

MAYOR'S REPORT
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 26, 2020

SOUTH FLORIDA IS ONE OF THE MOST RAPIDLY INFECTED GROWTH AREAS IN THE COUNTRY.

I AM LOOKING OUT FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES BY ISSUING THE TOWN'S EMERGENCY ORDER.

THE TOWN MANAGER AND I ARE IN CONSTANT COMMUNICATION WITH LOCAL AND STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS GETTING CONSTANT UPDATES.

I WANT TO THANK OUR TOWN MANAGER ALEX DIAZ, OUR POLICE CHIEF RUDY HERBELLO AND HIS COMMAND STAFF, AND OUR GOLDEN BEACH POLICE OFFICERS WHO ARE DOING AN AMAZING JOB DURING THIS STRESSFUL SITUATION. I ASK YOU NEXT TIME YOU ARE WALKING OR RUNNING OR RIDING IN TOWN PLEASE STOP AND WAVE AND THANK OUR GOLDEN BEACH POLICE OFFICERS TO SHOW OUR APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE.

WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS, BUT WE ALL HAVE TO MAKE SACRIFICES TODAY FOR THERE TO BE A BETTER TOMORROW.

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO BE SELFISH AND ONLY THINK OF OURSELVES. WE MUST THINK OF OUR NEIGHBORS, OUR TOWN STAFF, OUR POLICE OFFICERS, OUR FAMILIES, AND OUR CHILDREN.

SO PLEASE UNDERSTAND AND COMPLY AND WORK WITH US.
THANK YOU AND STAY HEALTHY.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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I FIRST WANT TO SAY THAT I HOPE ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS, TOWN STAFF, POLICE DEPARTMENT, TOWN ATTORNEY AND FELLOW COUNCILMEMBERS STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY.

THIS IS A SERIOUS CRISIS AND IT AFFECTS EVERYONE, AND UNLESS WE HANDLE THIS CRISIS PROPERLY IT WILL NEVER GO AWAY. EVERYONE MUST START THINKING LONG TERM.

I KNOW THESE ARE TRYING TIMES FOR EVERYONE. RESIDENTS ARE FRUSTRATED, CONCERNED AND NERVOUS. I WANT TO REASSURE ALL THE RESIDENTS THAT GOLDEN BEACH IS DOING AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING TO KEEP OUR RESIDENTS AND EMPLOYEES SAFE AND HEALTHY.

AS MAYOR I HAVE HAD TO MAKE SOME TOUGH DECISIONS WHICH AFFECTS OUR RESIDENTS, BUT I MAKE THESE DECISIONS AFTER DISCUSSING OUR SITUATION WITH STATE, LOCAL AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS. GOLDEN BEACH IS UNIQUE AS WE ARE A SMALL SINGLE-FAMILY COMMUNITY. EVERY TOWN IS DIFFERENT AND IS HANDLING THE SITUATION IN DIFFERENT MANNERS, BUT AS THIS PANDEMIC SPREADS, CHANGES ARE BEING MADE AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE MADE.

ON MARCH 23, 2020 I ISSUED A SAFER AT HOME EMERGENCY ORDER. THIS ORDER STATES THAT ALL PERSONS LIVING IN GOLDEN BEACH SHOULD REMAIN IN THEIR HOMES. THERE ARE SOME EXCEPTIONS.

I URGE YOU TO READ THE ORDER, WHICH IS ONLINE AND HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE COMMUNITY VIA EMAIL AND VOICE MAIL.

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS ORDER ARE THE FOLLOWING

- 1) OUR BEACH IS 100 PERCENT CLOSED
- 2) OUR PARKS ARE 100 PERCENT CLOSED
- 3) CONSTRUCTION SITES ARE 100 PERCENT CLOSED
- 4) EMERGENCY REPAIRS MUST GET PRIOR APPROVAL
- 5) MAIDS, HOUSEKEEPERS AND NANNYS ARE ALLOWED, BUT MUST BE SMART AND CAREFUL

I KNOW THERE ARE SEVERAL RESIDENTS IN THE PROCESS OF CONSTRUCTING A NEW HOME. THIS IS A MAJOR INCONVENIENCE FOR THESE PEOPLE AND CONTRACTORS. YOU HAVE MY WORD AFTER THIS PANDEMIC PASSES, GOLDEN BEACH WILL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO MAKE UP LOST TIME DUE TO THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THESE SITES.

IT'S GREAT SEEING MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS OUT WALKING, RUNNING AND BIKING DURING THE DAY, BUT PLEASE DO NOT CONGREGATE AND KEEP AT LEAST 6 FEET APART FROM EACH OTHER.

THIS IS AN EMERGENCY ORDER AND MUST BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY, AS EVERY DAY THERE ARE MORE AND MORE CASES OF THE VIRUS AND THE DEATH TOLL IS CLIMBING RAPIDLY.