

GOLDEN BEACH HURRICANE IRMA UPDATE

Thursday, September 14, 2017

The Town will issue daily updates as we recover from Hurricane Irma. Please contact Town Hall with your questions and concerns as they arise at (305)932-0744.

A Message from the Mayor

I would like to reach out to our Residents after the storm to thank them for their patience and cooperation for what has been a difficult and uncomfortable situation for everyone. We're glad that the power is being restored; we know some homes are still awaiting electricity and we are working with the utility companies until power is 100% restored. As life in Town begins to return to normal I would like to extend some advice to help with your efforts.

Electricity: If you have any further issues resolving your electricity please contact Florida Light & Power (FPL) directly at (305)442-8770.

Cable, Internet, Phones: While we don't have a set time for these services to be restored please be aware that we are in constant communication with the utility companies.

Water: Town water is safe to drink and bathe in.

Clean-up: The Town is moving full speed ahead with its clean up. We have three different crews working 12-hour shifts to assure the Town is clean as soon as possible. **Residents are responsible for attending to their own yards and homes. We ask for your cooperation and assistance in helping the Town look its best. Remember to keep safety as a top priority while cleaning up.**

Concerns: If you have any questions or concerns that the Town may address, please call Town Hall at (305)932-0744, or pass by Town Hall to speak with staff in person.

Thank you,

Mayor Glenn Singer

Clean-Up Continues

As we address the aftermath of Irma it is important to take precautions. Below are some important things to keep in mind after the storm.

In storm debris there can be hidden dangers. It is often difficult to discern what is in debris piles. Use caution and wear protective gear when cleaning up. Watch out for sharp metal or glass shards. Most storm related injuries occur after the storm has ended. If you do get injured, seek medical attention. Be sure are current on your tetanus shots.

Be aware that storm damage can also cause gas leaks. Report gas leaks immediately to TECO Gas at (305)940-0139.

If you are using a generator, be sure to keep generators at least 20 feet away from your home. Never run a generator in your garage or in an enclosed area.

Do not refuel generators when they are running. Power the generator down, refuel, and then power it back up.

Have any structural damage to your home inspected by a licensed engineer.

The Public Works Department began clean-up efforts as soon as the storm subsided. Taking down trees, clearing roadways and sweeping away sand and debris from our streets all started within hours of Irma passing through. Please note that it is the residents' responsibility to clean their yards. The Public Works Department will collect any debris that is brought curbside. All debris should be left 24" inches away from curb to prevent obstructing the streets. Garbage collection will take place Thursday and Friday of this week. All garbage must be properly bagged. Trash will be collected on a rolling basis until all trash has been collected. (Remember: "Garbage" refers to regular household waste from kitchen/bathroom waste paper baskets and "Trash" refers to yard waste and bulkier items.)

The Town's Police Department continues to vigilantly monitor the Town's streets and waterways in order to protect our residents and their property. The Police Department will continue to stop cars entering Town at random, we request your understanding as this measure is for the safety of everyone.

Food Trucks Updates!

The Town will offer free food truck service at The Strand **this afternoon, tomorrow (Friday) afternoon from 4PM to 8PM, and Saturday and Sunday 12PM to 5PM.** Come by and enjoy some treats on us. No vouchers or RSVPs required.

Town 5K Race Postponed

The Town has postponed its 5K Race that was scheduled for Sunday, September 17th. New date information will be announced when it becomes available.

Special Town Council Meeting, RE: IRMA
Tomorrow, September 15th 3PM Town Hall