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Letter FROM THE MAYOR

The new gate arm security and monitoring system has been installed. It is imperative that all residents fill out and return the transponder package to Town Hall in order to register the vehicles and obtain the new transponders and parking decals. For security reasons, if a resident does not register his or her auto, they will be required to drive through the guest lane and may be subject to a citation for violating the Town Code which will cost the resident \$150.00 each and every time. (There will be a two week grace period.)

Many residents enjoyed the weekly food trucks which the Town has been providing for our residents and their guests at the Beach Pavilion during the summer. The feedback that we have received is appreciated. We will have more of these types of services throughout the coming year.

We hope everyone enjoyed our Halloween event at North Park and our annual Veteran’s Day observance at the Beach Pavilion. The Halloween event is by far my favorite Town sponsored event of the year. It is an opportunity for all residents to dress up and bring your children and families for an amazing Halloween party.

I know that we have felt the impact of the recent unusual flooding that occurred in Town. Although it is a concern, there is not much we can do given that these rare events are the result of rising tides due to global warming. All of our coastal neighbors have experienced the same. According to US World News and Report, cities like Miami Beach to our south and Hollywood Beach to our north are most affected by flooding when high tides coincide with powerful storms. Especially problematic is what is termed “King Tides” which occur twice a year.

We installed our new pump system which works expressly hard when these rising tides occur. However, our flooding incident did not last long and we are extremely grateful that we have not experienced flooding like several other major areas around the country.

I hope everyone is enjoyed the beautiful pink lights on A1A as we recognized Breast Cancer Awareness month. It is an honor for the Town to show our support and how much we believe in this fight against breast cancer.

Please know that the Town Council and I, with the help of the Town Manager and Staff will continue to work diligently to maintain the Town of Golden Beach in a manner that makes you glad to call it “home”.

YOUR MAYOR,  
Glenn Singer



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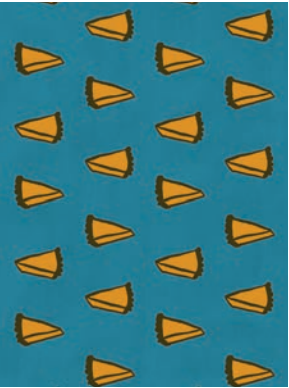
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# Halloween Arrives as a Spooky State Fair

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

Recently residents and their guests came out in their Halloween best this past Halloween. North Park transformed into a Spooky State Fair complete with an ominous-looking fair slide, haunted shooting gallery and some wild rides to shake things up. The Minions, those crafty little troublemakers, made an appearance in the form of large inflatables, making a perfect photo opportunity for Halloween revelers.

There was no shortage of outrageous costumes and entertainment as residents of all ages got into the ghoulish spirit. Halloween, one of the most eagerly anticipated annual events in Town, was a resounding success.

Here is our special keepsake photo album of all the fun. Enjoy and be sure to stay tuned for more upcoming Town events.





# Police BEAT

I am pleased to announce that on Friday, August 7, 2015, three officers with the Golden Beach Police Department (Danny Avila, Edsel Carrasco, and Joseph Bautista) graduated from the police motorcycle training course conducted by the City of Doral Police Department. All three officers are now certified officers with our Motor Unit and will be patrolling the Town of Golden Beach on motorcycles.

August 22, 2015, Detective Dan Rosenberg was invited to participate in underwater recovery training with the City of Plantation Fire Department. Detective Rosenberg is a member of the Golden Beach Dive Team and an Underwater Crime Scene Investigator.

On Tuesday, August 25, 2015, at the August Town Council Meeting, Mayor Glenn Singer recognized Officer Julio Soca as the “Officer of the Quarter”. As one of the newest members of the department, Officer Soca has distinguished himself as an exceptional addition to the department.

Golden Beach Police Officers welcomed students back to school with goodie bags filled with wholesome snacks and juices, pens, pencils, and sharpeners. Approximately 40 bags were given out as students boarded school buses. This was a great opportunity for the officers to meet the students and parents.

Sergeant Leila Perez conducted an informal gun safety event on Sunday, September 6, at the beach pavilion. It was an excellent forum for parents and kids to talk about gun safety, and a chance for residents to receive gun locks for their firearms. Other officers present gave out police coloring books, stickers, small toys, and head bands, along with Golden Beach Police Department pens and pencils.

I am proud to have been selected to attend a week-long training course in September at Amelia Island outside of Jacksonville, sponsored by the U.S Department of Justice and the Federal



Bureau of Investigation. The primary purpose of the course was to expose participants to ballistics research, leadership skills, development training, and changes within police administrations, including budgetary concerns and dealing with the media. The seminar highlighted the strong partnerships already in existence with many federal, state and local South Florida

agencies, as we work towards our common goal to further protect our communities.

I hope everyone had a safe and Happy Halloween. It was fantastic to see Golden Beach residents and their guests celebrating in North Park again this year. As November draws to a close I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.

YOUR ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE,

*Rudy Herbello*



Cause FOR CELEBRATION!



The Town Celebrates the Mayor’s Birthday & Boss’s Day

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

In October, Town Hall staff took a moment out of their day to honor both Mayor Singer and Town Manager Alexander Diaz. Mayor Singer’s birthday and National Boss’s Day both occurred last month so Town staff came out to give well-wishes and to thank them for all their hard work.

# Golden BEACH

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2015

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

November 26 & 27    *Town Hall Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday*

December 6    *Golden Beach Youth Leadership Sponsored Beach Clean-Up*    10:30AM

**PLEASE NOTE**  
*there will not be a Town Council Meeting in December*

# Resident NEWS

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](http://www.goldenbeach.us) for all the details.

## Ongoing Iguana Treatment throughout Town

Due to multiple requests from residents, the Town is continuing its iguana control initiative. The Town has representatives from Trutech Wildlife Control exploring areas of concern. Technicians will be surveying parts of Town where iguanas are likely to gather most or have been spotted congregating, particularly along sea walls. Please be aware that technicians may be armed with air rifles during the eradication process. We ask for your cooperation in granting access to your yards for these authorized technicians during this process. **PLEASE NOTE that the iguana control process will thin the number of iguanas over time and should not be considered an immediate extermination of all iguanas in Town.**

If you are having issues with iguanas and would like the Town to dispatch the iguana service to your home on the next scheduled visit please email [mglidden@goldenbeach.us](mailto:mglidden@goldenbeach.us) with your name, address, and contact number to be added to list. ALSO NOTE that the Town is currently enrolled in a once-a-month iguana service contract and cannot add isolated spot visits in between scheduled service dates. Should residents feel their iguana problem needs immediate attention they are encouraged to hire their own iguana services at their own expense.

## Town Council Chambers Gets a Facelift

After months of hard work the dust has finally settled at Town Hall, literally. The Mayor and Town Council were happy to move into their new council chambers as the summer came to an end. Gone are the varnished wood panels and old-fashioned look, the new council chambers has a fresh and modern feel, with etched glass and new finishes. Audio and visual upgrades have also been made to bring a more polished production value to broadcasted meetings, so you won't miss a beat when viewing the meetings from the comfort of your own home.

Please note that Town Meetings will now be aired and re-aired on Channel 89.



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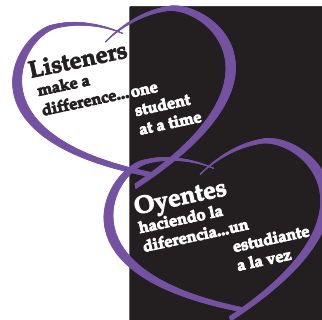
BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN



## Changes Come to Tweddle Park

Changes are underway for Tweddle Park. If you have made your way to the southern end of Town recently you may have already noticed some brand new features. The existing playground area has been dismantled and replaced with a brand new playscape. Upgrades to the surrounding equipment and grounds are also in the works and are expected to be completed in the coming months.

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Miami-Dade County Public Schools &  
The Francine and Herbert Tobin Foundation



## Become a Special Volunteer for The Listeners/Oyentes Program

We would like to inform you about a wonderful school volunteer program that will provide great benefits to all students of M-DCPS. This program has successfully been a part of M-DCPS for close to 40 years. The Listeners/Oyentes Program is here to support the teachers and counselors by helping to defuse the emotions of the children that our volunteers listen to, so that these students can better absorb the lessons being taught.

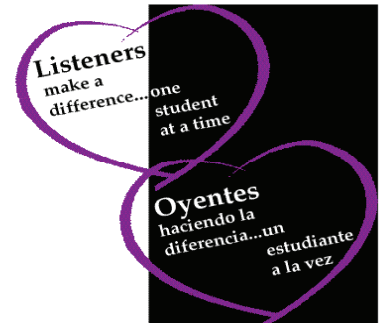
**The Listeners/Oyentes Program** goals are to join the student's world without judgment, to help build positive self-esteem, and to empower them to develop their own excellent problem-solving skills.

- The Listeners/Oyentes Program consistently provides students with the opportunity to communicate with a non-judgmental, non-authority caring adult figure in their lives.
- Listeners/Oyentes are not "fixers" or "rescuers". Instead, they are more like "anchors in their student's storms".
- Any student (K-12) may be selected to participate in the program. The objective is to target students who would just simply benefit from being able to share their feelings with a non-judgmental, non-advice giving Listener.
- The Listener/Oyente, which must be cleared at Level 2, meets with each student approximately 30 minutes per week. Consistency is crucial!!
- In order for Listeners/Oyentes to be placed in a particular school, both the school principal and the participating counselor must agree to accept the volunteer and adhere to the guidelines of the program. Student participants are selected by counselors or by faculty members. Students may also request a Listener by going to our web site. "Listening" may be terminated upon request by the student, listener, counselor, teacher, or parent.

Please visit our website, [www.listenersprogram.org](http://www.listenersprogram.org), for further information on the Listeners/Oyentes Program, or you may call 305.935.0045 or send an email to [info@listenersprogram.org](mailto:info@listenersprogram.org).



# Listeners/Oyentes Program Training Schedule 2015-2016



This program is jointly sponsored by Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Office of Community Engagement and The Francine and Herbert Tobin Foundation. The Listeners/Oyentes Program has been servicing students by providing them with special one-on-one attention since 1972.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer Listener/Oyente must register and attend one of the training sessions listed below. Once the training has been completed, the volunteer selects a school that is geographically convenient for the weekly listening sessions. The Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Volunteer Program conducts a fingerprint background check for all Level 2 volunteers. Listeners/Oyentes are considered Level 2 volunteers, and require a fingerprint background check before becoming a Listener/Oyente volunteer.

**TO REGISTER, PLEASE CALL MS. FRANCINE TOBIN, CHAIRPERSON OF THE LISTENERS/ OYENTES PROGRAM AT (305) 935-0045, OR THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AT (305) 995-2995.**

In addition to attending a 3-hour training, volunteer Listeners/Oyentes **must attend** a minimum of 4 on-going training and monitoring workshops per school year in order to remain as an active Listener/Oyente (these workshops are offered twice monthly throughout the school year). A separate schedule of the monthly on-going training and monitoring workshops will be distributed at the training sessions.

9:00 a.m. – 12 noon	
<b>Tuesday, September 15, 2015</b> <b>Devon Aire K-8 Center</b> 10501 SW 122 Avenue, Miami, FL 33186 Telephone: (305) 274-7100	<b>Tuesday, September 29, 2015</b> <b>Greynolds Park Elementary School</b> 1536 NE 179 <sup>th</sup> Street, N. Miami Beach, FL 33162 Telephone: (305) 949-2129
<b>Tuesday, October 13, 2015</b> <b>Howard Drive Elementary School</b> 7750 SW 136 <sup>th</sup> Street, Palmetto Bay, FL 33156 Telephone: (305) 235-1412	<b>Thursday, October 15, 2015</b> <b>Miami Lakes Middle School</b> 6425 Miami Lakeway North, Miami Lakes, FL 33014 Telephone: (305) 557-3900
<b>Thursday, October 22, 2015</b> <b>Key Biscayne K-8 Center</b> 150 West McIntyre Street, Key Biscayne, FL 33149 Telephone: (305) 361-5418	<b>Tuesday, October 27, 2015</b> <b>Coral Way K-8 Center</b> 1950 SW 13 Avenue, Miami, FL 33145 Telephone: (305) 854-0515
<b>Thursday, November 5, 2015</b> <b>Frank C. Martin K-8 Center</b> 14250 Boggs Drive, Miami, FL 33176 Telephone: (305) 238-3688	<b>Tuesday, November 10, 2015</b> <b>Thomas Jefferson Middle School</b> 525 NW 147 Street, Miami, FL 33168 Telephone: (305) 681-7481
<b>Thursday, December 17, 2015</b> <b>Everglades K-8 Center</b> 8375 SW 16 <sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, FL 33155 Telephone: (305) 264-4154	<b>Thursday, January 14, 2016</b> <b>Miami Park Elementary School</b> 2225 NW 103 <sup>rd</sup> Street, Miami, FL 33147 Telephone: (305) 691-6361
<b>Tuesday, January 26, 2016</b> <b>Nova Southeastern University-Miami Campus</b> 8585 SW 124 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Miami, FL 33183 Telephone: (305) 275-2601	<b>To schedule a training in your school before February 2016</b> <b>***OPEN***</b> TBA – Date and School <b>please call (305) 935-0045</b>

If you have any questions, please call (305) 935-0045 or send email to [info@listenersprogram.org](mailto:info@listenersprogram.org)  
**Listeners Program Trainings will not take place as scheduled when schools are closed due to inclement weather**  
 Please visit us at [www.listenersprogram.org](http://www.listenersprogram.org)

# *It's* THE SEASON FOR THANKS & HONOR

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN



## Town Hall Gives Thanks

With the Holidays drawing near now is the time of year where everyone takes a moment to give thanks; the sentiments are no different here at Town Hall. The entire staff of Town Hall, the Police Department and Public Works Department would like to send a massive thank you to the residents who have contributed to the Town's employee luncheon fund in years past. Employee luncheons occur the last Friday of the month for the team at Town Hall. At our luncheons all departments gather to collectively celebrate the birthdays of our coworkers for that month; it also gives us a chance to regroup and catch up with each other.

The Town Employee luncheons are a welcomed monthly treat and we very grateful for the token of appreciation. It is our pleasure to serve you and we thank you again for your kind contributions. If you would like to know more about the Town's Monthly Employee Luncheons or how to contribute please contact Cathie Kessler at 407-405-8595.



## Honoring Our Veterans

Members of the Golden Beach Youth Leadership Group pose with the Golden Beach Honor Guard, Miami-Dade County Police Department bugler Eddy Gaitan and Councilmember Judy Lusskin at the Town's Annual Veteran's Day event.



*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](mailto: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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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**

FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT (FPL): **305.442.8770**

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