



# TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

## Office of the Town Manager

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**To:** Honorable Mayor Glenn Singer and  
Members of the Town Council

**From:** Alexander Diaz,  
Town Manager

**Date:** September 19, 2017

**Subject:** **Hurricane Irma Update**

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The last two weeks has been a trying one for the Town. With all that has been happening, I believe we have met or exceeded all expectations.

Town Staff has been working 12 to 15 hour days in an effort to remove debris, assist our residents, conducting door-to-door assessments, damage assessments, and performing any other task that would bring a sense of normalcy back to the Town.

Town Staff (including all Directors, Police Personnel and Salaried Positions) are being compensated per Administrative Order 2017-021 (attached). Once we have processed payroll, a full report detailing compensation for our staff will follow.

We have hired a pool of day laborers to augment our staff at a daily rate of \$200 per laborer for the first 7 days following the storm, and \$120 per laborer after the first seven. These laborers are working to clear debris from our streets and assisting residents with larger debris. As of end of day today, (9-19-17) we have spent \$34,300.00 on day laborers.

We have retained the services of vendors to assist us with the immediate trimming and hauling of landscaping materials. At your next Town Council meeting we will bring Items for your consideration, retroactively approving the work they have performed. You will recall that following the storm, I immediately reached out to each Councilmember advising of the manner in which we were going to proceed in addressing hurricane relief efforts, to assure that each of you felt comfortable. Attached is a breakdown of our debris removal efforts; to date we have already committed over \$91,000 to this effort.

We have moved heaven and earth to assist our residents and make them feel at home again. As such, residents whose power was not restored at the same time as all other homes were offered hotel accommodations. Some residents took the Town up on this offer (if all residents elect this option, our costs will be approximately \$8,300). We also

provided hot meals for our residents on Thursday and Saturday evenings, and Saturday and Sunday afternoons. This gesture cost the Town and estimated \$26,000.00.

Additional costs include:

Pre and Post Storm Supplies:	\$14,000
Staff Meals approximately	\$7,300 (13 days)

Misc. Expenditures:	\$2,500
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To Date Total:	\$183,400.00 (non-inclusive of staff costs)
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\*\*\* We still have an additional \$30,000 in debris removal \*\*\*

The storm, without damage costs is projected to cost in excess of \$350,000.00.

Hurricane Irma although not a direct hit, was an expensive storm. Relief efforts have not been completed. We believe that there are still additional costs associated with our efforts, and the Town will continue to feel the impact of these efforts as we rebuild our landscaping and other aesthetic elements of Golden Beach.

I will provide weekly updates as we move forward. I ask that you please be patient and bear with us as we are all doing the best we can to bring the Town back to normal and get all of our daily routines back in order.