# BAL HARBOUR

### VILLAGE

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# WELCOME TO THE BAL HARBOUR WATERFRONT PARK



At the end of 2023, the Bal Harbour Waterfront Park officially opened its doors to the community. The Village hosted a preview for the first several weeks to allow residents to tour the space, apply for their *All Access Cards*, and enjoy the many amenities.

January 14 marked the official opening and park dedication with the Grand Opening Debut event. Residents experienced all that was forthcoming including dance and fitness classes, painting, and a teen gaming tournament. The celebration concluded on January 27 with the Grand Opening Finale featuring a cocktail reception on the terrace, a live concert, and fireworks.

As the Village celebrates this new era in Bal Harbour, Village Manager Jorge M. Gonzalez reminded the community of the vision and careful planning that brought us here today. As many residents may remember, the Waterfront Park was previously home

to the Public Works & Beautification Department, along with a small playground, basketball court, and a small recreational building. As demographics shifted, Village staff knew there was an opportunity to develop something greater for this waterfront property.

To do so, the Village had to find a new home for the Public Works & Beautification Department. With some creativity and skillful negotiation, the Village was able to purchase land in North Miami for a Public Works operations facility which could double as an emergency operations center.

With the land now available, the Village underwent several public workshops to understand the community's needs and priorities. This allowed the Village to create a design that best used the space available, prioritizing the needs of the community today, while planning for the future and ensuring the quality of experience throughout the facility.

The 1.5-acre site has become an iconic image for Bal Harbour, featuring playgrounds designed and constructed by the renowned design firm Monstrum; a more than 50-foot-tall Kapok tree at the center of the outdoor playground; dock and deck area overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway; and a stunningly designed community center with 12,000 square feet of multi-use space.

The opening of the Bal Harbour Waterfront Park is the first of many capital projects underway including plans for renovating the jetty and building a new Village Hall. All of which will continue to enhance the quality of life for those who live and visit Bal Harbour.

Learn more about the Bal Harbour Waterfront Park, upcoming programs, and the *All Access Card* program on page 6.

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# MESSAGE FROM THE VILLAGE

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2024 is off to an incredible start! The year began with the grand opening celebration of the Bal Harbour Waterfront Park. Since then we have experienced all the park has to offer, from its many amenities to recreation programs and special events.

This July, we celebrate National Park and Recreation Month. Throughout July, residents will have the opportunity to preview some of the new programs planned for the fall season. The complimentary classes will be open to all residents with their *All Access Card*. Learn more about the upcoming programs on page 6.

As the weather begins to warm up, we excitedly head to the beach to enjoy the summer days in South Florida. The summer season features an exciting lineup of events including our traditional Independence Day Celebration with a drone show and fireworks display. If you are looking to beat the heat, grab your *All Access Card* and head to South Florida's premier museums and cultural institutions such as the Rubell Museum, The Bass, and the Museum of Discovery and Science. Save the date with our event calendar on page 7.

While summer brings warmer weather and longer days, it also marks the start of hurricane season. On pages 4-5, you will find a comprehensive guide to prepare you and your home. Early preparations and planning can protect your home and preserve your family's safety this hurricane season.

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 the back cover.

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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# AROUND THE VILLAGE

#### COMMITMENT TO QUALITY OF LIFE IN BAL HARBOUR

The last several years have been characterized by the Village Council's commitment to preserving Bal Harbour's quality of life. The Village Council, along with the Village Manager, and staff regularly review the Village's Ordinances for revisions that may be needed as a result of new legislation, changes in our community's needs, or environmental and technological impacts. Examples include the Village Park Rules with a Smoking Ban in Public Parks and Saturday Noise Nuisance Ordinance amendments.

This year, four ordinance amendments were brought forth to the Village Council to create guidelines that will ensure that all development within Village boundaries will be built in a manner that best reflects the community's values and commitment to treating all people fairly. These included the ordinance amendment ensuring Dignified and Respectful Housing (banning "Poor Doors"), Ocean Front & Off-Street Parking ordinance amendments, and an amendment to Chapter 11 "Nuisances," Article II "Noise" of The Code of Ordinances. As of April, the Village Council voted unanimously to adopt these ordinance amendments. View past and upcoming meetings at balharbourfl.gov/meetings.

#### SUSTAINABLE BAL HARBOUR



As a coastal community, Bal Harbour Village is committed to preserving our natural environment for generations to come. This includes passing ordinances such as the ban of single-use plastics on public property, resiliency studies to better plan for the future, and eco-friendly initiatives such as beach cleanups, hazardous materials collection events, and a recycling program. In April, the Village hosted its annual Spring Festival celebrating Mother Earth. The event allowed residents and guests to learn about the role we play in protecting our coastal environment. Beach cleanups and hazardous materials collection events are posted on our website at balharbourfl.gov/events.

#### UNSCRIPTED ART ACCESS CARD



The Bass The de la Cruz Collection HistoryMiami Museum ICA Miami (Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami) Jewish Museum of Florida - FIU A beloved benefit of being a Bal Harbour resident is the *Unscripted* Art Access program. The program provides complimentary year-round admission to South Florida's cultural gems. New and returning partners have been added for the 2023-2024 season, including the Frost Science Museum and the Museum of Discovery & Science. Residents can now use their *All Access Card* as their *Unscripted* Art Access eliminating the need to carry two cards. For the latest information, visit balharbourfl.gov/artaccess. Below is a list of all current museum partners:

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 Phillip & Patricia Frost Museum of Science Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM) Rubell Museum The Wolfsonian - FIU YoungArts

#### BAL HARBOUR POLICE LEGACY FOUNDATION HONORS ITS COMMUNITY HEROES

The Bal Harbour Police Legacy Foundation recently celebrated its first annual Community Heroes Gala on Thursday, April 18. The evening was a night of gratitude and recognition for all the support and generous contributions our community has made to the Legacy Foundation. The Bal Harbour Police Legacy Foundation is a 501(c/3) organization, established in 2018 in memory of late Chiefs Mark N. Overton and Miguel "Mike" De La Rosa. Chiefs Overton and De La Rosa were committed to building positive police and community relations, as a way of making a positive impact on children and families within the greater Miami-Dade community.



Since its inception, the Foundation has assisted countless children and families. The Foundation hosts annual drives including a School Uniform and Supplies drive, a Thanksgiving Basket Drive, and a Toy Drive. Donations made to the Foundation have a lasting influence as they allow the Bal Harbour Police Department and community to connect directly with the families and schools they support. To make a donation or for more information on volunteer opportunities, please email bhpdlegacy@balharbourfl.gov.

BAL HARBOUR VILLAGE SUMMER 2024

# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS & FLOOD SAFETY

Hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30. However, preparing for a hurricane begins now. Once a hurricane is announced, storms move very quickly and may not allow proper time for you to prepare your home or supplies. If you plan to travel during hurricane season, your home should be left in a prepared state in case a storm develops while you are away.

### **BEFORE THE STORM**

#### **EMERGENCY KIT**

Before the hurricane season begins, it is imperative to prepare an emergency kit. The kit should be portable and contain the supplies and documents you will need in the event of an emergency or immediate evacuation. Residents should plan to have a three to seven-day supply.

- At least one gallon of water per day, per person
- Non-perishable snacks and packaged or canned food
- Manual can opener
- Change of clothing, rain gear, and sturdy shoes
- Prescription medications
- First-aid kit
- Personal hygiene items
- Special items for infants, elderly, or disabled family members
- Garbage bags
- Fully charged portable electronic devices with charger, and backup batteries
- Flashlight, battery-powered radio, and batteries
- Cash
- Important documents in a waterproof container or bag

#### HOME PREPARATIONS

Home preparations should begin prior to hurricane season. Take photos of the interior and exterior of your home; documentation is essential in the event of damages. Protect your home by securing windows and doors with County-approved storm shutters. All patio and lawn furniture should be brought inside. Loose Items may become airborne projectiles.

#### BOATS

Boats must be properly secured. Residents should use double lines at a marina or consider dry-dock storage. Drawbridges will begin locking down eight hours prior to the expected arrival of tropical storm force winds of 39 mph. Residents can sign up for marina alerts at miamidade.gov/account.

#### TREE PRUNING

Proper tree trimming before hurricane season can reduce the amount of debris created during a storm. Do not begin pruning during a tropical storm/hurricane watch/warning.

#### TRASH PICKUP

In the days leading up to a storm, waste and recycling services may be limited. Do not place trash and recycling carts or bulk waste out on the curb when a storm is approaching.

#### GASOLINE STORAGE AND GENERATORS

Store fuel in an approved container, holding five gallons or less, in a cool, dry, ventilated, and secure area, away from any appliances and out of the reach of children and pets. Generators must only be operated outside of inhabited structures in a well-ventilated area away from windows, doors, vents, or other openings.

#### PET PREPAREDNESS

Plans you make for yourself, and your family should also include your pets. If you are staying with family or friends, take your pets with you. If you plan to evacuate to a pet-friendly Miami-Dade County evacuation center, be sure to have your proper documentation and pet supplies with you. Pet-friendly evacuation centers will be announced as needed and pre-registration is not required.

#### EMERGENCY EVACUATIONS

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 storm/hurricane winds.

The Miami-Dade County Mayor may issue an evacuation recommendation or an evacuation order. An evacuation recommendation might be issued to residents who may need extra time to evacuate or people who live in areas prone to flooding. An evacuation order is issued to residents of specific areas of the county deemed to be in danger, based on a hurricane's track and projected storm surge. When an evacuation order is issued, residents are highly encouraged to leave the area. Residents are reminded that emergency services are not available when storm winds reach higher than 40 mph.

It is important to have a plan of where to go and what you will need to bring with you if ordered to evacuate. Residents are encouraged to stay with family or friends who live inland in a non-evacuation area. Hurricane evacuation centers will open but should only be considered as a shelter of last resort.

The Emergency Evacuation Assistance Program (EEAP) provides evacuation assistance to residents who need specialized transportation or whose medical needs prevent them from evacuating on their own. Residents requiring assistance must pre-register. For applications, call Miami-Dade County 311 (305.468.5900), TTY/TDD 305.468.5402, or visit miamidade.gov/hurricane.

# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS & FLOOD SAFETY

### **DURING A STORM**

During an emergency, the public may be required to shelter in place by taking refuge indoors. Sheltering in place offers immediate protection for a short time in your home or other building. In the event of an emergency, Miami-Dade County officials will issue an emergency alert that instructs the public to shelter in place. Take your emergency kit and disaster supplies with you if you move from room to room or if you evacuate to a shelter.

If flooding threatens your home, turn off electricity at the main breaker. Monitor your radio or television for weather updates and instructions from public safety officials. During a named storm, key updates will be posted on

miamidade.gov/emergency and balharbourfl.gov/emergency.

### AFTER THE STORM

Residents should not return home after an evacuation until an all-clear has been issued for their community.

Inspect your home for damage to ensure that it is safe to stay there. Check for gas leaks, water damage, and electrical damage. If you must go outside, beware of fallen objects and downed electrical wires. Report downed power lines to Florida Power & Light at 1.800.4OUTAGE (1.800.468.8243).

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. Contact your insurance agent. Take photos of damage and keep complete records of repair and cleanup costs.

### **STAY INFORMED**

#### BAL HARBOUR ALERTS (WENS)

Receive up-to-date notices in the event of critical incidents, emergencies, or severe weather conditions. Alerts are sent by text, call, or email. Sign up at balharbourfl.gov/textalerts.

#### **EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS**

Routine updates will also be shared via email with details. Sign up for email alerts at balharbourfl.gov/stay-connected.

#### MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ALERTS & NOTIFICATIONS

Miami-Dade County Alerts is a free service that enables citizens to receive emergency texts and/or emails regarding public safety issues, recommended public protective actions, hurricane alerts, or other emergency information.

Sign up online at miamidade.gov/alerts.

Residents should also download the Ready Miami-Dade app to their mobile devices for up-to-the-minute information during a storm. Visit your device's app store and search for "ReadyMDC."

### DISASTER PREPAREDNESS SALES TAX HOLIDAY

Florida residents can take advantage of the 2024 Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday from June 1 - 14 and August 24 - September 6.

Prepare now by stocking up on tax-free supplies for the upcoming hurricane season. Find a full list of qualifying items at floridarevenue.com/disasterprep.

### **FLOOD SAFETY**



Summer also means the rainy season in South Florida. Heavy rainstorms can cause flash flooding in our community. As a coastal community, the Village is susceptible to severe impacts from minor storms. Here are a few reminders to keep you and your family safe:

- If a flood warning is issued, find safe shelter immediately.
- Do not walk or drive through flooded areas.
- Stay away from downed power lines. Electrical currents can travel through water.
- Do not drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out.
- Elevate valuables or move them to higher floors.

Additional flood safety information and resources are available online at balharbourfl.gov/floodingfacts.

### **RECREATION, ARTS & CULTURE**

#### BAL HARBOUR WATERFRONT PARK HOURS OF OPERATION

#### PARK

#### COMMUNITY CENTER

Daily, 7 AM - 8 PM

Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 8 PM Saturday & Sunday, 9 AM - 1 PM

#### **TEEN ROOM**

Monday - Friday, 4 - 7 PM Saturday & Sunday, 9 AM - 1 PM

#### ALL ACCESS CARDS

More than 1,500 *All Access Cards* have been issued in our first quarter. If you have not yet applied for your card, now is the time to do so. You can conveniently apply online at balharbourfl.gov/allaccesscard or in person at the Bal Harbour Waterfront Park. To apply, you will need a valid photo ID and proof of residency for each member of your household.

Your *All Access Card* is your key FOB for access to the Bal Harbour Waterfront Park during normal hours of operation. The card also provides residents with discounted rates for recreation programs and complimentary access to all events, and our museum partners.

#### **BAL HARBOUR RECREATION**

Recreation programs are in full swing at the Bal Harbour Waterfront Park. Our summer lineup consists of programs for all ages, including KidoKinetics, Creative Lab (Robotics), Tai Chi, Zumba, and more. The complete lineup of summer programs is available online at balharbourfl.gov/recreation.

Celebrate Park and Recreation Month with complimentary demo programs throughout July. Experience all that is to come this fall and enjoy 20% off one fall program for trying out all our July demo classes.

#### REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for all summer recreation programs. Save the date for fall program registration beginning August 1. Programs are open to all current Bal Harbour residents with an approved *All Access Card*. Residents can register online through the online registration portal at balharbourfl.gov/recreation or in person at the Bal Harbour Waterfront Park.

#### BE A PART OF THE LEGACY!

Be a part of the legacy as we launch our newest campaign - Our Year at the Bal Harbour Waterfront Park. The community-wide project will document our first year at the Waterfront Park highlighting our favorite moments and memories shared throughout the year. Take a photo and share it with us using #BalHarbourTimeCapsule or by uploading it online at balharbourfl.gov/waterfrontpark.

At the end of this year, we will collect all the memories you share with us, and they will be included in our time capsule, which will be buried in a ceremony following our first year.



#### FLEURS DE VILLES





In March of this year, Bal Harbour welcomed back Fleurs de Villes for its fourth year. In celebration of Women's History Month, the Village presented the worldwide launch of Fleurs de Villes ARTISTE in Bal Harbour. Building upon its previous success, the annual event added several new installations at the Bal Harbour Waterfront Park and Bal Harbour Village Hall. The 10-day floral extravaganza featured over 30 floral installations around Bal Harbour inspired by female artists from diverse fields and created by Miami's talented local florists. Residents and guests enjoyed an expanded lineup of floral activations and special events, including two special floral workshops at the new Bal Harbour Waterfront Park. Relive all of the memories by visiting the online photo gallery at balharbourfl.gov/photos.

# **EVENTS & MEETING CALENDAR**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

International Day of Yoga Friday, June 21 Morning Yoga on the Deck | 7 - 8 AM YogArt Meditation (children's) | 3:30 - 5 PM

Full Moon Yoga on the Beach Friday, June 21 | 7:30 - 8:30 PM Beachside by the St. Regis Bal Harbour Resort

Sounds by the Sea Concert ft. Gypsy Lane Sunday, June 30 | 6 - 7:30 PM Bal Harbour Beach North (by the jetty)

Park & Recreation Month - Experience Recreation July (various dates) Bal Harbour Waterfront Park

**Miami Spa Month** July - August Visit balharbourflorida.com/events for local spas participating Sunset Palette Monday, July 1 | 6:30 - 8:00 PM Bal Harbour Waterfront Park

Silver Screen at the Bal Harbour Waterfront Park Tuesday, July 2 | 1 - 3 PM Bal Harbour Waterfront Park

Unscripted Art Tour - Paradox Museum Miami Wednesday, July 3 | 1:30 - 4 PM \*Guests will meet at the Bal Harbour Waterfront Park and travel together to the museum

Independence Day Celebration Thursday, July 4 | 7 - 9:30 PM Bal Harbour Beach North (by the jetty)

**Full Moon Yoga on the Beach** Sunday, July 21 | 7:45 - 8:45 PM Bal Harbour Beach North (by the jetty) Sounds by the Sea Concert ft. -South Florida Symphony Orchestra Sunday, July 28 | 6 - 7:30 PM Bal Harbour Beach North (by the jetty)

Unscripted Art Tour - Lowe Art Museum Wednesday, July 31 | 11:30 AM - 1 PM

Miami Spice Month Beginning Thursday, August 1 Visit balharbourflorida.com/events for local restaurants participating

**Full Moon Yoga on the Beac**h Monday, August 19 | 7:30 - 8:30 PM Bal Harbour Beach North (by the jetty)

Unscripted Art Tour -Museum of Contemporary Art (MoCA) Sunday, August 25 | 10:30 AM - Noon

#### TO REGISTER AND FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT BALHARBOURFL.GOV/EVENTS.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

#### **Regular Village Council Meetings**

Tuesdays | 6:30 PM June 18, July 16, September 10, 17 Council Chamber, Village Hall

#### Special Master Hearing: Red Light Camera & Code Violations 10 AM

June 24, July 11, August 14 Virtually via Zoom: zoom.us/webinar/register/ WN\_3uy3ICQrQ3Obw0JMSQcRfw, and Council Chamber, Village Hall **General Employees' Retirement Board** Tuesday, July 16 | 6:30 PM Council Chamber, Village Hall

Police Officers' Retirement Board Monday, July 29 | 3:00 PM 2nd Floor Conference Room, Village Hall Architectural Review Board (ARB) Committee Thursdays | 1:00 PM Council Chamber, Village Hall Check balharbourfl.gov/events for

upcoming meeting dates. **Resort Tax Committee Meeting** Tuesdays | 10:30 AM

2nd Floor Conference Room, Village Hall Check balharbourfl.gov/events for upcoming meeting dates.



# SAVE THE DATE

### Independence Day Celebration Drone & Fireworks Display

Thursday, July 4, 2024 | 7 - 9:30 PM 3al Harbour Beach North (by the Jetty) 10301 Collins Avenue

### Celebrate Independence Day in Bal Harbour!

Enjoy a summer evening on the beach with live music, games, activities, and refreshments. At 9 p.m. the night sky will light up with a dazzling drone show followed by a spectacular fireworks display.

The event is open to Bal Harbour residents and hotel guests. Registration is required. Registration will be available beginning Monday, June 3.

Additional information is available online at balharbourfl.gov/independenceday.



### MEMORABLE MOMENTS: A LOOK BACK AT SPRING 2024

Bal Harbour Village has been bustling with activity! Our Sounds by the Seas Concerts were unique cultural experiences featuring a variety of genres. Movie Nights on the Beach took us on journeys through time with screenings in partnership with the Miami Film Festival and the Miami Jewish Film Festival, including a special screening of "Remembering Gene Wilder." You can view and download photos from our events at balharbourfl.gov/photos.



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#### **BAL HARBOUR DIRECTORY**

#### HOURS OF OPERATION

**VILLAGE HALL** 

**BAL HARBOUR WATERFRONT PARK** 

Daily, 7 AM - 8 PM

**Community Center** Saturday & Sunday, 9 AM - 1 PM

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POLICE DEPARTMENT 305.866.5000 (NON-EMERGENCY)

**BAL HARBOUR WATERFRONT PARK** 305.993.7444

#### **WEBSITES**

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

#### **EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS**

#### **BAL HARBOUR ALERTS**

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS