

VILLAGE'S WATERFRONT PARK IS ON THE HORIZON

Residents and visitors have been noticing the expansive activity on the construction site for the Waterfront Park. On Tuesday, October 25, Village Council Members and staff were invited to take a close look at the progress through a hard hat tour. Despite the challenges presented by the current construction market in obtaining concrete, the project is on schedule for a substantial completion by March 2023.

This new venue will have many exciting amenities, including an open lawn for passive activities, strolling gardens, progressive outdoor exercise zones and a splash pad. The lush green park will also feature play spaces by award-winning designer Monstrum, who has woven themes of Mother Earth and Cycle of Life throughout these spaces. The 12,000- square-foot community center will house multipurpose event spaces for social events, lectures, art and music classes and more.



Rendering of outdoor play space, Sky City, for youth ages 8 to 14, at new waterfront park.



Left to right: Village Manager Jorge M. Gonzalez, Vice Mayor Seth Salver, Council Member David Albaum and Council Member Buzzy Sklar at the hard hat tour.



Mayor Gabriel Groisman with project team and Village staff.

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

As the Recreation, Arts & Culture Department is planning for activities and events at the new park and throughout the Village, we want your input. Please visit: bit.ly/bhv-recreation to take a brief survey.

MESSAGE FROM THE VILLAGE

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This year has been a bright and productive year for Bal Harbour. We are proud of what we have accomplished and we are looking forward to the upcoming holiday season in the Village.

Capital projects to improve our community's quality of life have been at the forefront of the Village's priorities. Tremendous progress has been made on the new Waterfront Park - with an expected completion in the Spring of 2023. This new venue will be a destination for all ages. The new Jetty and Cutwalk project is on schedule and is currently in the construction document phase. Learn more about the Jetty project on page 3.

The 2022-2023 fiscal year budget was formally adopted by the Village Council at the September budget hearings. Despite the continued impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the increasing impacts of inflation, the Village maintains a strong financial position. With a conservative and fiscally responsible approach, the Village Council and staff set out to expand services while keeping expenses low. This is represented by the eighth consecutive year that our millage rate is set at the historically low level of 1.9654 mills. Read the complete budget message on page 4.

As we bring to a close the 75th Anniversary Celebrations, we have commemorated many magnificent moments together in Bal Harbour. Residents and visitors enjoyed a full year of events, including the classics such as our Independence Day Celebration on the beach. There is a full schedule of events planned for the new year. Check out page 7 for a preview of what's to come, and visit our event calendar online at: **balharbourfl.gov/events** for additional offerings.

Staying connected with the Village has never been easier. Stay up-to-date on the latest news, events, and services by signing up for our emails online at: balharbourfl.gov/stay-connected, following us on social media (see page 8 for details), and signing up for text alerts regarding traffic and emergency notices at: balharbourfl.gov/textalerts. Additionally, with the launch of our new website, everything will be at your fingertips - with no need for an app! The site is also available in Spanish, Hebrew and Portuguese. Take a look at: balharbourfl.gov.

For additional 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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AROUND THE VILLAGE

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES EXHIBIT REFRESHED

Through Bal Harbour's innovative *Unscripted* art programs, residents and guests have experienced a variety of art installations, including the Americana and Levittown House exhibits in 2013, the Barefoot Mailman in 2014 and the Rotorelief in 2018. Most recently, through a partnership with The Opera Gallery, an exhibition of several art sculptures by Manolo Valdes were installed in November 2021, as part of our Art in Public Places. To continue promoting art and culture throughout Bal Harbour, The Opera Gallery has curated a lineup of fresh and vibrant pieces for a new exhibition to replace the current Valdes exhibition. These are to be installed in late November and will include works by Anthony James, Xavier Mascaró, Marc Quinn, Rotraut and Manolo Valdes. For information on the art and artists, visit: balharbourflorida.com/art-around-bal-harbour.







JETTY AND JETTY PLAZA PROJECTS

The Capital Program Department continues to work diligently on the Jetty project. A team of consultants, including Mikyoung Kim Design Studio and Cadence Landscape Architects, are currently working on the construction document phase of the project, which is 30% completed. Design plans have been reviewed with various agencies and entities. In September, 2022, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) both issued permit approval for the project. In the coming months, the Village will request Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners' approval for the issuance of permit from the Division of Environmental Resource Management. For up-to-date information, visit: balharbourfl.gov/capital-projects

HURRICANE IAN DONATIONS

In September, the west coast of Florida was devasted by Hurricane Ian. Bal Harbour Village Police Department deployed Officers Adrian Gonzalez, Larry Faison and Ricky Duarte to Sanibel Island to assist the Sanibel Police Department in their recovery efforts, including assisting with security enforcement of the island. The Village has also partnered with Global Empowerment Mission (GEM) to collect donations. Monetary donations are preferred and are being accepted by GEM directly. Donations can be made securely at: **globalempowermentmission.org/mission/hurricane-ian**. Supply donations can be dropped off at Village Hall during regular operating hours. Learn how you can support those in need by visiting: **balharbourfl.gov/hurricaneian**.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT EXPANSION

The Building Department is committed to the health and safety of its residents, businesses and the public, through effective and efficient supervision of the Florida Building Code, Florida Statutes and local ordinances. The Village's Building Official is making improvements to provide a more efficient and effective process for the Village and its customers. All plans and permits are being scanned to be archived digitally. Going forward the department will scan daily work to have a fully digitized archive in our Laserfiche Repository. This will enable a more efficient system to locate and reference information. Other improvements include:

- With concurrent plan review between the Village and Miami-Dade County, this one-stop shop will save time and expense for residential and commercial projects.
- The additional service of electronic recording with the County Recorder's Office, safes time and expense for contractors and residents by not having to go to the Recorder's Office.
- With an additional inspection day, all trades can call for inspections Mondays Thursdays.



A NEW CAR RIDE SERVICE COMES TO BAL HARBOUR

Freebee is a complimentary service slated to begin in December for residents and visitors of Bal Harbour. To use Freebee, simply download the Freebee app (available in the Apple and Google Play store) and request your free ride to anywhere in the service area (Bal Harbour and surrounding areas). Check our website for the service area, hours of operation and more: balharbourfl.gov/community/transportation

BAL HARBOUR WEBSITE GETS AN UPGRADE

We are excited to announce the launch of our new website, providing convenient access to a variety of information with a fresh new look. Everything about Bal Harbour is at your fingertips, including hotels, restaurants, art & culture, events and Village services. The new site can be viewed in Hebrew, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. Visit: balharbourfl.gov to learn more.

2022-23 ANNUAL FISCAL BUDGET REVIEW

THE BAL HARBOUR EXPERIENCE

This year, the Village Council approved the updated refinement of the four elements of *The Bal Harbour Experience* to better epitomize the unique and distinctive attributes of the community. These updated elements denote the essence of *The Bal Harbour Experience*:

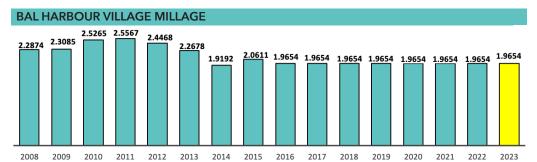
•Beautiful Environment - Fusing casual elegance with tranquil coastal living presented through the lens of secluded beaches, lush landscaping, serene public spaces, welldetailed sidewalks and jogging paths incorporated into the native environment.

Destination & Amenities

- Elevated experiences and unhurried bliss are the distinctive hallmarks of our Village delivered through exquisite luxury hotels, inspiring culinary selections, and celebrated high-end shopping. A waterfront park and iconic Jetty will soon add to the lure of our breath-taking setting.
- •Unique & Elegant Residents and guests balance sun and sea-drenched escapes with our curated events designed for discerning connoisseurs.
- •Safety Anchored by our focus on a community policing model, where our officers are staffed, trained and motivated to provide excellent service and safety to our residents and guests in a pleasant, engaging, and friendly manner.

Together, these elements define what makes our community so unique, distinctive, and such a desirable place to live, work and play in, and visit.

Bal Harbour Village is proud to have adopted a conservative and fiscally responsible Operating and Capital Budget for the 2022 - 2023 fiscal year. Despite the continued impacts of the COVID-19 global pandemic and the increasing impacts of inflation, the Village maintains a strong financial position. The Budget provides an overview of our financial position in the Village, as well as past accomplishments and future plans for our community.



Bal Harbour Village has three primary funds used to operate our municipal government: General Fund, Resort Tax and Water and Wastewater Utility Fund (Utility Fund). The total Operating and Capital Budget for all major funds is \$50,161,200. This includes Capital Improvement Program (CIP) appropriations, minor equipment and reserves of \$21,761,800.

As a result of a disciplined approach to resource allocation, careful management practices and conservative fiscal policies, Bal Harbour Village continues to maintain a very strong financial position in all of our funds, all while continuing to navigate the lingering impacts from the COVID-19 global pandemic since March 2020. The FY 2022-2023 Budget again keeps the current millage rate of 1.9654 unchanged. This is the eighth consecutive year that our millage rate is set at this historically low level. It should be noted, the millage rate is a reduction of 4.6% since 2015 and a cumulative reduction of 32.27% since 2004. The Village's millage continues to be the third lowest of the 34 municipalities in Miami-Dade County, and the lowest amongst all legacy cities.

Given the thorough review of the FY 2020-2021 budget, along with the stabilization of revenues from the initial economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the budget for FY 2022-2023 is a continuation of current service levels. However, this year we undertook an extensive reorganization of how we are structured to deliver services in anticipation of the new Waterfront Park coming online during this new fiscal year.

Significant investments continue to be made in the various capital improvement projects in our public spaces and infrastructure with a total of \$20,655,400 in capital project-related appropriations. The Village has developed a long-term vision for the future of our community with a multi-year capital improvement program with the appropriation of funding toward a number of capital projects in the Village. These CIP projects include the completion of a new waterfront park and community center, the Bal Harbour Jetty/Cutwalk, the new Village Hall, the beach path landscaping, and the redevelopment of the Collins Avenue corridor, in addition to the utility infrastructure (sewer, water and stormwater) improvement projects underway.

As we eagerly await the opening of our new park and community center in early 2023, our newly created Recreation, Arts & Culture Department will centralize several activities and services which were previously offered through other Village Departments, and expand upon and enhance those services to meet the growing needs of the Village.

The mission of the Recreation, Arts & Culture Department is to create and implement programs, activities, and events which will help to elevate the quality of life for our residents, while also positioning the Village as a unique, elegant and cultural destination for residents, visitors and guests.

2022-23 ANNUAL FISCAL BUDGET REVIEW

Another of our existing top funding priorities is our continued focus on public safety, with an emphasis on our community policing efforts. Enhancements include funding to purchase four new police vehicles, the continuous reserve for fleet maintenance, and additional funding to share in the cost along with the Towns of Surfside and Bay Harbor Islands for a second police officer at Ruth K. Broad K-8 Education Center, in addition to the police officer provided by Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Improvements and enhancements to our Building Department continue as well to ensure that our community is safe and structurally sound. With additional investments in technology and a review of business processes, our delivery of services has dramatically improved over the past year with new, more experienced building inspectors, who are focused on the ongoing efforts related to the 40+ year building recertification process and support a greater emphasis on customer service. Additional funding this year will be allocated for an additional day of service for inspections and plan reviews.

EXPENDITURES

The following is a breakdown of the operating and capital allocations for FY 2022-23 for each of the distinct Funds:

EXPENDITURES SUMMARY BY FUND			
	FY 2	FY 2023 Proposed	
		Budget	
General Fund	\$	33,626,100	
Resort Tax Fund		9,069,500	
Water and Wastewater Fund		7,465,600	
Security & Landscape Assessment Fund		2,472,800	
Total Expenditures	\$	52,634,000	

CAPITAL PROJECTS

The FY 2023-27 Capital Budget and 5-Year Capital Improvement Program includes capital improvements Village-wide. The expenditures by project are outlined in the following table:

				Combined					
EXPENDITURE BY PROJECT	Previous Years			FY 2023		Future Years		Total	
Parks and Public Spaces Operations Facility	\$	3,164,704	\$	-	\$	-	\$	3,164,704	
Waterfront Park (Phase A)		19,191,839		370,000	\$	-		19,561,839	
Jetty/Cutwalk		1,992,152		14,900,000	\$	-		16,892,152	
96th Street Plaza		-		200,000	\$	1,500,000		1,700,000	
New Village Hall		3,100,000		-	\$	20,223,318		23,323,318	
Collins Avenue Beautification		50,000		-	\$	12,000,000		12,050,000	
Waterfront Park (Phase B)		50,000		-	\$	6,050,000		6,100,000	
BeachSide Landscape		-		50,000	\$	-		50,000	
Utility Infrastructure - Sewer, Water and									
Stormwater Improvements		23,452,300		5,135,398	\$	10,478,561		39,066,259	
TBD:					\$	-			
Use of Suntrust/Truist Funds		-		-	\$	2,955,012		2,955,012	
Use of Shop Funds		-		-	\$	500,000		500,000	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$	51,000,995	\$	20,655,398	\$	53,706,891	\$	125,363,284	

RESORT TAX

Bal Harbour Village is one of only three Miami-Dade County municipalities, to levy a resort tax, and in doing so takes advantage of the benefits derived from this revenue source. This includes the reinvestment in the promotion of tourism and enhancing tourist eligible activities throughout the Village as well as efforts related to the beautification and maintenance of the Village in areas visited by tourists. Bal Harbour Village levies a Resort Tax of four percent of the amount received for the occupancy of a room in any hotel, motel, or apartment house, and two percent on retail sales of all items of food and beverages, sold at retail for consumption on the premises, at any place of business within the Village.

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE REVIEW PROCESS & RECOMMENDATION

The Bal Harbour Village Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) was established to assist with the development of the budget and fiscal policy. The BAC began meeting in May 2022 to review the development of the Budget for FY 2022-23, and to provide recommendations for the Village Council's consideration. In addition to carefully reviewing at a "line item" level, the introduction of the new Recreation, Arts & Culture Department; as well as the Village's two largest cost centers; Police and Public Works and Beautification Departments; the Committee reviewed the recommended millage rate, and operating and capital budgets.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We thank Mayor Gabriel
Groisman and our Village
Council for their continued
guidance, support and
leadership with our budget
process and in helping to
accomplish so much on behalf
of our residents and the entire
Bal Harbour Village community.
We would also like to thank
the Village's Budget Advisory
Committee (BAC), our Village
staff, particularly Chief Financial
Officer Claudia Dixon, her team,
and our department directors.

We are working together to get through these challenging times and to accomplish our collective goals to achieve our vision and to continue to preserve and enhance the Bal Harbour Experience for all who live, work, play in and visit Bal Harbour.

RECREATION, ARTS AND CULTURE



RECENT EVENTS

The 2022-2023 Art Access season began with a private guided tour of the Rubell Museum in the Design District. Bal Harbour residents and visitors were introduced to various artists the Rubell family has collected over the years, including Jeff Koons and Allan McCollum. The Infinity Rooms by Yayoi Kusama were also an experience enjoyed by everyone. Join us for our next private tour on November 9, at the private home collection of Rosa and Carlos de la Cruz. To register, visit: balharbourfl.gov/events

On Saturday, September 17 the Ruth K. Broad K-8 School PTA hosted a Beach Cleanup at the 96 Street Beach Access in partnership with local non-profit, The Plastic Fisherman. More than 100 volunteers collectied debris and litter from our beaches. Stay informed of future similar events by signing up for our email notifications at **balharbourfl.gov/stay-connected**







MOVIE NIGHTS ON THE BEACH RETURN

The first Movie Night of the season brought residents and guests on a breezy evening under the stars on October 15. The event included art fun for children, popcorn and treats, and the popular film, Coco. Join us on Thursday, December 29 for our next Movie Night featuring Disney Pixar's Turning Red. Activities begin at 7 p.m.



BAL HARBOUR FULL MOON YOGA EXPANDS TO ALL SEASONS

The Summer Full Moon Yoga series on the beach was so popular that we will be extending these complimentary events throughout the year. Residents and visitors are invited each month to join us on the beach by the jetty, to meditate under the light of the full moon, with the soothing sounds of the Atlantic Ocean. Join us at our next class on Wednesday, December 7 at 5:30 p.m. on the beach by the jetty.



UNSCRIPTED ART CHAT FEATURED RENOWN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

Landscape architect and author Raymond Jungles recently spoke at the Center Courtyard in Bal Harbour Shops about his celebrated career that includes impressive gardens designed across the globe. Those in attendance also heard his inspirations behind creating the new lush gardens that will bloom in the Village's new Waterfront Park and Village Hall, as well as expansion of the Bal Harbour Shops. Raymond Jungles also signed his newest cocktail-table book, *Beyond Wild*, for those who attended.



BAL HARBOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT MAKES BACK TO SCHOOL FUN

In August, the Bal Harbour Police Department Legacy Foundation hosted their annual back-to-school drive aimed at providing deserving students in Miami-Dade County with the supplies they need to prepare for the upcoming school year. With the support of a generous contribution made by the Rotary Club of Bal Harbour, the drive was able to provide over 600 Miami-Dade County school students with uniforms, backpacks and other essentials for the 2022-2023 school year.



SYMPHONY BY THE SEA KICKS OFF THE NEW SEASON

On October 30, residents and guests were invited to two exciting events. Our Seek & Treat Pumpkin Hunt led them on a search through our lush beach path, to seek out pumpkins with hidden messages. Once all the pumpkins were discovered, participants returned to the beach area, where they enjoyed special treats, and an exquisite performance by the South Florida Symphony Orchestra. The 10-piece ensemble gave the audience a preview of the Symphony's upcoming 25th Anniversary season and vocalist Neal Nelson thrilled the audience when he shared his solo for an upcoming performance of Handel's Messiah.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BAL HARBOUR PROVIDES ACCESS TO THE FINEST CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS IN SOUTH FLORIDA

Bal Harbour residents and guests receive complimentary year-round admission to South Florida's finest cultural institutions, museums, art collections and more. We are excited to announce the new and returning partners for the 2022-23 season. For up-to-date information, visit: **balharbourflorida.com/artaccess.** The participating partners include:

The Bass Museum of Art
The de la Cruz Collection
HistoryMiami Museum
ICA Miami (Institute of Contemporary Art)
Jewish Museum of Florida - FIU

Lowe Art Museum (University of Miami)
The Margulies Collection at the Warehouse
Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA)
Museum of Discovery and Science
NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale

Patricia and Phillip Frost Art Museum - FIU Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM)* Rubell Museum The Wolfsonian - FIU

*Tickets for PAMM must be booked online - enter code BHV23 at checkout to receive complimentary entrance.









CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Full Moon Yoga on the Beach

Wednesday, December 7 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Unscripted Bal Harbour Art Tour at de la Cruz home

Wednesday, November 9 • 1 - 3 p.m.

Thanksgiving Basket Preparation

Sunday, November 13 Municipal Parking Lot, North 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Coffee with a Cop

Monday, November 14 8 - 9:30 a.m. • Beach by the Jetty

Unscripted Bal Harbour Art Chat with Moshe Safdie

Sunday, November 20 • 12 - 2 p.m. Miami-Dade College Wolfson Campus

Ice Skating for the Holidays

Center Courtyard at Bal Harbour Shops Thursday, Nov. 17 - Sunday, Nov. 20 12 - 8 p.m.

Visit: balharbourfl.gov/events for details.

Annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony

Monday, November 21 • 7 - 9 p.m. Founders Circle

Art Basel

YoungArts

Tuesday, Nov. 29 - Sunday, Dec. 4 Various locations throughout Miami Visit: **balharbourfl.gov** for details.

Movie Night on the Beach

Thursday, December 29 • 7 - 9 p.m. At the jetty • Disney Pixar's *Turning Red*

New Year's Eve Fireworks Display

Saturday, December 31 Midnight • On the beach

New Year's Day Concert

Sunday, January 1, 2023 4 - 5:30 p.m. • On the beach









GET THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS



For more details on upcoming events and to save them directly to your calendar, scan the QR code or visit:

balharbourfl.gov/events



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2022 COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday, November 21, 2022 *Induction Ceremony, 10 a.m.*

Tuesday, November 22, 2022 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 6:30 p.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE REFER TO: balharbourfl.gov/government/village-clerk/minutes-and-agendas

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