

BAL HARBOUR

<http://balharbourgov.com/>

LOCATION

Bal Harbour Village Hall
655 - 96th Street
Bal Harbour, Florida 33154
Phone: (305) 866-4633
FAX: (305) 868-6575

Area: 3/10 of a square mile Temperature: Average 75.3° Fahrenheit Surf Temperature: Average 74° Fahrenheit Sunshine: 72% probability, year-round Location: Miami-Dade County, Florida

HISTORY

Since the 1920's, the Detroit-based Miami Beach Heights Corporation (headed by industrialists Robert C. Graham, Walter O. Briggs, and C.T. Fisher) owned 245 acres of undeveloped, partially swampy land that stretched from the bay to the Atlantic. Mr. Graham assumed the duties as the developer for Bal Harbour. In the 1930's, city planners Harland Bartholomew & Associates were called in to design the Village. The company made several plans and they were submitted for review to Miami Beach Heights. In 1940, World War II began and the plans were put on hold. As a goodwill gesture to the government, Robert C. Graham rented the land to the United States Air Corps for \$1 per year. The Air Corps used this land to train their soldiers and established a Prisoner of War camp. The ocean front area was used as a rifle range and the barracks were set up on the west side of Collins Avenue. The camp for prisoners was located where the Bal Harbour Shops are presently. In 1945, the war was over in both Germany and Japan. The Air Corps left the barracks buildings as a thank you to the owners of the property. These barracks were converted into apartment homes by Mr. Graham in 1946.

ORIGINAL INCORPORATION - 1946

In order to incorporate a city in 1946, there had to be at least 25 male registered voters residing in the area. Mr. Graham had twenty five families move into the apartment homes that he had converted in order to qualify the Village for incorporation. He then hired Willard Webb, a Miami Beach tax assessor, to draft a charter for the Village. After the charter was completed, the Village of Bal Harbour was incorporated on August 14, 1946, by Mr. Graham and 25 male registered voters. The Village was operated under the city manager form of government.

The Council established a volunteer fire department.

BUILDING A VILLAGE

Swampland was filled, sea walls were constructed and the yacht basin was created. Contracts were signed for the sewer systems, water pumping stations and utilities. Bal Harbour was the first planned community in Florida to have its utilities placed underground. Developers set guidelines for the development of the beachfront and the

residential areas. Collins Avenue was paved into four lanes with a landscaped median and later widened to the present day six lanes. Village plans indicated that ocean front property was to be 200 feet deep and lots approached \$100,000. Lots in the residential area were about 1,800 square feet and cost from \$6,500 to \$20,000.

The first hotel was built and was named "The Kenilworth By-the-Sea." It was built by Tom Raffington and made famous by Arthur Godfrey. It has since been demolished and is now the Kenilworth Condominium.

The first home was built at 160 Bal Cross Drive. It was built by Mr. Robert C. Graham Jr., who was the son of Bal Harbour Developer Robert C. Graham.

Construction for the Sea View Hotel was started.

RE-INCORPORATION - 1947

Bal Harbour Village was re-incorporated by a special act of the 1947 Florida Legislature and its own charter was issued June 16th. This new charter supplemented the original incorporation under the General Laws of Florida. In accordance with the new charter, an election to select five to serve on the Council was held June 30th. The Council elected were: Edward L. Bonneau, Robert C. Graham, Jr., Glenn E. Massnick, George Whittaker, and Judge Julien Southerland. Judge Southerland was chosen as mayor. Willard Webb, who had been acting manager since the first organization, was appointed as Village Manager. Mary Wetterer was named Village Clerk and Herold Dickey was appointed Chief of Police.

POPULATION

Population: 2,973 (2006 Census)

EVENTS

Most of Bal Harbour's events occur around holidays such as the 4th of July, Halloween and New Year's. For current events, contact the Parks and Recreation department at 305-866-8597

Annual Snow Festival Sunday mid December.

ATTRACTIONS

Art Deco Welcome Center
1001 Ocean Drive
Miami Beach FL 33139
Telephone:305-672-2014
Fax: 305-672-4319
<http://www.mdpl.org/>

MUSEUMS

Bass Museum of Art
2121 Park Avenue
Miami Beach, FL 33139
T 305.673.7530
F 305.673.7062
<http://www.bassmuseum.org/>

The Gold Coast Railroad Museum Inc.

12450 S.W. 152nd Street
Miami, Florida 33177-1402
Phone: 305-253-0063
TOLL FREE Phone: 888-60-TRAIN (888-608-7246)
Fax: 305-233-4641
Web Address (URL): <http://www.goldcoast-railroad.org>
E-mail: webmaster@goldcoast-railroad.org

Historical Museum of Southern Florida
101 West Flagler Street
Miami, FL 33130
305.375.1492
<http://www.hmsf.org/>

Holocaust Memorial
1933 Meridian Ave
Miami, FL 33139
(305) 538-1663

Lowe Art Museum, University of Miami
1301 Stanford Drive
Coral Gables, Florida 33124-6310
Phone: (305) 284-3535
Fax: (305) 284-2024
<http://www6.miami.edu/lowe/index.htm>

Miami Art Museum
101 West Flagler Street
Miami, Florida, 33130
305.375.3000
<http://www.miamiartmuseum.org/>

Miami Design District
3841 NE 2nd Avenue
Suite 400
Miami, Florida 33137
(305) 531-8700
<http://www.miamidesigndistrict.net/index.php>

Miami Science Museum
3280 South Miami Avenue
Miami, FL 33129
305-646-4200
<http://www.miamisci.org/>

Museum of Contemporary Art
Joan Lehman Building
770 NE 125th St
North Miami, FL 33161
<http://www.mocanomi.org/>

Jewish Museum of Florida

301 Washington Avenue
Miami Beach • Florida 33139
Phone: 305-672-5044
Fax: 305-672-5933
<http://www.jewishmuseum.com/>

Vizcaya Museum and Gardens
3251 South Miami Avenue
Miami, Florida 33129
Telephone: 305-250-9133
Fax: 305-285-2004
Web: www.vizcayamuseum.org

The Wolfsonian–Florida International University
1001 Washington Avenue
Miami Beach, FL 33139
<http://www.wolfsonian.org/>

MARINAS

Haulover Park Marina
10800 Collins Avenue
Bal Harbour, FL 33154-1006
+1 305 947 3525

SHOPPING

Bal Harbour Shops
For general information, please call:
(305) 866-0311.

Our general mailing address is

Bal Harbour Shops
Executive Offices
3rd Floor
9700 Collins Avenue
Bal Harbour, FL 33154

SCHOOLS

Ruth K Broad/Bay Harbour Elementary
1155 93 Street
Bay Harbour Islands, FL 33154
305-865-7912
<http://broadbayharbour.dadeschools.net/>

Nautilus Middle
4301 North Michigan Avenue
Miami Beach, FL 33140
305-532-3481
<http://nautilus.dadeschools.net/>

Miami Beach Senior High

2231 Prairie Avenue
Miami Beach, FL 33139
305-532-4515
<http://miamibeachhigh.dadeschools.net>

HOSPITALS

Mount Sinai Medical Center
4300 Alton Road
Miami Beach, FL 33140
305-674-2121

Silver Lakes Urgent Treatment
17901 Northwest 5th Street, Suite 101
Pembroke Pines, FL 33029-2810
Phone: (954) 442-8380
Fax: (954) 442-8661
info@flaurgentcare.com

PARKS AND RECREATION

For more info on Park and Recreation and events, contact Park Director Lydia Kordalewski: 305/866-4633, ext. 26. Event info is updated regularly on our TV Cable Channel 77.

TRANSPORTATION

AIRPORTS

Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport
320 Terminal Drive
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315 - (954) 359-0200

Miami International Airport
4200 NW 21 Street
Miami, FL 33142

BUSES

Bal Harbour's Express Bus has operated exclusively for our residents for more than a year now, with ridership at an all-time high, averaging 280 riders weekly.

The Express operates Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday-Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The route includes stops along Bay Harbor, Surfside, Sunny Isles and Aventura.

Sundays, the Express takes residents to South Beach's Lincoln Road 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Route schedules are available at Village Hall, the condo offices, on the bus or get a Call 305-866-4633, ext. 26 with any questions or complaints.

DEPARTMENTS

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Official: Daniel B. Nieda

Phone: (305) 865-7525
(305) 868-6575 Fax

PUBLIC WORKS/MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT
(305) 866-4633, Extension 36
(305) 868-6575 Fax

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Police Chief: Thomas Hunker
Phone: (305) 866-5000
(305) 868-6575 Fax
thunker@balharbourflorida.com

UTILITIES

Public Works Department Notices
Single Family Home Residents:

Regular garbage pickups are Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

- All Garbage must be inside a garbage receptacle
- Any garbage outside of a receptacle will not be collected
- Garbage receptacles must not be visible from the street

Special Pickups (such as appliances & doors):

Tuesdays & Thursdays - no garden trash, no paint, no chemicals. Residents must call 305/866-4633, ext. 36 the day prior for special pickups and leave their trash by the curb no earlier than 10pm on the night before the pickup.

Yard-Trash:

All yard trash (tree-trimmings, leaves, lawn trash, cuttings) must be dropped off at the sub-station located at the yacht basin, next to the dockmaster. Yard trash should not be left on-property at the curb.

Boat Owners:

Please remember that strict laws govern the discarding of used oil and batteries. these may not be left on-property at the curb.

Oceanfront Buildings:

Garbage pickups seven days per week.

Apartment Buildings on West Side of Collins Avenue Outside Gated Area:

Garbage pickups are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

FPL: 305-442-8770

Water Department: 305-866-4633 (must be transferred from here)

Sewer: 305-866-4633 (must be transferred from here)

Garbage: Public Works: 305-866-4633 ext: 36

Recycling: Public Works: 305-866-4633 ext: 36

Phone: Bellsouth: 888-757-6500

Cable: Charter Communications: 1-866-207-3663

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