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Letter FROM THE MAYOR

The Road Not Taken

BY ROBERT FROST

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood
 And sorry I could not travel both
 And be one traveler, long I stood
 And looked down one as far as I could
 To where it bent in the undergrowth;
 Then took the other, as just as fair,
 And having perhaps the better claim,
 Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
 Though as for that the passing there
 Had worn them really about the same,
 And both that morning equally lay
 In leaves no step had trodden black.
 Oh, I kept the first for another day!
 Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
 I doubted if I should ever come back.
 I shall be telling this with a sigh
 Somewhere ages and ages hence:
 Two roads diverged in a wood, and I –
 I took the one less traveled by,
 And that has made the difference.

As winter, such as it is in South Florida, gives way to spring, it is time for something new – something different. Sometimes it is just nice to sit back with a poem or verse that reflects life and its hidden treasures – like the road less traveled.

We welcome all new residents who have chosen the Town of Golden Beach as their new home. Golden Beach is an exquisite jewel tucked away in the northeast corner of Miami-Dade County. We offer the services of “Main Street America” while maintaining the quiet ambience of a small town.

There is a great deal of construction underway throughout Town. I’d like to remind everyone of the rules pertaining to obtaining permits through our Building Department. We also encourage everyone to actively maintain their properties according to the Town’s Code. The new construction and the upkeep of existing properties will certainly enhance our overall property values which, in turn, will benefit everyone.

As always, the Council and I, as well as the staff at Town Hall, are always available to address any questions or concerns you might have. Please feel free to call Town Hall at (305) 932-0744 during regular business hours and the Substation at the guardhouse at (305) 935-0940 after hours.

YOUR MAYOR,

Glenn Singer



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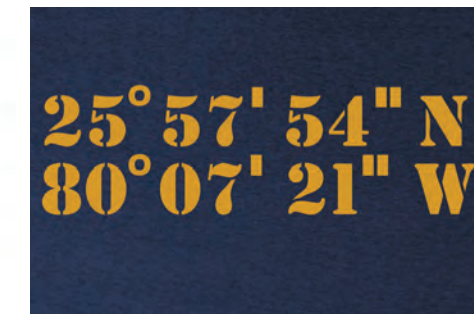
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Valentine's Day at the Beach Pavilion

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

Salt air and smiles were on the menu at this year's Valentine's Day event, along with a delicious spread of brunch fare and plenty of sweet treats. Residents gathered at the Beach Pavilion for a cozy get-together to celebrate. A folk guitarist strummed away as residents filled their plates (and their bellies). More Town events are on the way, for up to the minute information on upcoming events visit the Town's website at www.goldenbeach.us or tune into Channel 89 on Atlantic Broadband.



Police BEAT



Department grows only with excellent Law Enforcement professionals leading a team in the right direction.

The Town of Golden Beach brought me on as a Police Lieutenant in January of 2011; the offer had come shortly after I had retired from the City of Miami's Police Department. I was, and still am, extremely grateful for the opportunity that Mayor Glenn Singer and Town Manager Alexander Diaz extended to me. During my tenure with the Town I was able to work under Police Chiefs James Skinner and Don DeLuca. During my time with the Town, I moved up the ranks from Lieutenant to Operations Commander, to Assistant Chief of Police.



On January 19, 2016, at the Town Council Meeting, I was bestowed the great privilege of becoming the Chief of Police for the Town of Golden Beach by Mayor Glenn Singer and for that I will always be grateful to him, as well as all the Town Councilmembers (Vice Mayor Kenneth Bernstein, Bernard Einstein, Amy Isackson-Rojas and Judy Lusskin) and Town Manager Alexander Diaz for their continued support.

Looking back on my first interview with the Mayor and Town Manager, they asked specifically about my goals and objectives should I one day down the line find myself in the Chief of Police position. I knew that regardless of rank, one constant would remain true: my unfailing commitment to the entire staff, councilmembers and residents. And this has never changed.

In my hopes of nurturing a department as it continues to grow in proficiency and professionalism I have laid out my upcoming goals and objectives:

- To develop and promote a culture in which every Golden Beach Officer values and supports the Department's vision to strive to remain premier examples of efficiency within the department, and offer exceptional service to the residents of Golden Beach.
- To continue meeting the highest expectations of the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation.
- To ensure that the efficiency of the Department's operating procedures are followed, and to closely monitor any deviation by members.
- To encourage and reward all members who go above and beyond the call of duty.
- To continuously maintain a partnership with other police departments and their staff.
- To protect the integrity of the Golden Beach Police Department by demanding the utmost dedication from members at all levels.
- To maintain an effective annual internal audit program.
- To develop new programs and partnerships with residents by awarding citizens, especially children for doing well in school and/or engaging in good behavior.
- To enhance educational training and proactively develop skills for officers by expanding the use of online training classes required by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (F.D.L.E.).

- To promote public awareness about the vision, mission, values, responsibilities and activities of the police department by utilizing the Town magazine, proactive patrolling and community relations projects.
- Identify any liability that might bring discredit to the police department and/or Town and take corrective action(s).
- To support and maintain an open relationship with the office of the Town Manager and Councilmembers that will foster constant growth and communication.
- To instill expectations of all officers to take ownership of their work output, become highly competitive and create an atmosphere that supports and promotes an increase in productivity.

This vision began months ago. Overall the Golden Beach Police Department had a successful year in 2015. When we look at the Uniform Crime Report (UCR), it's easy to observe a high reduction of crime and an increase in efficiency throughout the department last year. I attribute our successes to the outstanding performance and hard work exhibited, day in and day out, by the men and women of this department, both sworn and civilian.

The department also works with other local agencies to ensure residents' safety is always a top priority. The Golden Beach Police Department has Mutual Aid Agreements with 16 Law Enforcement Agencies. Presently all sworn officers are participating in a Field Force Training hosted by the Miami-Dade Police Department. This annual mandatory training prepares officers to step in and assist other local municipalities should they require aid from other departments in a critical situation.



Police BEAT

The department has also been on-hand to lend support at various Town events. On January 14, 2016, the Town played host to its second United States Citizenship Naturalization Ceremony. Mayor Glenn Singer welcomed the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to use our own picturesque Beach Pavilion as a backdrop for swearing in the newest citizens of the United States.

In the coming months, we will be holding a series of seminars to help keep residents informed and safe. Following the recommendation of the FWCC, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCGA) will increase their efforts to reduce the numbers of boating-related fatalities through the education of the boating public. The Golden Beach Police Department has joined efforts with the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the USCGA to present the following boating classes:

SUDDENLY IN COMMAND (Emergency Awareness for New Boaters)

Saturday, April 9th
9:00AM - 11:00AM
FREE NO COST

NAVIGATION*

Sunday, May 22nd
9:00AM – 1:00PM
Town Hall
COST TO THE CITY \$3.00 per person
NO COST TO RESIDENTS

SEA PARTNERS (Special event for children with activities and fun)

Saturday, July 23rd
9:00AM – 11:00AM
Town Hall
FREE NO COST

ABOUT BOATING SAFETY

Saturday, August 6th
8:30AM – 5:00PM
Town Hall
COST TO THE CITY: \$20.00 per person
NO COST TO RESIDENTS

*requires prior completion of About Boating Safety course

Contact the Executive Assistant to the Chief, Sheila Pirrone at (305) 936-2444 to register.

Attendance is limited to 20 residents per class, so book early to ensure your spot.

Thank you,

YOUR CHIEF OF POLICE,

Rudy Herbello



Golden Beach Police Department Presents: Suddenly In Command

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

With our countless waterways and picture postcard weather, it's no wonder that boating is a favorite outdoor activity here in South Florida. Even though boating can be leisurely fun, it's important to have an action plan in place in case emergency strikes.

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary in association with the Town of Golden Beach Police Department will be offering a free boating safety seminar to help prepare residents should they face trouble out in the water. The "Suddenly in Command" course focuses on the importance of novice boaters being prepared for emergencies. Would you know what to do if the captain becomes incapacitated or falls overboard? Would you be able to perform if put in command suddenly? If you're a new boater or would like to have more boating emergency preparedness, don't miss this important training seminar. The course will be administered at Town Hall on Saturday, April 9th from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Be sure to register in advance, as spots will be limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Contact Sheila Pirrone with the Town Police Department to register at 305-936-2444.

In Memoriam

THE TOWN WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE RECENT PASSING OF
TWO LONG-TERM GOLDEN BEACH RESIDENTS:

SHELDON SCHLESINGER

ANTONIO ZUCCOLILLO

OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH THEIR FAMILIES DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

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MARCH & APRIL 2016
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 15 *Regular Town Council Meeting | Town Hall 7:00 PM*

March 18 *DMV Drivers License Renewal | Beach Pavilion 10:00AM TO 2:30PM*
Appointments are required

April 3 *GBYLG Beach Clean-Up | Beach Pavilion 10:00AM*

April 9 *"Suddenly in Command" Boating Safety Course | Town Hall 9:00AM*

April 15 *Income Tax Returns Due*

April 17 *Self Defense Workshop | Beach Pavilion 12:00 PM*

April 19 *Regular Town Council Meeting | Town Hall 7:00 PM*

Resident NEWS

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

CodeRED: Emergency Alert Services

With unpredictable weather, unexpected traffic redirection, and the occasional hazard, the best way to keep you and your family safe is to be informed.

The Town of Golden Beach encourages all residents to register with the CodeRED emergency alert system. The system keeps subscribers informed of everything from evacuation notices, missing child alerts, boil water notices, to fire or flood disasters. CodeRED allows for the delivery of consistent and accurate information to all residents, though you must register in order to receive any notices. Notifications can be received via cell phone, land line, text messages, or email. The notices have been referred to as “Reverse 911” calls in the past, where instead of you calling emergency services, emergency services call you to warn of a critical situation. The CodeRED system allows for fast updates without having to reach out to emergency personnel and potentially pulling them away from their response efforts.

The Town understands the importance of privacy, so please know that any contact information you supply will be used solely for emergency notification purposes and will not be shared with any third parties. To enroll simply visit the Town’s website www.goldenbeach.us and click on the CodeRED link under the residents tab. The system is geographically based so please be sure to enter all search fields. Required information includes first and last name, street address (physical address, no P.O. boxes), city, state, zip code and primary phone number. If you do not have Internet access, please contact Marie Talley at (305) 932-0744, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, to register by phone.



Self-Defense Workshop

Join us at the Beach Pavilion, Sunday, April 17th at 12:00PM for a free and informative self-defense workshop. Krav-Maga Grand Master Hanshi Moti Horenstein will be on-hand to show residents some of the basics in self-defense and survival techniques. Sponsored by the Golden Beach Youth Leadership Group, this event is open to all ages. RSVP is required to attend. Light refreshments will be served. Please email Michael Glidden at mglidden@goldenbeach.us with the names of those attending by Tuesday, April 12th in order to reserve your spot.

For more information about Grand Master Moti Horenstein and his school please visit www.mhka.com.



Golden Rules for Real Estate

Planning on selling a property in Golden Beach? Here are some key things that any realtor and property owner must know: Ordinances in the Town restrict when, where and how real estate signs may be posted.

When?

Real estate signs may only be displayed from Saturday 7:00 AM through Sunday 7:00 PM.

Where?

The signs must be posted on private property no closer than 5 feet from the front or side property lines, and must only be displayed on the property that is for sale, lease or rent. Signs may not be left on the property during restricted times (even if laid flat or tucked into landscaping). Signage must be completely out of view during restricted times, either collected and removed from the property altogether, or secured on the property in an area where it cannot be seen (i.e. behind a closed gate, in a garage, behind the home, and etc.)

How?

Real estate signs must adhere to the specific guidelines set forth by the Town.

- Signs must be a flat sign measuring 6" x 9"
- Signs must have black lettering on a white background
- Signs must be mounted on a narrow post no higher than four feet above the ground.
- Signs must also have a corresponding permit through the Town's Building and Zoning Department.

Any offending signs will be subject to removal. Signs may be retrieved through the Code Compliance Office located within the Building and Zoning Department at Town Hall. A \$25.00 fee will be charged to reclaim the sign. **A \$150.00 violation fee will also be charged for any real estate signs erected without a valid permit sticker from the Town's Building and Zoning Department.** Signs not retrieved within a 20 day window of removal will be considered abandoned and will be disposed of thereafter.

Fees cannot be waived and going forward no exceptions will be made. Property owners should be particularly aware, as they are responsible for fees or citations incurred by realtors working on their behalf.

This article is intended to provide a general overview of key points to consider when conducting real estate transactions in the Town of Golden Beach; it should not be considered complete or as a substitute for the Town's Code of Ordinances. Before conducting any real estate transactions please contact the Building and Zoning Department in Town Hall for a full description of rules and regulations.

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN



Golden Beach Combats Zika

The Town is addressing the state of emergency declared by the Governor's office regarding the appearance of the Zika virus in Florida. Clarke Mosquito Control has already performed an aerial spray of the Town, and will be performing follow-up treatments to minimize mosquito populations. We are also manually treating standing water where mosquitos could potentially breed.

If you see standing water or have any questions or concerns about treatment areas please contact Town Hall.

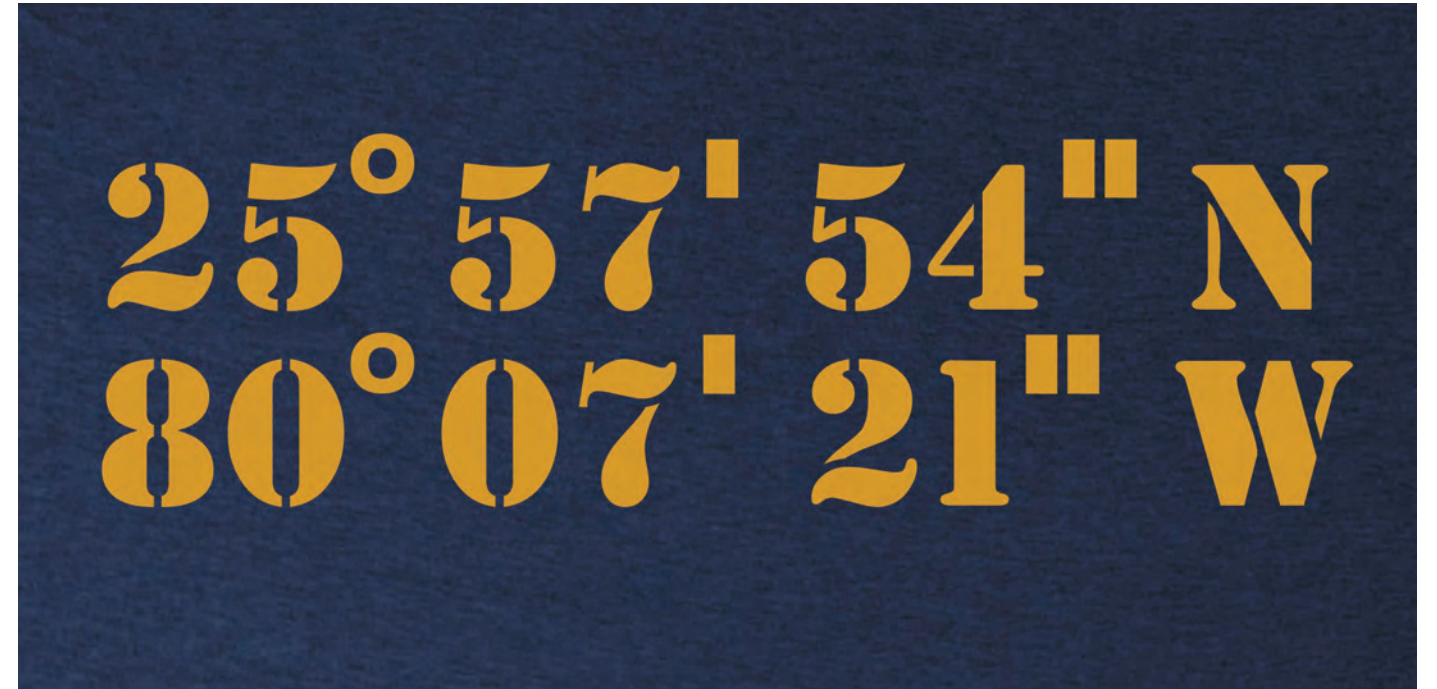


Tennis Courts Closing For Repairs

The Tennis Courts at Tweddle Park will be closed for maintenance. The Town is performing a full resurfacing of the courts and addressing ongoing issues including water pooling and cracks in the pavement. During the renovation the courts will be closed to the public.

The courts are scheduled to reopen again in late spring 2016. Once the new courts reopen they will be governed by new rules for use to better serve all residents. Tennis courts will only be available for residents of Golden Beach and their accompanied guests and instructors. Use of courts by unaccompanied non-residents is strictly prohibited at all times. Residents will be able to book reservations for the tennis courts through the Town's website under the "Recreation" tab on the main page or by calling Town Hall at (305) 932-0744.

Reservations made through the Town's website will be subject to review before approval.



Show Off Your Golden Beach Pride

We all know there's nowhere in the world quite like Golden Beach, with our special blend of sunshine, sand, and that laid back Florida feeling mixed with a dash of enviable sophistication and style; Golden Beach definitely stands out on the map. So can you really blame us for being a bit proud of our Town? What better way to show that Golden Beach is home than by sporting a new Golden Beach "Coordinates" t-shirt. With gold printing on a vintage-looking, cotton/poly blend oh-so-soft t-shirt you're sure to be the envy of your friends when you're wearing one of these. The Golden Beach Youth Leadership Group is now selling these special edition t-shirts as a fundraiser, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to local charities. The shirts will be available for purchase at upcoming Town events, including the Potluck Luau and GBYLG sponsored Beach Clean-Ups; don't miss your chance to grab one for yourself!

GBYLG: Making a Difference

Members of the Golden Beach Youth Leadership Group will be hosting a Beach Clean-Up at the Beach Pavilion on Sunday, April 3rd, 2016 at 10:00 AM. The group invites residents to join them as they learn about how ecology affects our beaches and as they raise awareness and help to make Golden Beach a better place for us all.

For more information on how to get involved with the GBYLG, please contact Golden Beach Councilmember Judy Lusskin at (305) 986-4377 or Michael Glidden at Town Hall via email at mglidden@goldenbeach.us.

Feral Cats Initiative Begins

Feral cats are an essential part of beach communities as they are natural hunters who serve to control populations of rodents and other vermin. If feral cats' natural inclination to hunt for their food is altered by human intervention through feeding they can become a nuisance. Feral cats' numbers can skyrocket along with numbers of the pests they would typically prey upon if they were still hunting instead of being fed. As we are looking to treat and control the population we ask for cooperation from residents to please refrain from feeding these animals, keep in mind that setting up feeding areas outside of your own property is strictly prohibited. Please be aware that the Golden Beach Police Department will fine anyone caught feeding feral cats \$250.00 without issuing a warning.

It is wise not to approach feral cats; their lack of domestication can make them aggressive and unpredictable especially if they feel cornered or threatened.

The Town is beginning an initiative to humanely trap, treat, neuter and return the cats, as long as they are healthy. This initiative will help to create a cat population that is appropriate

for a community our size. We are looking for homeowners who have noticed feral cats congregating on their properties and who would be willing to have live traps set up around the outside of their homes. Please contact Town Hall if you are interested.

The Town is sensitive to the concerns of residents that these animals be treated in a humane manner and we assure you that the intention is to help all of the animals that are healthy and not to euthanize unless completely necessary. The Town is also open to suggestions and recommendations as we look to humanely control the Town's cat population. We ask for your cooperation during this process.





Join In! Help Out! Have Fun!

ARE YOU A GOLDEN BEACH RESIDENT AGED 10 TO 18 YEARS OLD? ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GET INVOLVED AND HELP THE COMMUNITY AROUND YOU, ALL WHILE MEETING OTHER KIDS WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS? IF SO, CONSIDER JOINING THE GOLDEN BEACH YOUTH LEADERSHIP GROUP. THE GROUP MEETS SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR AT TOWN HALL TO DISCUSS AND PLAN EVENTS. AS A GROUP, MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING BEACH CLEAN-UPS AND FOOD DRIVES. IT IS AN EXCELLENT WAY TO EARN COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS FOR SCHOOL AS WELL AS HAVE A GREAT TIME AND MAKE FRIENDS. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE GOLDEN BEACH YOUTH LEADERSHIP GROUP PLEASE CONTACT MGLIDDEN@GOLDENBEACH.US TO BE ADDED TO THE GROUP EMAIL LIST, OR YOU MAY CONTACT GOLDEN BEACH COUNCILMEMBER AND GOLDEN BEACH YOUTH GROUP ADVISOR JUDY LUSSKIN AT (305) 986-4377.



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FIRE (NON-EMERGENCY): **786.331.5000**

TOWN HALL: **305.932.0744**

TOWN MANAGER ALEXANDER DIAZ: **305.932.0744** ext. 224

GATE HOUSE: **305.935.0940**

POLICE ADMINISTRATION: **305.936.2444**

PUBLIC WORKS: **305.932.0744** ext. 235

NORTH MIAMI BEACH WATER DEPARTMENT
(WATER SERVICES PROVIDER FOR GOLDEN BEACH): **305.948.2960**

NORTH MIAMI BEACH AFTER HOURS/
EMERGENCY WATER SERVICE: **305.652.6460**

MIAMI-DADE WATER & SEWER (EMERGENCY): **305.274.9272**

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