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POLICE PROMOTION AND BADGE PINNING CEREMONY

History was made on June 14 in Bal Harbour as the Bal Harbour Police Department recognized the promotion of its first Hispanic female sergeant and welcomed their first Black female officer in its 76-year history. Diversity and inclusivity are key values of the Bal Harbour Police Department and these officers are the embodiment of the agency's values. The Department is proud to celebrate this moment.

The ceremony recognized the promotions of Officer Erica Blanco and Officer David Navas to Sergeant. Officers who have joined the agency since the pandemic began were also formally recognized with a badge pinning ceremony. Officers recognized included Officer Lydia Armstrong, Officer Denise Bremer, Officer Shevin Castro, Officer Larry Faison, Officer Jomarie Morejon, Officer Dewayne Williams, Reserve Officer Tarie Holley, and Police Dispatcher Tyra Courtney.

This was the first police promotional ceremony to take place since the COVID-19 pandemic began, which caused everyone to change how they gathered and celebrated. The Bal Harbour community alongside the world has overcome a great deal in the last few years and there was plenty to celebrate.

While other agencies struggled to maintain staffing levels, the Bal Harbour Police Department has remained steady and seen growth alongside the community. Despite nationwide recruiting challenges, the Police Department has remained fully staffed with the finest officers for the community. It is evident that as an award-winning agency, the Bal Harbour Police Department is living up to this standard. With a dedicated and fully-staffed Police Department, the future looks bright in Bal Harbour. To view photos from the event, visit balharbourfl.gov/photos.



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MESSAGE FROM THE VILLAGE

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Summer is synonymous with warm temperatures and vacations. As the warmer days roll in, we escape to the beach and find ways to stay cool. But this summer is on record to be the hottest summer in history, which adds to the possibility of heightened hurricane activity in the tropics. On Page 5 is information on storm preparations and emergency evacuations. Also, for your safety, follow the daily heat alerts throughout the summer season.

We would like to put a spotlight on two of our most important departments. Our Police Department focused on diversity and inclusivity at their recent promotion and pinning ceremony. The first Hispanic female sergeant was promoted and the first Black female officer joined the Department. Also, the Public Works and Beautification Department received a proclamation from the Village Council recognizing their work and dedication.

The Village Council also passed two ordinances to advance the quality of life in Bal Harbour. One is to prohibit smoking in any Village park and the other prohibits exterior construction on Saturdays with enforcement beginning Saturday, September 2.

Residents will soon have a new convenient and complimentary *All Access Card* that will provide access to the new waterfront park as well as other amenities and perks. The Recreation, Arts & Culture Department will be taking applications soon.

It is now easier than ever to stay in the know with our weekly email blasts. Sign up online at balharbourfl.gov/stay-connected. You can also connect with us on social media, the website, and our Bal Harbour Alerts. Additional information is available on page 8.

For questions or more information: please feel free to visit Village Hall (Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.), call us at 305.866.4633, or email us at communications@balharbourfl.gov.

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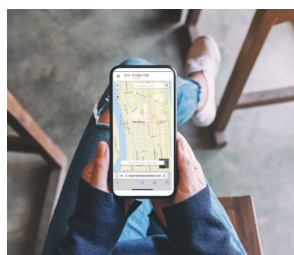
SPOTLIGHT ON PUBLIC WORKS AND BEAUTIFICATION DEPARTMENT



In May, the Village Council celebrated National Public Works Week with a proclamation recognizing the work and dedication of the Public Works & Beautification (PWB) Department. The Department is comprised of three areas of focus; Facilities, Public Works and Greenspace Management. Within these areas of focus, this talented team provides public right-of-way and infrastructure maintenance services, utility and solid waste management, landscape maintenance and

design, as well as maintenance activities for all Village facilities. We applaud the great work of the Public Works & Beautification Department. Their dedication and diligence to the community keep Bal Harbour safe and beautiful, and ensure a high quality of life within the Village.

NEW CITIZENS REQUEST SERVICE LAUNCHED



Beginning this month, the Public Works & Beautification Department is launching a new citizens request portal. Residents and guests can now conveniently submit a request to the Public Works team via an online request site. The Bal Harbour Village Public Works & Beautification Department works diligently to ensure the proper maintenance and safety of our public infrastructure, utilities, and facilities. If you see power outages, damage to our public right-of-ways, or an area in need of improvement, you can now report it 24/7 online. Requests can include damage, potential safety hazards, or power outages. To submit a request, visit balharbourfl.gov/reportaconcern or call the hotline at 305.993.7391 to leave a message, including contact information, location of issue, and description of issue. Contact information will be used to follow up for any additional information needed, as well as provide status updates on the progress of your request.

BAL HARBOUR FREEBEE LAUNCHES NEW HOURS

The launch of Freebee in Bal Harbour last year was met with much success. This complimentary service provides residents and visitors with convenient and efficient transportation within Bal Harbour and the neighboring areas. The Village Council reviewed the current use of the service at the May Council Meeting and approved new hours to better meet the needs of the community. The Public Works & Beautification Department worked with Freebee to launch the adjusted hours in July. Visit balharbourfl.gov/freebee to learn more.



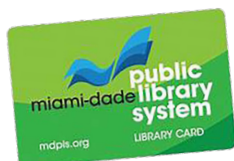
Monday - Thursday 10 am - 3 pm, 4 - 9 pm	Friday & Saturday 10 am - 3 pm, 4 - 10 pm	Sunday 10 am - 3 pm, 4 - 7 pm
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NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT AUTISM VEHICLE



The Bal Harbour Police Department is committed to making Bal Harbour an inclusive community for all. They wholeheartedly work to raise awareness and increase education about autism, and were recently recognized as the 2022 Law Enforcement Agency of the Year for its ardent support of Autism Awareness Programs. In an effort to continue to emphasize and enhance recognition of this important topic, the Department partnered with Romero Britto to create a colorful and unique design for a police vehicle. The unique pattern is the first of its kind designed by Britto for a police vehicle. The vehicle was unveiled on Monday, April 17, and will remain in use throughout the year.

LIBRARY CARD REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM



Did you know that Bal Harbour offers a library card reimbursement program? Residents do not fall under the library district for Miami-Dade County, and therefore, do not qualify for a complimentary library card. However, Bal Harbour Village reimburses residents for up to two library card purchases per household. Residents can conveniently access a variety of media, services, and programs at their local library branch at no cost. Apply now online at balharbourfl.gov/librarycard.

AROUND THE VILLAGE

SMOKING NOT PERMITTED IN PARKS



The Village Council recently passed an ordinance on park rules in an effort to protect the high quality of life found in Bal Harbour. One of the rules included is to prohibit smoking in public parks. Secondhand smoke can be harmful in many ways, and can cause cancer, heart disease, and respiratory problems. Bal Harbour Village wants to ensure that our parks are a safe environment for everyone to enjoy. Therefore, smoking is now prohibited in any public park. Let's work together to make our public spaces enjoyable for everyone.

AMENDMENT TO NOISE ORDINANCE - NO EXTERIOR CONSTRUCTION ON SATURDAYS



The Village Council has passed an ordinance amending Chapter 11 of the Village Code, related to noise disturbances. The proposed amendment prohibits exterior construction noise on Saturdays (landscaping is still permitted). Interior work that does not create a nuisance will still be permitted. This will allow a consistent reprieve throughout the weekends for residents and guests. The Village Council approved a courtesy period and the new ordinance will be enforced beginning Saturday, September 2. Throughout the courtesy period, the Village Building Department and Code Enforcement will be notifying all current permit holders of the change.

LOCAL FLOODING FACTS

Flooding is an act of nature that respects no boundary lines. The Village has implemented various methods, through the Utility Infrastructure Improvement Program, to minimize flooding where possible. You can also take measures to protect yourself and your property by implementing flood mitigation steps, such as:

- Grading your property to facilitate stormwater run-off.
- Elevating major appliances such as air-conditioning units and water heaters, to prevent damage during flooding.
- Using flood-proofing materials such as paints and sealants.
- Checking sewer trap valves to prevent backup flooding.
- Cleaning gutters and storm drains around your property to permit free flow of water.
- Keeping a stockpile of sandbags and construction materials available.

One of the best ways to protect your property is to insure it. Standard homeowners' insurance and windstorm policies DO NOT cover losses from flooding (rising waters)! Bal Harbour is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which is administered by FEMA. Federally guaranteed flood insurance is available to Village residents in AE Flood Zones at a discount of 10% because of the Village's participation. To learn more, visit floodsmart.gov.

Taking the mitigation steps listed above to protect your property and yourself long before a flood event is important. There are also safety tips you can follow when a flood event does threaten, whether you are staying in your home or evacuating.

BEFORE THE FLOOD

- Learn and practice the safest route from your home or business to high ground in case you must evacuate.
- Turn off water, gas and electric service to your home and plug drains with large corks to prevent sewer backup.
- Keep a disaster kit on hand with emergency supplies.
- Take pictures of your home and valuables and keep them in a safe, dry place.

DURING THE FLOOD

- Keep a battery-powered radio tuned to a local station for emergency information.
- Elevate valuables or move them to higher floors.
- Do not drive, walk or play in flooded areas.

AFTER THE FLOOD

- Before entering a building, check for structural damage.
- Use bottled water only, until tap water has been declared safe for consumption by officials.
- Dispose of everything, including food, that has come in contact with flood waters. The flood waters could be contaminated with raw sewage and poisonous chemicals.

Visit balharbourfl.gov/floodingfacts to learn more about what to do before, during, and after a flood event.

BE READY FOR THE 2023 STORM SEASON

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30. Preparation and planning are key components to surviving any storm. Review the tips below to ensure that you and your family are ready for any storm that may come our way this season.

STORM PREPARATIONS

- **Emergency Kits** - One of the first steps in preparation for a storm is to have emergency kits and checklists. Your emergency kit should contain items such as water, flashlights, extra batteries, a whistle, cash, battery-powered radio, and much more. To view the full needs list, visit balharbourfl.gov/hurricane-preparedness.
- **Home Preparations** - Make sure your home is protected in areas where wind can enter. Bring in lawn furniture that cannot be tied down and take pictures of your home in case your insurance company requests photos.
- **Water** - Plan for at least one gallon per person, per day, for three to seven days. Fill plastic containers with water once the hurricane warning is announced.
- **Tree Pruning** - Make sure to prune your trees this hurricane season. The right tree in the right place, trimmed properly, may help protect your property from strong winds by acting as a buffer. Improperly pruning trees before a storm can increase the possibility they will break or fall more easily during the storm. The large amounts of fallen and damaged trees usually seen after a storm are from improper cutting or pruning of trees.
- **Trash Pickup** - Dispose of household and yard trash. Place garbage carts on the curb for regular collection service. Secure your trash and recycling bins in a garage or covered patio.
- **Gasoline Storage and Generators** - Store fuel in an approved container, holding five gallons or less, in a cool, dry, ventilated, and secure area.
- **Pet Preparedness** - In case of an emergency evacuation, take your pets with you. Pet-Friendly Evacuation Centers (PFEC) operate pet-friendly shelters during emergencies. Pre-registration is not required to use the evacuation center. Evacuation centers will be announced as needed.
- **Shelter in Place** - During an emergency, a notification alert might require the public to shelter in place by taking refuge indoors. Sheltering in place offers immediate protection for a short time in your home or other buildings. In the event of an emergency, Miami-Dade County officials will issue an emergency alert over the radio or on television that instructs the public to shelter in place.



EMERGENCY EVACUATIONS

The Miami-Dade County Mayor may recommend that certain residents take steps to evacuate due to their personal risk. A recommendation might be issued to residents who may need extra time to evacuate due to mobility challenges or people who live in areas prone to flooding that may not be in storm surge inundation areas.

The Emergency and Evacuation Assistance Program (EEAP) provides evacuation assistance to residents who need specialized transportation or whose medical needs prevent them from evacuating on their own. You can register for the program by visiting miamidade.gov/hurricane.

KNOW YOUR ZONE

Bal Harbour Village is located in Storm Surge Zone B. Zone B is at risk for storm surges from Category 2 and higher storms. Storm surge occurs as water from the ocean is pushed on shore by the force of tropical storms or hurricane winds.

AFTER A STORM

- Before returning home after an evacuation, make sure that the authorities have declared the area safe. After the storm has passed and you've confirmed that everyone is okay, it's time to assess the damage and begin the recovery phase.
- Electrical power and natural gas or propane tanks should be shut off to avoid fire, electrocution, or explosions.
- If you suspect a gas leak, turn off the main gas valve, open all windows, and leave the house immediately. Then call your gas company. Do not return to the house until you are told it is safe to do so.
- Do not drive or walk through standing water. It may be much deeper than you realize and there may be hidden hazards.

RECREATION, ARTS & CULTURE

BAL HARBOUR WATERFRONT PARK

The Capital Projects team is diligently working on the final details for the new Bal Harbour Waterfront Park. The park is truly coming together as drywall goes up and landscaping and electrical is finalized. Soon all residents will be able to experience and enjoy a park like no other in South Florida.



ALL BAL HARBOUR BENEFITS IN ONE CONVENIENT CARD

One of the Recreation, Arts, and Culture Department's new initiatives is the *All Access Card*. This card is your convenient and complimentary way to enjoy all the amenities and perks of being a Bal Harbour resident. Your *All Access Card* will act as a key FOB providing access to the new waterfront park during regular operating hours. The card provides residents with several additional benefits including discounted and priority access to recreational programs, special offers, and complimentary access to our museum partners and events. In addition to a three-story community center, residents can enjoy the various park amenities including an open lawn for passive play and special events, a performance area with seating, a strolling path with fitness stations, an outdoor basketball court, playgrounds, and a splash pad. Additionally, residents will have access to rent the various rooms within the community center and the playground.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR AN ALL ACCESS CARD? All Bal Harbour residents who live in the Village for at least six months per year or own property in the Village are eligible to receive an *All Access Card*. Eligible residents can receive an *All Access Card* for themselves and members of their household, ages 12 and older. Children under the age of 12 will receive the same *All Access* benefits, but would not have unaccompanied access to the Waterfront Park.

HOW TO APPLY - With the opening of the Waterfront Park nearing, the Recreation, Arts, and Culture Department will open *All Access Card* applications to assist residents with convenient access to the new park and its amenities. Residents will be able to apply and submit proof of residency conveniently online. Your application will then be reviewed by a team member and once approved residents will need to make an appointment to have your professional photo taken at Village Hall for your *All Access Card*.

As part of this process, you will also receive your login credentials for the Village's new online registration system for convenient registration and easy access to account details. Additional information on *All Access Card* applications will soon be available online. Residents can visit balharbourfl.gov/AllAccessCard for additional updates.

RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING

You spoke and our Recreation, Arts, and Culture Department listened. Thank you to everyone who participated in the recreation survey. The feedback provided guidance on programming for the Waterfront Park and throughout the Village. The Recreation team will be hosting various demo classes and clinics for residents to experience the programs. The goal is to provide residents with a look at what is to come and to gain additional feedback on program schedules and times. Schedules for fall programming and activities will be shared online beginning August 21. Registration for residents with valid proof of residency will be available online. Be one of the first people to experience the new recreation programs and activities coming to Bal Harbour. Learn more and register at balharbourfl.gov/recreation.



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT - SPRING EVENTS

This year's season was filled with exceptional performances at our monthly Sounds by the Sea Concerts, including music by FLORENZA, the South Florida Symphony Orchestra, and a disco tribute band. The *Unscripted* Art Program took residents to unique tours, including Willy Chirino: 50 Years of Music at HistoryMiami. The highlight of the season was the first annual Spring Festival, where guests learned how to live more sustainably and the role they play in protecting our natural environment. The event was the perfect celebration of Earth Month with hands-on activities and a beach cleanup by the jetty. View and download photos from our events at balharbourfl.gov/photos or on [facebook.com/balharbourfl.gov](https://www.facebook.com/balharbourfl.gov).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Miami Spice Month

Beginning Tuesday, August 1
Visit balharbourflorida.com/events for local restaurants participating.

Miami Spa Month

Ongoing through Thursday, August 31
Visit balharbourflorida.com/events for local spas participating.

Full Moon Yoga on the Beach

Tuesday, August 1 | 8 - 9 PM

Unscripted Art Tour - NSU Art Museum

Wednesday, August 23 | 12:30 - 2 PM

Full Moon Yoga on the Beach

Wednesday, August 30 | 7:30 - 8:30 PM

Sounds by the Sea Concert

Sunday, September 10 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Unscripted Art Tour - Rubell Museum

Tuesday, September 12 | 12:30 PM

Full Moon Yoga on the Beach

Thursday, September 28 | 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Cookies & Cops

Sunday, October 1 | 4:00 - 5:00 PM

The Market

Beginning Sunday, October 15

Marshall Jon Fisher, *Seventeen and Oh*

Thursday, October 19

In partnership with Miami Book Fair

Sounds by the Sea Concert

Sunday, October 29 | 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Full Moon Yoga on the Beach

Sunday, October 29 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM

To register and for more information, visit balharbourfl.gov/events.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION AN AWESOME EVENING TO ALL

While the Village has recently held memorable July 4th events, the 2023 Independence Day Celebration was an astonishing evening for residents, families and guests. By the jetty, attendances showed their patriot spirit of the holiday while enjoying live music, games for children, activities and refreshments. After dark, a first-time ever drone show kept everyone open-eyed as they watched amazing images in the sky. The celebration ended with a spectacular fireworks display over the beach. View and download photos from the event at balharbourfl.gov/photos.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, August 15 | 6:30 PM
Budget Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 7 | 1 PM
Architectural Review Board (ARB)
Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 12 | 6:30 PM
Village Council Meeting | First Budget Hearing

Tuesday, September 19 | 6:30 PM
Village Council Meeting | Second Budget
Hearing

Tuesday, September 26 | 10:30 AM
Resort Tax Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 5 | 1 PM
Architectural Review Board (ARB)
Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 17 | 6:30 PM
Village Council Meeting

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