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Letter FROM THE MAYOR

Welcome to 2016. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and I am extending sincerest wishes to everyone for a happy and healthy new year. As we look forward, there are several projects the Town will undertake this year. Some are brand new while others are simply maintaining the work we have already completed.

We are currently looking into dredging and maintaining our canals as the canals in Town are significant tributaries which provide access to the Intracoastal Waterway. In addition we are looking into curb and gutter refinishing and enhancing the Town-wide landscaping.

We are unveiling a brand new website that will be more user-friendly and will give our residents and the public greater access to resources and information about Golden Beach.

We plan to make enhancements to the Beach Pavilion this year as well. Several of our residents submitted comments on their census/transponder forms regarding changes they'd like to see, especially at the Beach Pavilion. We will take your suggestions under serious consideration.

We are aware of the flooding issue in Town, especially on Center Island. The Town Manager and I have met with our town engineers and we are actively working with them to come up with a solution. We ask that you be patient with us as we look to satisfactorily resolve this issue.

I want to welcome all of the residents who have moved into Golden Beach recently. Please take a moment to stop by Town Hall or the Police substation at The Strand and submit emergency contact information so that we can be better equipped to serve you. The Town Manager and staff at Town Hall are always available to assist you.

I am honored to lead Golden Beach as your Mayor. I look forward to meeting many of you at our Town-sponsored events throughout the coming year as we work diligently together toward the continued growth of our Town.

YOUR MAYOR,

Glenn Singer



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Glenn Singer

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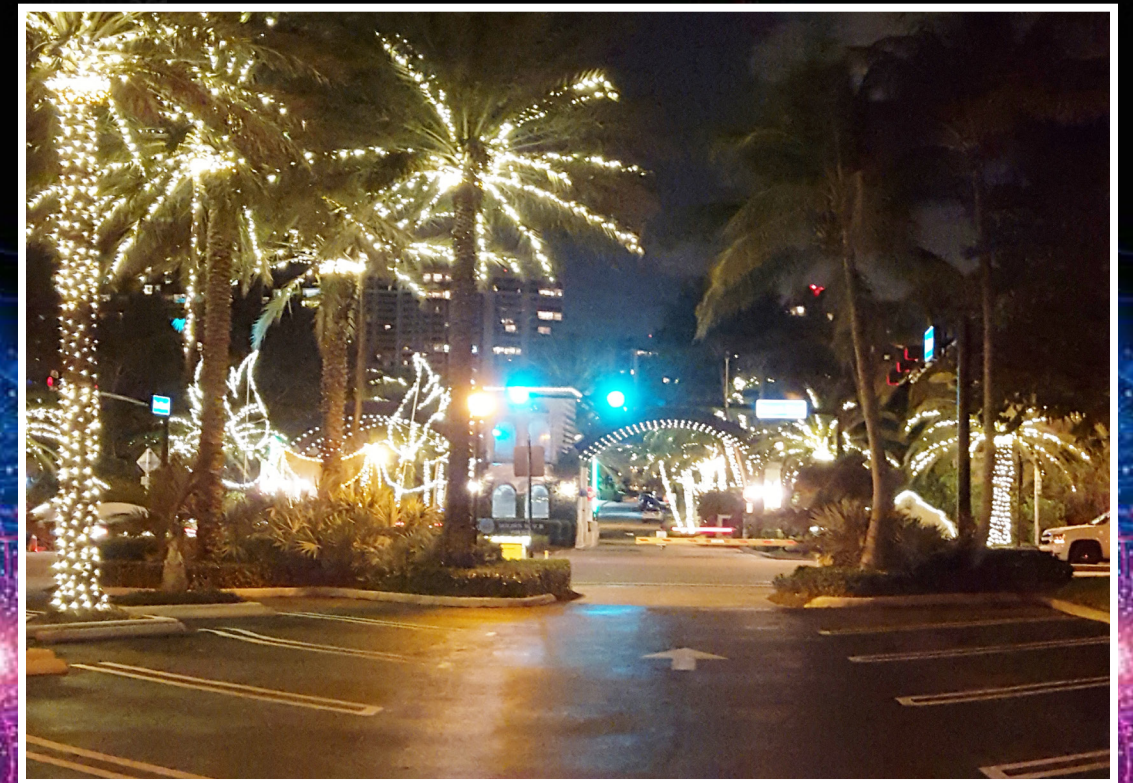
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Ring in the New Year 2016

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

On December 31st the Beach Pavilion came alive with music and dancing at the Town's annual New Year's Eve gala celebration. The party invited residents to "Go bananas" at the Pop-Art themed Artists Ball. With champagne and a buffet of tasty treats, residents rang in the New Year in style. Caricature artists offered guests the chance to have a fun souvenir portrait drawn while they enjoyed the festivities; what a perfect souvenir for an Artists Ball! Remember in order to be able to offer residents the best experience the Town requires RSVP for certain events; we thank residents for their cooperation in replying before deadlines. Stay tuned for more exciting Town Events in the coming months and Happy New Year!





Police BEAT

Let me begin by wishing everyone a **Happy New Year and a prosperous 2016.** With the holidays behind us, it is hard to believe that 2015 is already over and done. I would also like to take the opportunity to send sincere thanks to the residents of Golden Beach who have constantly and continuously supported our police department. Your kind gesture motivates us to come to work every day and give the Town our unwavering commitment. I would like to acknowledge the Mayor, Councilmembers and the Town Manager for collaborating with us to assure that the service provided meets and exceeds the level of expectation of our residents.



In 2015, the Department maximized the efficiency and effectiveness of its resources and accomplished all of its established goals and objectives. The command staff worked collectively to complete the agency's mission. Networking with the Manager's office and the dedicated efforts of our police officers continue to be the key to our success.

I would like to specifically recognize a select few for their continued effort, professionalism and dedication to duty. Over the past year these officers distinguished themselves in various ways, by receiving the "Officer of the Quarter" award or simply their ability to multi-task and assist the police administration with its daily functions. The officers I would like to recognize for their outstanding contributions are James Camacho (Administrative Duties and Patrol Assignment), Julio Fernandez (Officer of the Quarter, Life Saving Award, Nominated for the Miami-Dade County Chief of Police Association-LEO award and Patrol Assignment), Danny Avila (Field Training Officer, and Training Instructor-ITW), Julio Soca ("Officer of the Quarter" award and Patrol Assignment), Julio Bautista ("Life Saving Award", Nominated for the Miami-Dade County Chief of Police Association-LEO award and Patrol Assignment), Acting Lieutenant Yovany Diaz (Administration Duties, Field Operation and Shift Supervisor), and Sergeants Leila Perez and Leo Santinello (Administrative duties and Shift Supervisors).

In November, members of the police department attended the Town's Veterans' Day Ceremony at the Beach Pavilion, an annual event spearheaded by Councilmember Judy Lusskin. The following month, I attended a Civil Rights workshop sponsored by the State Attorney's Office, along with a press conference on identity theft which was also sponsored by the State Attorney's Office. Closing out 2015, I participated in an "Officer Safety & Awareness" training at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement headquarters and I also attended the Town's annual New Year's Eve celebration.

In wellness news, the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County observed National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week late last year. This year's theme called for "Lead-Free Kids for a Healthy Future." The program stressed the importance of testing your home, testing your child, and learning how to prevent the serious and long-lasting adverse health effects of lead poisoning.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that nearly half a million children living in the United States have elevated blood lead levels which may cause significant damage to their health. The estimate is based on data from national surveys of children with a blood lead level of 5 micrograms per deciliter or higher.

Major sources of lead exposure among Miami-Dade County children are lead-based paint, lead-contaminated dust found in deteriorating buildings, as well as vinyl mini-blinds, toys or jewelry, and tile flooring. Children can also be exposed to lead from additional sources including contaminated drinking water, take-home exposures from a workplace, and lead in soil.

The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County reports that "lead poisoning can impair a child's ability to learn and grow," Therefore, it is critical that we all work together to protect our children from exposure to lead.

Despite the continued risk of lead exposure in the environment, lead poisoning is entirely preventable. To increase awareness of childhood lead poisoning prevention, the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County is launching lead-awareness educational campaigns.

Parents can reduce a child's exposure to lead in many ways. Here are some simple things you can do to help protect your family:

1. Get your home tested. Before you buy an older home, ask for a lead inspection.
2. Get your child tested. Even if your young children seem healthy, ask your doctor to test them for lead.
3. Make sure your child does not chew on anything covered with lead paint such as painted windowsills, cribs or playpens. Lead is sweet so children like its taste.
4. Keep areas where children play as dust-free and clean as possible. Wet mop floors and wipe window ledges and surfaces such as cribs.
5. Wash your child's hands frequently especially after playing outdoors and before meals and bedtime. Wash pacifiers and bottles after they fall on the floor.
6. Don't remove lead paint yourself. Hire a person with special training to correct the problem.
7. If you work with lead in your job or while working on craft projects, change your clothes before you go home and wash them separately from your family's clothing, don't forget to wipe your feet well before going inside your home to avoid tracking in lead particles.
8. Make sure your child eats lots of foods high in iron, vitamin C and calcium like eggs, meat, chicken, beans, cereals, citrus fruit, broccoli, strawberries, milk and milk products. A healthy diet causes the body to absorb less lead.
9. Get the Facts! Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County can provide you with helpful information about preventing childhood lead poisoning. Contact them at 305-470-6877 or visit them online at <http://miamidade.floridahealth.gov>.

YOUR CHIEF OF POLICE,

Rudy Herbello



Mayor Singer and Golden Beach Police Department Visit Local School

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

Mayor Singer, along with Police Chief Rudy Herbello and Sergeant Leila Perez, were invited to speak with students at Scheck Hillel Community School on December 9th. A large group of second graders assembled for the presentation relating to their "My Community, My Country" unit.

Mayor Singer, Chief Herbello and Sergeant Perez spoke with the class and answered questions about how government and laws help shape the community around them.

Letter TO THE MAYOR

Hailey
Your name

December 10, 2015
Today's date

Mayor Glenn Singer City of Golden Beach

Dear Mayor Singer,

Thank you for ciping Our city safe.
Thank you for being ^{for} us when
we need you. Also Singer do you have
a dog. I love how you work. You are the
best mayor ever. I love the city because of you.
But I would like if you could not
give us taxes. The reason why I
don't like taxes is because I will loose
my money.

your city member,

Hailey
Your name

Message to the Mayor

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

Mayor Singer recently received this thank you letter and asked us to share it with our residents. Sometimes it's our smallest residents who have the biggest ideas on how to make our Town great. Maybe one day Miss Hailey will be running Golden Beach!

Golden BEACH

FEBRUARY & MARCH 2016
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February 3 Security & Public Safety Committee Meeting 6:00 PM

February 9 Building Advisory Board Meeting Will Be Rescheduled.
Please Contact Town Hall For More Information

February 14 Love & Ocean Breezes, Valentine's Day, Beach Pavilion 12-2 PM

February 15 Presidents' Day – TOWN HALL CLOSED

February 16 Regular Town Council Meeting 7:00 PM

March 8 Building Regulatory Advisory Board Meeting 6:00 PM

March 15 Regular Town Council Meeting 7:00 PM

Love & Ocean Breezes BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

Join us Sunday, February 14th at 12-2PM as we celebrate Valentine's Day at the Beach Pavilion. There will be delicious treats and fun for all ages, including a special live performance! No RSVP is required for this event. Hope to see you all there!

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

New Town Events Coming Soon

On the heels of the success of the summer food truck events, the Town will launch monthly events at the Beach Pavilion. Whether it is a relaxing yoga workshop during the morning, an evening wine social under the stars, or a yummy lunchtime offering to keep your tummy full and happy while sunning on the sands, we'd like to make life in Golden Beach that much more fun. Events will fall on either Saturday or Sunday of any given month and programming updates will be listed on the main page of the Town's website. Visit www.goldenbeach.us for all the details.

A Message from the Florida Department of Transportation

In January, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) began working on a local roadway project. The project area extends along SR 5/US 1/Biscayne Boulevard from NE 196 Street to NE 213 Street in the City of Aventura. The project will cost an estimated 3.52 million dollars. The work will last approximately 10 months and includes the following:

- Repaving and restriping the road
- Widening the road to provide additional space for turn lanes and bicycle lanes
- Upgrading pedestrian ramps
- Cleaning drainage inlets
- Replacing traffic signs and signals
- Replacing sidewalks and driveways
- Modifying landscaping

To complete this work safely, it will be necessary to close travel lanes and detour traffic at times. Tasks will be done in stages and lane closures will be scheduled to keep traffic moving and avoid special community events.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS SCHEDULE MAY CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER OR UNEXPECTED CONDITIONS. Additional information is available on the project page of the department's website. You may also contact Construction Public Information Specialist Heather Leslie at 305-905-5876 or email her at Heather@hmlpublicoutreach.com. Drivers are encouraged to call 511 before they drive, or log onto www.fl511.com to get real-time traffic and lane closure information.

Town Provides Extra Watch Service

Are you going out of Town? Whether you're simply planning a weekend getaway or heading out for the season, it's always a good idea to have someone keeping an eye out to make sure your property is safe. You may not know this, but the Town's Police Department offers an "Extra Watch" service for residents who are away and would like additional peace of mind that their home is being checked upon while they're out. Contact the Town's Police Department with your name, address and dates you're planning to be away and the Police Department will add your property to a list for 3 spot visits a day for the duration of your travels.

Town of Golden Beach Police Department provides this service free of charge.

Oceanfront Residents Asked to Update 'No Trespassing' Status

BY ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF RUDY HERBELLO

In an effort to ensure residents' safety and the safeguarding of their property the Golden Beach Police department has initiated a high visibility detail on the beach area.

The purpose behind this detail is three-fold; first to keep visitors walking on the beach informed of our rules and laws concerning the properties along the beach side of Town; second as a deterrent to possible crimes; and third and most important, to build community trust and confidence in our Police Department.

To assist us with our goals, we are distributing a Trespass Affidavit to all the residents on the ocean side of Ocean Boulevard. This form must be completed by the owner of the property and authorizes the Golden Beach Police Department (as the property owner's representative) to enforce all applicable State and Municipal Trespass laws.

If any ocean-side resident has not yet received the "Trespass Affidavit", please call the Golden Beach Police Department, Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm, at (305) 936-2444, to have one delivered.

This procedure will authorize the Golden Beach Police Department to detain, cross-examine, arrest and prosecute any violator/trespasser.

CODE: Raccoon and Possum Issues

You might hear footsteps late in the night, but before you pull the covers over your head and hope the ghosts go away, stop for a moment; you may have a more earthly creature in your midst.

Residents have reported incidents of raccoons or possums taking up residence in their roofs. These animals are usually nocturnal, so it's not unusual to realize they've moved in only when the house is silent and everyone is fast asleep. Aside from being a bit creepy and crawly, wild animals may cause you to be in a violation of the Town's code. These unwelcomed guests are considered a nuisance and require removal. Wild animals may also be dangerous, should you encounter animals living within the walls or roof of your home please contact a licensed and trained professional. Acting fast can avoid costly damage to your home and possible citations from the Town.

Town Committees Resume Meeting

With the holidays behind us, the Town would like to announce the return of certain Town Committees. Both the Beach Committee and Security & Public Safety Committee will begin meeting to discuss any issues and concerns within the Town.

The Town is working with residents to develop an all new committee structure that will more efficiently serve the Town's evolving needs.

Any residents interested in participating in the Town's Committees should submit their information to Town Hall. Please note that as all of the committees are being restructured entirely, any past members who wish to serve on the Town's committees must re-enroll with the Town as well. The following changes apply to Town Committees only. These changes do not apply to Board Meetings or other Town Meetings.

In order to better serve committee members, committees will now meet on a bi-monthly schedule, instead of the monthly schedules used in the past. This change will allow for more dynamic and focused meetings, where business can be discussed and members will be expected to attend. In the past, members were obligated to attend frequent meetings, where attendance was often inconsistent and the odds of new business arising between meetings were limited. Committees will also be extended the option of adjusting schedules on an "as-needed basis," meaning

should special circumstances arise members can petition for special meetings and committee members will be notified of any special sessions in advance.

Should residents have an interest in joining the Committees based on the new parameters, whether former members or new members, they must send their NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL and COMMITTEE(S) they are interested in joining to Michael Glidden at mglidden@goldenbeach.us.

Below is a list of the Committees with a description of duties: Beach Committee: This committee deals with all things beach. Whether it be the beautification, safety or maintenance of the beach, this committee discusses all important actions related to the Town's beach.

Beautification Committee: This committee addresses the Town's aesthetic appearance. Landscaping and the general appearances of the Town's common areas are just some of the issues the committee discusses.

Security & Public Safety Committee: Working directly with the Golden Beach Police Department, this committee deals with the safety of the Town, making sure the voices of residents are heard.

Recreation Committee: Each year the Town holds somewhere around eight Town events for various holidays or celebrations. The Recreation Committee assists in planning these events.

Biography Spotlight



Mayor Glenn Singer

Mayor Glenn Singer was sworn-in for a sixth term on February 24, 2015, and has been serving as Mayor since February 15, 2005. He has placed the successful growth and development of his community among his highest priorities. Attracted by the Town of Golden Beach’s beauty, aesthetics, security, prized oceanfront location and exclusive family atmosphere, Mayor Singer moved his family to the Town in 1997. Driven by his desire to help the Town accomplish its well-defined vision for the future, he quickly immersed himself in serving his community as an involved citizen. He was first elected as a Council Member and after four years was elected as Mayor which is his current position.

Mayor Singer brings a multi-faceted history of success to his position. After graduating from Florida State University he spent six years practicing as a Certified Public Accountant. In 1990, recognizing massive demand for the outsourcing of payroll and employee benefits, he and his partners established the Florida-based National Business Solutions, a successful professional employer organization. In addition to his duties as Mayor, he is an active investor, lending his expertise to a number of businesses at various stages of growth in a variety of industries including real estate, technology and fitness.

Mayor Singer’s many accomplishments throughout his administration, includes the implementation of a Marine Patrol, the establishment of the Town’s canine park, overseeing the Town’s purchase of two vacant lots that were subsequently earmarked for green space, renovation of the Town’s Police Substation, and more recently the Town’s historic Beach Pavilion. Both renovation projects were completed on time and were within the established budgets. The Town also replaced two of its three bridges which access the interior islands which make up part of the beauty that is Golden Beach.

Mayor Singer had a vision of what Golden Beach should look like and how it should function as a Town, and first brought his vision to the Town Council in 2006. On November 6, 2007 under his efficient leadership and vision the voters of the Town of Golden Beach overwhelmingly approved a General Obligation Bond Referendum for \$14.5 million dollars. Currently the Town has

completed a \$25 million dollar Capital Improvement Project to enhance its streetscaping on Ocean Boulevard and Golden Beach Drive, the undergrounding of its utilities, the completion of its stormwater management system and the replacement of its water distribution system. According to Mayor Singer the time was right to implement the Capital Improvement Program and the right team was in place to make it happen. He is proud and excited to be leading the Town of Golden Beach into its Golden Future.



Vice Mayor Amy Isackson-Rojas

Vice Mayor Amy Isackson-Rojas was born in Bay City, Michigan. She is a 1988 graduate of the University of Miami Law School and is currently an active member of the Florida Bar. From 1989 to 1991, she was a Judicial Law Clerk at the Third District Court of Appeals. Since that time, she has served as an Assistant District Counsel for the United States Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

She and her husband, Tony, have lived in the Town of Golden Beach since 1991. They have twin sons, Jason and Jeremy. Prior to joining the Town Council, she was a member of the Security Committee, and she is currently a member of the Comprehensive Planning Board.



Councilmember Judy Lusskin

Councilmember Judy Lusskin has resided in The Town of Golden Beach for over 18 years. She earned her Bachelor’s of Science degree in Education and Speech from Long Island University in New York, where she served as both Treasurer and then President of her college sorority. Mrs. Lusskin was Program Director for the Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center for 15 years; there she was responsible for a multitude of programs, from infant day care to teen programming. She supervised over 100 staff and initiated an extensive employment/orientation program yearly.

Mrs. Lusskin has been extremely active in the Town of Golden Beach. Councilmember Lusskin founded the Golden Beach Youth Leadership Group, Co-Chaired the 75th Anniversary Celebration committee, is a previous Chairperson and active member of the Town’s Recreation Committee, and additionally serves on the Beautification and Security/Safety Committees.

In addition Councilmember Lusskin is the Town’s representative on the North Dade Transportation Board and is the Town’s Representative to the Miami Dade League of Cities. Mrs. Lusskin is also a member of the Executive Board of Beth Moshe Congregation as well as the Notables of Miami Jewish Health Systems. Councilmember Lusskin has her private pilot’s certificate and when she is not busy with politics, she and her husband, Bret, can be found navigating the sunny skies of Florida.



Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein

Councilmember Kenneth R. Bernstein is the Senior Vice President and General Counsel for Turnberry Associates, a national real estate company which has managed and/or developed more than \$7 billion dollars in commercial and residential properties. Since 1994, Mr. Bernstein’s responsibilities have included: financing matters, negotiating loan commitments, sales and acquisitions, contract and lease negotiations, land use matters, eminent domain work, and overseeing during that time an entire legal department. He has assisted the financing department in obtaining and negotiating billions of dollars worth of construction and/or permanent loans for regional malls, hotels, office buildings, self-storage facilities, strip centers, condominiums, and businesses. Additionally, he has helped oversee the entitlement and development process on several projects.

Mr. Bernstein is a member of the Florida Bar and a Certified Public Accountant in the State of Florida, as well as a licensed Mortgage Broker. A native Floridian, he earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Miami (1992), and a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Florida (1987). Prior to joining Turnberry, he was an accountant with Deloitte, Haskins and Sells in Miami, Florida. He later became an associate with the law firm of Buchanan Ingersoll in Aventura, Florida. Additionally, he has owned and operated and managed various businesses including a title company, several retail operations and currently is redeveloping a commercial property in Las Olas, Florida. Since 2004, he has served as a Board of Director for Great Florida Bank, a NASDAQ company with \$1.7 billion dollars of assets as of March 31, 2009.

Councilmember Bernstein is an active member of the South Florida community. He was recently chosen as a Board Member for Aventura Hospital. Additionally, he has been involved in numerous charitable and civic activities in Miami-Dade County including: serving on the Board of Directors of Aventura Jewish Center; committee member of South Florida East Coast Coalition, fundraising committees for United Way, and a member of the Dade Advisory Board of Extra Helpings and Daily Bread Food Bank.



Councilmember Bernard Einstein

Councilmember Bernard Einstein is the longest sitting Councilmember, having first been elected to the Town Council in February 1999. He has also served on the Town’s General Employees’ Pension Board.

He has been a resident of the Town since 1994, has been married to his wife, Kathie for the past 32 years. They are the proud parents of a son and a daughter. Mr. Einstein has been a practicing member of the Florida Bar since 1978 and specializes in real estate transactions, title insurance, wills, trusts, and estates.



Town Council Participates in Ethics Training

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

The Mayor and members of the Town Council attended an ethics training seminar in November provided by the Town’s Attorney. The State of Florida and Miami-Dade County require elected officials to participate in ethics training annually to help ensure officials provide the best possible service to the municipalities they oversee. The informative seminar covered both State and County mandated topics.



Golden Beach Employee NEWS

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN



Town Staff Thanks Residents for Generous Donations

Town Staff would like to extend thanks to all the residents who donated to the Town’s Employee Lunch Fund this year. Your generosity allows for Town staff to join together for monthly luncheons and is greatly appreciated! A very special thank you goes to Cathie Kessler for being the resident liaison for the fund again this year.

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Thank you!

Golden Beach Employee NEWS

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN



Golden Beach Lifeguard Makes Heroic Save at Town Beach

Late afternoon on Friday, December 25, 2015, a call came into the Gatehouse at The Strand reporting two men spotted approximately 100 yards offshore behind 605 Ocean Boulevard, who were visibly struggling to stay above water. CSA Officer Juan Garfias raised Lifeguard John Fialkowski who immediately rushed into action. The two already weary swimmers were fighting against a rip tide current that was dragging them even further from the shore and out into the open ocean. Equipped with a rescue buoy, Fialkowski braved the unrelenting waters and swam out to the men. Upon reaching the panicked men, he fastened a lanyard around them and began towing them back to safety. With the rip tide still pulling the group out to sea, Fialkowski had to swim south, parallel to the shore to find a safer path to return to the sand.

Golden Beach Police Officers Julio Soca and Daniel Avila also responded to the scene and recognized that Fialkowski showed possible signs of distress while bringing the men to shore. The officers immediately requested back up from Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Air Rescue, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Dive Team, and Ocean Rescue support from Sunny Isles and Indian Creek. Officers

Avila and Soca stood at the ready if the men needed additional aid. Against the rocky surf and strong currents Fialkowski was able to bring the exhausted men to shore.

One of the rescued men returned to the beach days later to tearfully thank Fialkowski for saving him, explaining that moments before Fialkowski came to his aid the man had resigned himself to the fact he was not going to escape the waters alive.

The Town would like to commend Lifeguard John Fialkowski for his courage and clarity of mind in the middle of crisis, his dedication to the service and safety of the public, and for preventing what could have been a tragedy.



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