00	00
Harding Avenue & 96 Street / Crosswalk	00	00
All other Collins Avenue Enforcement Results	09	07

<b>Wednesday, May 12</b>		
<b>Traffic Enforcement Details</b>		
<b>Location / Detail Type</b>	<b>Citations</b>	<b>Warnings</b>
Parking Enforcement Village Wide	07	00
Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue	02	04
9700 Collins Avenue / Shops Illegal Right Turns	00	00
North Lot / Frontage Road	03	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

<b>Thursday, May 13</b>		
<b>Traffic Enforcement Details</b>		
<b>Location / Detail Type</b>	<b>Citations</b>	<b>Warnings</b>
Parking Enforcement Village Wide	11	00
Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue	00	02
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	02	09

## Summary of Activities and Events

### Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officers (CEO's) patrolling the gated community noted a portable storage unit at a residence on the 100 Block of Park Drive. CEOs contacted the property owner and issued a code violation warning.

A check of construction sites along Camden Drive revealed an unsecured gate at a site on the 100 Block. CEOs posted a code violation warning on site informing the contractor and homeowner to repair the fence. A second warning was issued to the same property regarding overgrown vegetation.

Code Enforcement Officers noticed a vehicle with an expired tag parked on the lawn of a home on the 100 Block of Camden Drive. Parking vehicles on the lawn is contrary to Village codes. CEOs issued the property owner a code violation warning directing the property owner to move the vehicle.

### Criminal Investigations

Detectives met with a resident of a beachside condominium regarding to allegations of possible criminal activity and personal discriminations. The resident presented a series of disputes with the Home Owner's Association and displeasure at multiple emails distributed to residents at the building. All of the resident's grievances were related to HOA business and interpersonal disputes that did not rise to the level of criminal activity. The resident was advised to seek legal counsel in resolving the HOA disagreements.

A theft investigation which began in November 2020 concluded at a dead end due to the use of burner phones. Clerks at a retail store in the Bal Harbour Shops gave the victim's bags to the wrong customer. The bags contained approximately \$11,000 worth of purchase. Detectives initially spoke by phone with a possible suspect who received the bag. The suspect claimed he passed the bags to his nephew to be returned to the store. Detectives spoke with the nephew by phone and he claimed to have returned the merchandise. After multiple phone subpoenas and attempts to identify the suspects, detectives discovered they used burner phones linked to fictitious names and addresses. However, since the bags were given to the wrong customer, the retailer reimbursed the victim for her loss.

The CID closed its investigation of a slashed tire in the parking lot of the Bal Harbour Shops. Detectives identified the suspect and learned he paid restitution to the victim via mall security personnel. The suspect met with detectives and admitted his wrongdoing. The victim confirmed he received restitution in the amount of \$300.

<b>Marine Patrol / Beach Safety Officer Details</b>						
<b>Stops</b>	<b>Citations</b>	<b>Warnings</b>	<b>Arrests</b>	<b>Reports</b>	<b>AOA</b>	<b>Contacts</b>
20	03	08	00	04	02	120

**Remarks**

**Marine Patrol:**

The Bal Harbour Marine officers observed a pontoon boat taking on water east of the sandbar. The pontoon boat and four crew members were transported to 10800 Blk Collins Ave. No injuries were reported.

Marine officers assisted Indian Creek marine patrol regarding a loud music complaint from several boats anchored at the Sandbar. The boats lowered the music and left the area.

Marine officers were notified of a distressed kite surfer on the ocean side near 92 street. The male operating the kite became tangled with another surfer. The individuals managed to free themselves and avoid any injuries.

**Beach Safety Detail:**

On May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, BHV experienced adverse weather conditions, as a result the Beach Safety Officer (BSO) upgraded the beach advisory from a yellow (medium hazard) to red (high hazard) warning. The BSO patrolled the Bal Harbour Beach and warned beachgoers of the rip tide potential.

On May 09, Bal Harbour marine patrol and the BSO assisted an individual who was caught in a rip current after he fell off a jet-ski. With the help of a Bal Harbour resident, the individual was rescued with the deployment of BHV life disk.

The BSO encountered two dogs on the beach, one being a service dog. The owner of the second dog removed the dog after being advised of the restrictions. The BSO later observed a loose dog not on a leash. The owner was administered a verbal warning after notifying him of the ordinance in place.

## Summary of Noteworthy Calls for Service

<b>May 08, 2021</b>	<b>Traffic Congestion</b>	<b>Village Wide</b>
During the Mother's Day weekend, BHV experienced an unusual amount of vehicular traffic. The volume of vehicles traversing the Collins Avenue corridor disrupted the flow of traffic for several hours. Officers assisted with traffic management at several key intersections. No incidents were reported.		

<b>May 08, 2021</b>	<b>Power Outage</b>	<b>Village Wide</b>
A power outage affected more than 400 residents in the gated residential community and the west side condominiums on Collins Avenue. Officers conducted high visibility patrols in the area and responded to numerous false burglar alarm calls. FPL worked throughout the night and all power was restored. No other incidents were reported.		

<b>May 11, 2021</b>	<b>Traffic Incident</b>	<b>9900 Block Collins Avenue</b>
While conducting traffic enforcement on the Collins Avenue corridor, a Bal Harbour officer received an LPR alert and initiated a traffic stop. The driver was operating a vehicle with a suspended drivers' license and a seize tag order issued by the Department of Highway and Safety Vehicles. The driver was issued multiple citations and the tag was impounded.		

<b>May 13, 2021</b>	<b>Traffic Incident</b>	<b>96 Street and Beach</b>
A tourist not familiar with the area drove his vehicle onto the beach and got stuck in the soft sand. The driver assumed that driving on the beach was allowed, like his home state. A tow truck was summoned and the vehicle was removed. No damages or injuries were reported.		

<b>May 13, 2021</b>	<b>Suspicious Incident</b>	<b>9701 Collins Avenue</b>
A contract security officer was released of his duties and sent home. The security company was notified that St. Regis does not want the individual working on the property any longer. Later in the day, the male returned in civilian clothing and was seen in the parking garage taking photos of a vehicle belonging to the hotel supervisor who sent him home. Prior to police arrival, the male left the area. No damages or disturbances were reported.		

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

Date: May 14, 2021

