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OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

LETTER TO COUNCIL

NO. 104-2016

To: Mayor Martin Packer and Members of the Village Council
From: Jorge M. Gonzalez, Village Manager 
Date: May 27, 2016
Subject: Bal Harbour Police Department - Memorial Day Weekend Preparations

The purpose of this Letter to Council (LTC) is to inform that as Memorial Day Weekend is upon us, our community certainly experiences the impacts of the many visitors that converge upon our beach, Haulover Park and neighboring cities during this major holiday weekend.

Please keep in mind that this year Memorial Day Weekend commences on Saturday, May 28, 2016 through Monday, May 30, 2016 (Memorial Day). Much like in years past, we expect to see a substantial increase in traffic during the holiday weekend. As a result, the Bal Harbour Village Police Department has developed an operational plan that will address the increased volume of visitors to the Village, and specifically the impact this poses to our residents. The Village will have additional police staffing and directed patrol activities. It is our goal to ensure the public safety for our residents and visitors and to address the particular needs created by the increased volume of both vehicular and foot traffic within our jurisdiction.

The following are some useful and important reminders for you and your family during Memorial Day Weekend 2016:

- **Traffic:** Residents should expect traffic congestion in the area, particularly during the daylight hours. Based on the experience over the past several years, peak traffic congestion occurs on the Sunday of this holiday weekend.
- **Towing of Unauthorized Vehicles:** Residents should be aware that unauthorized vehicles that may park on your property cannot be removed by Bal Harbour Police Department (BHPD) wreckers. The vehicle would need to be removed by the towing companies that each of your associations have privately contracted. The Bal Harbour Police Department will respond to requests for police assistance; however, the BHPD will not be able to intervene with the removal of these vehicles.
- **Beach Safety:** As you enjoy the Village's beautiful beaches, please remember that there are no lifeguards on duty. As recommended by the U.S. Lifesaving Association, abide by the most common safety tips - swim with a buddy (if possible), use sunscreen and drink water.

We hope you enjoy a safe and happy Memorial Day Weekend. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to call me or the Chief directly.

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