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BAL HARBOUR SHOPS EXPANSION APPROVED AT MAY 16 VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

After nearly a decade of planning, the expansion of the Bal Harbour Shops received final approval from the Bal Harbour Village Council on Tuesday, May 16, 2017.

Throughout the process, Bal Harbour Village officials worked closely with the owners of Bal Harbour Shops, Whitman Family Development, to minimize the project's impact on residents, guests and Village operations. The development agreement includes numerous public benefits to the Village and residents, including a new municipal building and a contribution to a new bayfront park. The value of the public benefits package negotiated by the Village administration is estimated to be worth almost \$125 million (see story on Page 3).

"This was a very important decision," said Mayor Gabriel Groisman. "What is good for the Shops is also good for the Village. We will work to insure the development agreement is implemented correctly."



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MESSAGE FROM THE VILLAGE

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While the calendar and climate tells us summer has arrived, the Village atmosphere has yet to slow down into the relaxed season. At Village Council Meetings in April and May, the Council approved the development agreement and long-sought expansion plans of the Bal Harbor Shops. The 52-year-old luxury mall will soon undergo its first major expansion and renovation since the early 1980s. On the cover and the following page there is information about the approval and the anticipated benefits that will enhance and improve the Village.

As a reminder, hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30. In this issue are tips to help in your preparations. Please take time to review your hurricane plan for you and your family. Also, remember that most children are out of school during the summer months. Please be alert and use caution while driving throughout the Village.

Bal Harbour Village will be hosting another exciting Independence Day event for residents and visitors on Tuesday, July 4. Join us for refreshments and desserts on the beach by the jetty beginning at 8 p.m. At 9 p.m., enjoy the fireworks accompanied by a musical medley of patriotic music.

Finally, Bal Harbour Village is mourning the loss of Stanley F. Whitman, the developer and owner of Bal Harbour Shops, who passed away at age 98 on May 24. Read about his astonishing life in a special insert in this newsletter. He was a towering figure in the history of Bal Harbour Village.

If you have not already done so, please install the My Bal Harbour mobile app on your phone by going to the App Store or Google Play Store and search for "My Bal Harbour." You can also sign up on our website or via the mobile app to receive important information about Bal Harbour Village via text and email. If you ever have any questions or need any information, please feel free to visit or call Village Hall at 305-866-4633, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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VILLAGE REPORT

BAL HARBOUR SHOPS PROJECT TO BRING PUBLIC ENHANCEMENTS AND BENEFITS

With the approval of the development agreement and the proposed expansion of the Bal Harbour Shops (BHS), the Village of Bal Harbour can look forward to numerous benefits that will enhance and improve the community for generations to come. The expansion of the world-famous 52-year-old luxury mall will include the addition of up to 350,000 square feet of retail space, additional parking spaces, a public plaza and a new third floor. The new construction will be on land already owned by the Bal Harbour Shops.

The positive impact on the Village from the BHS expansion includes new and enhanced Village municipal facilities, increased public-owned space, additional open green space, enhanced Village aesthetics and an improved pedestrian experience. Through the addition of land and public spaces, the improvements to infrastructure and new rents, taxes and fees, the Village can anticipate an estimated total direct economic benefit of almost \$125 million in the coming years.

The major legacy benefits include a new Village municipal facility with an underground parking structure, the transfer of the SunTrust site to the Village, infrastructure and beautification improvements estimated at \$9.75 million and the design and contribution of \$3.5 million for a Village waterfront park on Bal Bay Drive.

Additional benefits to the Village include a contribution of \$1 million to an Art in Public Places fund to be administered by the Village, the use of the Collins Plaza for up to six special events per year and a parking surcharge estimated at \$600,000 to \$700,000 per year from the expanded BHS parking facility. This surcharge will fund a Multi-Modal Mobility Fund for the Village's parking, transit and mobility-related initiatives.

The Village has worked closely with BHS to manage and minimize disruptions during the construction period. A permanent 20' tall buffer wall will be designed and constructed by BHS along Park Drive. The wall will be landscaped and screened to minimize noise, construction-related issues and ensure privacy to residents. During the construction period, the Bal Harbour Shops will contribute a minimum of \$880,000 per year to the Bal Harbour Resort Tax. The Shops will pay off-duty officers to be posted at all construction entrances and exits and will continue to contribute the cost for 4,500 additional off-duty police hours annually to provide enhanced security and safety in the Shops.

Looking towards the future, the Village has negotiated conditions to insure the development agreement is followed after construction is completed. These include a "look-back" provision, requiring the Shops to report at one year and three years after the completion of the project. The reports must show that BHS has mitigated traffic, parking, noise, loading or public safety issues connected with the expansion. There is also a provision that if a majority interest in BHS is sold, a percentage of the sale price will be paid to the Village as a transfer fee.

Finally, Bal Harbour Village can look forward to increased revenues from property tax, resort tax and business tax receipts generated by the expansion.

Please visit our website for additional information on the Bal Harbour Shops expansion.



2017 HURRICANE SEASON PREPARATION

STOCK UP ON YOUR HURRICANE SUPPLIES NOW, INCLUDING:

Food

Set aside several days worth of canned and packaged non-perishable foods as well as items that require minimal preparation

Water

Store enough water for drinking, bathing, cooking for all family members and pets

Health & First Aid

Storage

Protect important documents in zip locked bags such as: birth certificates, social security cards, insurance documents, etc.

Cleaning & Supplies

Disposable eating utensils, mosquito repellent, gloves, liquid soap

Tools

Flashlights, batteries, pliers, hammers, goggles, dust mask, screwdrivers, etc.

Generator and Fuel

Battery Operated Radio/Phone

Special Items

Spare eye glasses, diapers, wipes

BEFORE A STORM APPROACHES

Hurricane season officially runs June 1 to November 30, and as such, Bal Harbour Village residents should be prepared. Now is the time to make a plan for you and your family. If you are going to be away during the hurricane season, insure you have arrangements in place to secure your home. Purchasing supplies once a storm is threatening is expensive and strenuous. Planning and shopping now eliminates stress and avoids long lines and empty shelves.

For additional hurricane preparedness and information go to www.miamidade.gov/oem.

IMPORTANT DETAILS

PETS: In addition to food, make sure pets (cats/dogs) have proper identification tags and properly working pet carriers and leashes.

SHELTERS: Keep maps and numbers of your nearest shelter listed in case of emergency evacuations (If you have pets call ahead to locate shelters that allow pets).

PHOTOS: Take pictures of your property before and after the storm for insurance purposes.

LANDSCAPE

Pruning trees and shrubs before a hurricane can reduce the debris that may become airborne. Proper pruning also increases the likelihood that a tree can weather a storm. Consult or hire a certified, licensed arborist prior to tree pruning. Landscapers hired to maintain residential and commercial properties must remove all vegetation. Do not begin pruning or cleanup activities or place trash on the curb during a Hurricane Watch/Warning.

IF A STORM IS IMMINENT

Protect the areas of your home where wind can enter. Secure windows and doors, preferably with permanent County-approved storm shutters or storm panels. Tape does not prevent window damage. Bring in lawn furniture, garbage cans, bins and other items that are not secured and could become airborne. If you own a boat, use double lines at the marina. If it is trailered and cannot be garaged, stake it to the ground with rope and fill the hull with water.

Monitor the storm's progress regularly. Visit www.miamidade.gov or call 311 for updates on services. Depending on conditions, bus, rail, garbage and recycling services, as well as airport and seaport operations could be affected. Fully charge portable items, such as cell phone, tools and hand-held devices. Make sure your car's gas tank is full and withdraw cash that may be needed after a storm.

If an evacuation order is given, you must leave the area and move to a location outside the evacuation zone. Make sure you take your local identification, so you can return after the storm. Turn off your electricity at the main breaker. Unplug appliances.

FLOODING

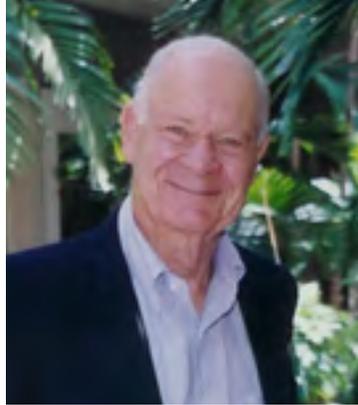
Bal Harbour Village is a coastal community. Storm surge and flooding is possible during a hurricane. Do not walk or drive near areas of standing water, there could be dangerous debris and uneven depths that will cause injuries.



IN MEMORIAM

STANLEY F. WHITMAN 1918-2017

Bal Harbour Village residents, staff and elected officials are saddened by the recent passing of Stanley Whitman, the renowned developer of the Bal Harbour Shops. Stanley Finch Whitman died peacefully of natural causes at his Miami Shores home on May 24, 2017, shortly after learning that his plans to expand and improve his Bal Harbour Shops were finally approved. He was 98.



Born in Evanston, Illinois on November 15, 1918, four days after the end of World War I, Whitman spent the vast majority of his long and extraordinary life on the greater Miami Beaches. He grew up a member of a pioneering Miami Beach family along with his brothers, Bill and Dudley, in a single-family home on the ocean at 32nd Street and Collins Avenue, where the Faena Hotel stands today. As a young boy, he attended Ida M. Fisher Elementary and his birthday parties typically featured rides on Miami Beach Developer Carl Fisher's famous elephant, Rosie. He graduated in 1936 from Miami Beach High.

Whitman attended Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, where he was the president of his fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon. At Duke, he would meet the love of his life, New Jersey native Dottie Stivers. Their first meeting resulted in a 66-year love affair, a strong and enduring family and a wonderful life.

Following his graduation from Duke and with World War II in full swing, Whitman immediately joined the U.S. Navy's officer

training school, where he graduated as an Ensign. As a Naval officer, he would eventually command a fleet of submarine chasers off of the Atlantic seaboard and would also become a revered Naval instructor. He was honorably discharged in 1945 as a Lieutenant Commander.

During his time in the Navy, Whitman and Dottie married and they gave birth to their two children, son Randy (1943) and daughter Gwen (1947). Whitman believed strongly in the enduring importance of families and his wife and his children meant the world to him. He

was a fierce competitor in all things and carried his dogged determination with him both into the office and the tennis court. He never gave up. A life-long weight lifter and exercise enthusiast, Whitman made up in strength and in heart the athletic finesse that his wife may have better exemplified. But this made them a formidable doubles team.

In 1946, Whitman became one of the original 25 incorporators of what would become Bal Harbour Village. He had returned from the war and was armed with both the knowledge he

gained helping his family lease its retail real estate holdings on Miami Beach's Lincoln Road and the seed money from buying and selling large swaths of oceanfront property up and down Miami-Dade's coastline. He partnered with Bal Harbour's developer, Robert Graham, to build the business district in the fledgling, one-square mile town. By 1965, he was fully in control of the Bal Harbour business district property, having

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In the early 1960s, Stanley Whitman stands before a photo of the vacant land that will soon become Bal Harbour Shops.



IN MEMORIAM
STANLEY F. WHITMAN
1918-2017

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bought out Graham's half-interest. Whitman presided over the opening of Bal Harbour Shops and for the next 51 years he focused on continuously improving the iconic facility.

Few besides his wife and mother believed in Whitman's unswerving vision and most dismissed him as crazy. But Whitman's Bal Harbour Shops was a success from the moment it opened.

It was the first shopping center to focus exclusively on high end fashion stores. It boasted both the first Neiman Marcus location outside of Texas and the first full line specialty department store in Florida. It was the first shopping center to feature both Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue and was the first shopping center to be planned - from the outset - for both vertical and horizontal expansion.

Among a myriad of other firsts, it was also the first shopping center to break \$1,000 per square foot in sales productivity (and then, some years later, the first to break \$2,000 per square foot) and remains today, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers, the world's number one shopping center in sales per square foot. It was Whitman's obstinate persistence and steadfast faith in himself and his dream that made it all happen.

Although his accomplishments as a businessman and developer are many, he considered his commitment to community paramount. He was privileged to serve as Chairman of the Dade Water & Sewer Authority, Chairman of the South Florida Highway Users Federation, Chairman and Founding Member of the Village of Bal Harbour Resort Tax Committee, and Original Organizer and Paul Harris Fellow of the Bal Harbour Rotary Club.

He was an Independent Director at SunBank (the predecessor entity to SunTrust), an Elder at Miami Shores Presbyterian Church and a Trustee Emeritus at Miami Country Day School. In



Stanley Whitman (seated) with family and friends in 2015.

addition to these institutions, to which he gave generously, he was also proud to support innumerable local charities, including the Buoniconti Fund to Cure Paralysis and the University of Miami's Miller School's Project: New Born. For his contributions to his community, both Miami-Dade County and the Village of Bal Harbour recognized "Stanley F. Whitman Day" in separate proclamations in 1998 and 2015, respectively, the Urban Land Institute presented him with its Lifetime Achievement Award in 2013, and the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce bestowed upon him in 2016 its Leonard A. "Doc" Baker Lifetime Achievement Award.

As a son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, patriarch, "sire," friend, pioneer, veteran, civic leader, and the visionary real estate developer, Stanley Whitman lived a wonderful life.

EMERGENCIES

Call 911 only for life-threatening situations. After the danger of the storm is passed, call police or utility companies immediately to report hazards such as downed power lines (STAY AWAY FROM DOWNED POWER LINES), broken gas or water mains, overturned gas tanks, etc. Do not drive or walk through standing water.

For non-emergency general information, call 3-1-1 for 24-hour information during emergency events such as hurricanes or natural disasters. CALL 9-1-1 only for urgent emergencies like a crime in progress, a burning building or medical emergency.

MAKE SPECIAL PLANS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

Individuals within Miami-Dade County who have special needs, and may require additional assistance during evacuations, can register with the County's People with Special Needs & Emergency Evacuation Assistance Program (PSN/EEAP). The PSN/EEAP is registration driven and the locations are not published.

Upon qualifying for the program, a letter of confirmation will be mailed to the special needs client that will identify their shelter location. The Special Needs Evacuation Centers (SNECs) are staffed with medical personnel from the Department of Health and/or Jackson Memorial Hospital nursing staff. The needs of infants, the elderly and persons with disabilities must be included in your overall plan to be fully prepared for an emergency.

2017 STORM NAMES

ARLENE
BRET
CINDY
DON
EMILY
FRANKLIN
GERT
HARVEY
IRMA
JOSE
KATIA
LEE
MARIA
NATE
OPHELIA
PHILIPPE
RINA
SEAN
TAMMY
VINCE
WHITNEY

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(305) 865-7525

Bal Harbour Parks and Public Spaces
Department
(305) 866-4633, Ext. 368

Bal Harbour Police Department
(305) 866-5000
www.balharbourfl.gov/police

Bal Harbour Security District Guardhouse
(305) 861-8488

Bal Harbour Village Hall
(305) 866-4633
www.balharbourfl.gov

Miami-Dade Fire Station #21 (Haulover Park)
(305) 513-7921
www.miamidade.gov/MDFR

Miami-Dade Police Department
(305) 595-6263
www.miami-dade.gov/MDPD

WEATHER

National Hurricane Center
www.nhc.noaa.gov
South Florida Weather Forecast Office
(305) 229-4550
www.srh.noaa.gov/mfl

ELDERLY/SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCES

Miami-Dade County Special Transportation
Services
(305) 630-5300 / (305) 263-5439 TDD
www.miamidade.gov/transit

Alliance for Aging-Helpline
(305) 670-4357
www.allianceforaging.org

American Red Cross
(305) 644-1200
www.redcross.org

Florida Division of Emergency Management
(850) 413-9969
www.floridadisaster.org

Federal Emergency Management Agency
(FEMA)
(800) 621-3362 / (800) 462-7585 TDD
www.fema.gov

Florida Relay Service
(800) 955-8770 / (800) 955-8771 TDD
www.ftri.org/floridarelay

Miami-Dade Emergency Operations Center
(305) 468-5900 / (305) 468-5402 TDD
www.miamidade.gov/oem

National Flood Insurance Program
(800) 638-6620 / (800) 447-9487 TDD
www.fema.gov/business/nfip

CONSUMER RESOURCES

Miami-Dade County Consumer
Services
(305) 375-3677 / (305) 375-4177 TDD
www.miamidade.gov/csd

Humane Society
(305) 696-0800
www.humanesocietymiami.org

Miami-Dade Cooperative Extension
(305) 248-3311

UTILITIES

Florida Power and Light
(800) 468-8243 / (800) 251-5325
www.fpl.com

AT&T
(888) 757-6500 / (305) 780-2273
www.att.com

Comcast
(800) 266-2278
www.comcast.com

TECO/Peoples Gas
(877) 832-6747

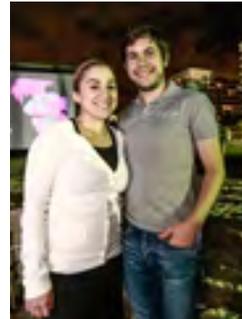
**For more information, call 311 or
visit www.miamidade.gov/oem**

AROUND THE VILLAGE



PERFECT EVENING FOR A MOVIE ON THE BEACH

On a beautiful Bal Harbour evening, hundreds attended the Village Movie on the Beach on May 6. Families, children and guests gathered on the beach at 96th Street for games and activities, fellowship and a viewing of the animated film *Trolls*. Light refreshments perfect for movie watching were served, including caramel popcorn, Italian ices with toppings and gourmet coffees.



Guests enjoy the artwork display at the National YoungArts Foundation.

UNSCRIPTED ART TOUR AT THE NATIONAL YOUNGARTS FOUNDATION

The May 11 *Unscripted* event featured a private tour and reception at the National YoungArts Foundation campus and its gallery located at the former Bacardi building near downtown Miami. The tour was led by President & CEO Carolina García Jayaram, Vice President of Development Stacey Glassman Mizener and Exhibitions Manager Luisa Múnera. YoungArts' signature program is a competition that identifies and nurtures young artists in the visual, literary, design and performing arts.



SUMMER IS HERE ... GET ACCESS TO THE BEACH PATH

Bal Harbour residents who are interested in obtaining a key card fob for the 102 Street beach path, should email: beachaccess@balharbourfl.gov. Include your name, address, phone number and email address so that the fob can be programmed. A confirmation email will be sent when the fob is ready for pickup. Cost is \$10. The fob may be picked up at the Oceana Condominium gatehouse, 10203 Collins Avenue, between the hours of 10 am and 5 pm - seven days a week. Payments must be made by check only and should be made out to Oceana Bal Harbour Condominium.



CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY IN STYLE IN BAL HARBOUR

On Tuesday, July 4, families and friends are invited to join in a spectacular fireworks display near the jetty on Bal Harbour beach. Refreshments and desserts will be available free for Bal Harbour residents. Some limited seating will also be available on a first come first serve basis for Bal Harbour residents. Bring your identification showing your Bal Harbour address to access the area with the refreshments, desserts and seating. Join us on the beach beginning at 8 p.m. to celebrate Independence Day and enjoy refreshments and desserts, followed by the fireworks which will be accompanied by a musical medley of patriotic music. The fireworks are scheduled to begin at 9 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY IN BAL HARBOUR VILLAGE

OFFICER JORGE WAISMAN NAMED 2016 OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Officer Jorge Waisman has been named the 2016 Bal Harbour Village Police Officer of the Year. The prestigious award was presented at the April Council meeting. The Bal Harbour Police Department Awards Committee selected Officer Waisman after considering the several commendations he received and his overall performance in 2016. Officer Waisman received several department and citizen commendations, as well as a Life Saving Commendation and Officer of the Month. These commendations, including an unsolicited plaque from the Florida Division of Chesed Shel Emes (CSE), resulted from his courageous efforts to save the lives of bathers caught in a deadly riptide in the waters off Haulover Beach in May 2016.



(L-R) Acting Police Chief Miguel De La Rosa, Mayor Gabriel Groisman, Officer Waisman, Village Manager Jorge M. Gonzalez and Lt. Raleigh Flowers, Jr.

LIEUTENANT FLOWERS IS NEW PRESIDENT OF CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to Bal Harbour Village Police Lieutenant Raleigh Flowers, who recently took the oath of office as the new President of the Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police. The Association is the second largest state Police Chiefs Association in the State of Florida. It is comprised of more than 250 of the County's top law enforcement executives and another 300 associate members. Lieutenant Flowers will be the representative for all law enforcement in Miami-Dade County for a one year term.



Lt. Raleigh Flowers, Jr.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Interim Chief De La Rosa (far right) led the honors as the Bal Harbour Police Department remembered their fallen heroes at a memorial ceremony at Village Hall on May 4. May is National Police Appreciation Month and traditionally the time when Police Departments salute those who have lost their lives while serving the public.



BAL HARBOUR OFFICIALS VISIT SCHOOL

On May 26, Mayor Gabriel Groisman and Assistant Mayor Seth Salver visited Mrs. Perla Salver's fourth grade class at Rabbi Alexander S. Gross Hebrew Academy in Miami Beach and discussed the structure of government in Florida. The lesson included the process of passing laws, the various levels of governments that are in place, and the importance of city and county governments and the role they play in our society and daily lives.

Parents and/or teachers who are interested in a school visit from Bal Harbour officials, please call 305-866-4633.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, June 12
Budget Advisory Committee
Village Hall 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 20
Council Meeting
Village Hall 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 27
Resort Tax Committee
Village Hall 5 p.m.

Tuesday, July 4
Independence Day Celebration
Refreshments & desserts 8 p.m.
Fireworks display 9 p.m.

Thursday, July 6
Architectural Review Board
Village Hall 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 18
Council Meeting
Village Hall 7 p.m.

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TOURISM MARKETING
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BALHARBOURFLORIDA.COM (Tourism)



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