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Letter FROM THE MAYOR

As summer starts to wind down and we look towards the final months of 2016, our attention turns to the 2016-2017 Capital Operating Budget. Through the consistent hard work of our Town Manager and our Town staff, we have been able to keep the Town of Golden Beach millage rate constant over the past several years without reducing any services. We believe that we have successfully met the challenge of improving our Town infrastructure and the services we provide our residents in a downward economy.

We certainly realize that the significant improvements made as part of the Town's Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) have been the driving force behind the increased market values and demand for homes in Golden Beach. This year we have seen an increase in the Town's assessed values. Because of the increase in assessed values and fiscal restraints by the Administration, I am pleased to announce that the Town of Golden Beach is able to keep the millage rate this year to 8.4 mills. We are able to do so without cutting any services to our residents and at the same time, we continue to improve and maintain our Town's infrastructure. Visit the Town's website now to view the 2016-2017 Annual Budget.

It is my hope you find that the projects proposed in this coming year's budget (Canal Maintenance and Dredging, Beach Pavilion Amenities and Enhancements, Restroom Renovations) meet both the Town Council's and our residents' expectations. Additionally, we are planning a major lighting project to enhance our streets and add to the security of the Town.

To our new residents, welcome home. I look forward to meeting you at an upcoming Council meeting or Town event. To those of you who have traveled over the summer, welcome back. Because safety is always a priority, we want to remind you that school has started. So please watch for children traveling back and forth to bus stops. Also please obey the rules regarding stopped buses when they are picking up or dropping off passengers.

It has certainly been an honor to serve as your Mayor these past twelve (12) years. I, along with the Town Manager and Town staff, remain dedicated to the residents of Golden Beach and have only the highest intentions for our Town.

YOUR MAYOR,

Glenn Singer



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Proclamation

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

Whereas, the Town of Golden Beach demonstrates the significant of its trees which creates a community with shaded streets and quiet traffic making the community a cool, green oasis, with sprawling live oaks that provide a haven for our local wildlife; and

Whereas, Arbor Day began in 1872 as the idea of founder J. Sterling Morton, who proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside to celebrate trees. This holiday, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraka; and

Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heat and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

Whereas, trees in the Town of Golden Beach increase property values and beautify our community; and

Whereas, in honor of National Arbor Day, the Town will be enacting a landscape ordinance that encourages residents to plant trees and improve our urban tree canopy;

Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Councilmember Judy Lusskin along with the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach, Florida do hereby proclaim July 28th, 2016 as "Arbor Day" in the Town of Golden Beach.

In OBSERVANCE THEREOF, the Town Council calls upon the residents of the Town off Golden Beach to join in support of Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; further the Council urges all residents to plant trees as a source of joy, health and spiritual renewal; and the Town urges all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

Judy Lusskin
Councilmember

Lissette Perez
Town Clerk













Tea & Tree Ceremony

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

On July 28th the Town held a special "Tea & Tree Ceremony" to help mark recent upgrades to Tweddle Park. Twenty new trees have been planted throughout the park, a wall of trees line the freshly remodeled tennis courts. Some of the new specimens to look out for include ten green buttonwood trees, six silver buttonwoods, two coconut palms and a single oak tree. The trees chosen for the park were specially selected for their resilience and ability to be uprooted and transported, as the long-term plans for the park include the construction of a new Town Hall building on that site.

Representatives from Citizens for a Better South Florida, an organization that provides environmental education to inspire active stewardship and preservation of the South Florida environment, were on hand to join residents and staff as they celebrated and dedicated a Proclamation honoring the momentous occasion. Chilled ice teas, sweet treats and delicious tea sandwiches made for the perfect refreshments at this summer tea party. Part of the Tree City USA initiative that the Town is embracing, a program that encourages residents to plant trees as a source of joy, health and spiritual renewal, the Town hopes residents will follow its lead in making Golden Beach a greener place to live. Remember before beginning landscaping projects to consult the Town's Building & Zoning Department for approval and any necessary permitting.

Tennis Courts REOPEN!

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN







The Town unveiled its brand new Tennis Courts in August. The existing courts were fully removed earlier this year and the entire courts have been replaced. A shade structure will also be added to a section of the court area.

Residents looking to register court times may do so by calling Town Hall at (305) 932-0744 Monday through Friday from 9AM to 5PM. After normal business hours, residents may call (305) 932-0744 ext. 401 to reserve a tennis court. Residents may also reserve a tennis court online at www.goldenbeach.us by clicking on the link for Recreation on the homepage. Please note that the courts that were formerly designated as Court 1 and Court 2 have been renamed the East Court and West Court for clarity and convenience.

A Golden Beach resident may reserve a court for up to two (2) weeks in advance for a maximum of two (2) hours per session, with a maximum of two (2) reservations per week.

The Town would like to remind residents that the courts are open only to Golden Beach residents and their accompanied instructors and guests. Use of courts by unaccompanied instructors/guests is strictly prohibited.



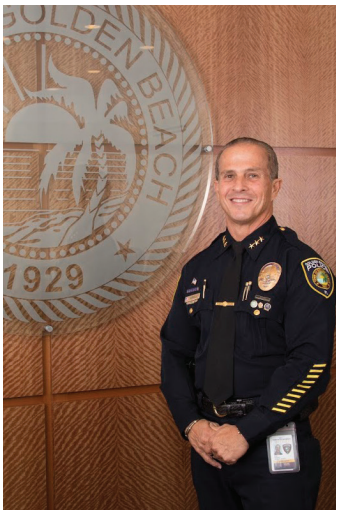
Police BEAT

The Town of Golden Beach Police Department is dedicated to keeping our residents safe. South Florida is no stranger to hurricanes, their high winds, storm surge and destruction. And even though the dog days of summer are behind us, it is important to remember that tropical storm season still continues on until November 1st. Thankfully we have not seen much wicked weather this season, but should our luck change, there are some important planning procedures to keep in mind:

Once a hurricane warning is declared, preparations should focus on securing your home and property.

- Its critical to secure all windows and doors, preferably with permanent, County-approved storm shutters;
- Bring in lawn furniture, garbage and recycling carts and other items that are not tied down and could become airborne;
- If you own a boat, use double lines at a marina or consider dry-dock storage;
- Protect your electronics with surge protectors and waterproof covering;
- Fill prescriptions of emergency medications and monitor the storm's progress.

It's hard to believe that the 2016-2017 school year is already upon us. With youngsters out and about in greater numbers, now is an especially important time to be careful out on the road. Pay close attention to your surroundings. Crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists are more likely to result in fatal or serious injuries than any other types of crashes, and the financial impacts and suffering caused by these crashes are significant. As prevention, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is looking to supplement ongoing educational campaigns about road safety with high visibility enforcement operations in the most needed locations. Joining the efforts, the Golden Beach Police Department will conduct its own High Visibility Enforcement operations for pedestrian and bicyclist safety.



The Golden Beach Police Department prides itself on being a pro-active police agency focusing on community relations and community events. Over the summer we continued to sponsor many events with the community at large and in tandem with private organizations.

- On June 15, 2016, I attended the "Do the Right Thing" Program Award Ceremony where students were recognized for their accomplishments and for being upstanding citizens.
- On July 18, 2016, I was invited to participate at the Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board meeting addressing police and Community relations.

On August 2, 2016, the Department celebrated "National Night Out" an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. All Golden Beach residents were invited to the Beach Pavilion to join and participate. Various elected officials, Town Staff, and local dignitaries were in attendance, including Councilmember Judy Lusskin, Councilmember Bernard Einstein, Town Manager Alexander Diaz, and Special Agent Brian Huffman from the U.S Department of Justice, U.S Attorney's Office. Members of the Golden Beach Police Department were at the event handing out giveaways and conducting a special presentation geared towards the Town's youth population. The event occurred during the same week that the Golden Beach Police Department underwent their accreditation assessment as required by the Commission for Florida Law Inc. (CFA).

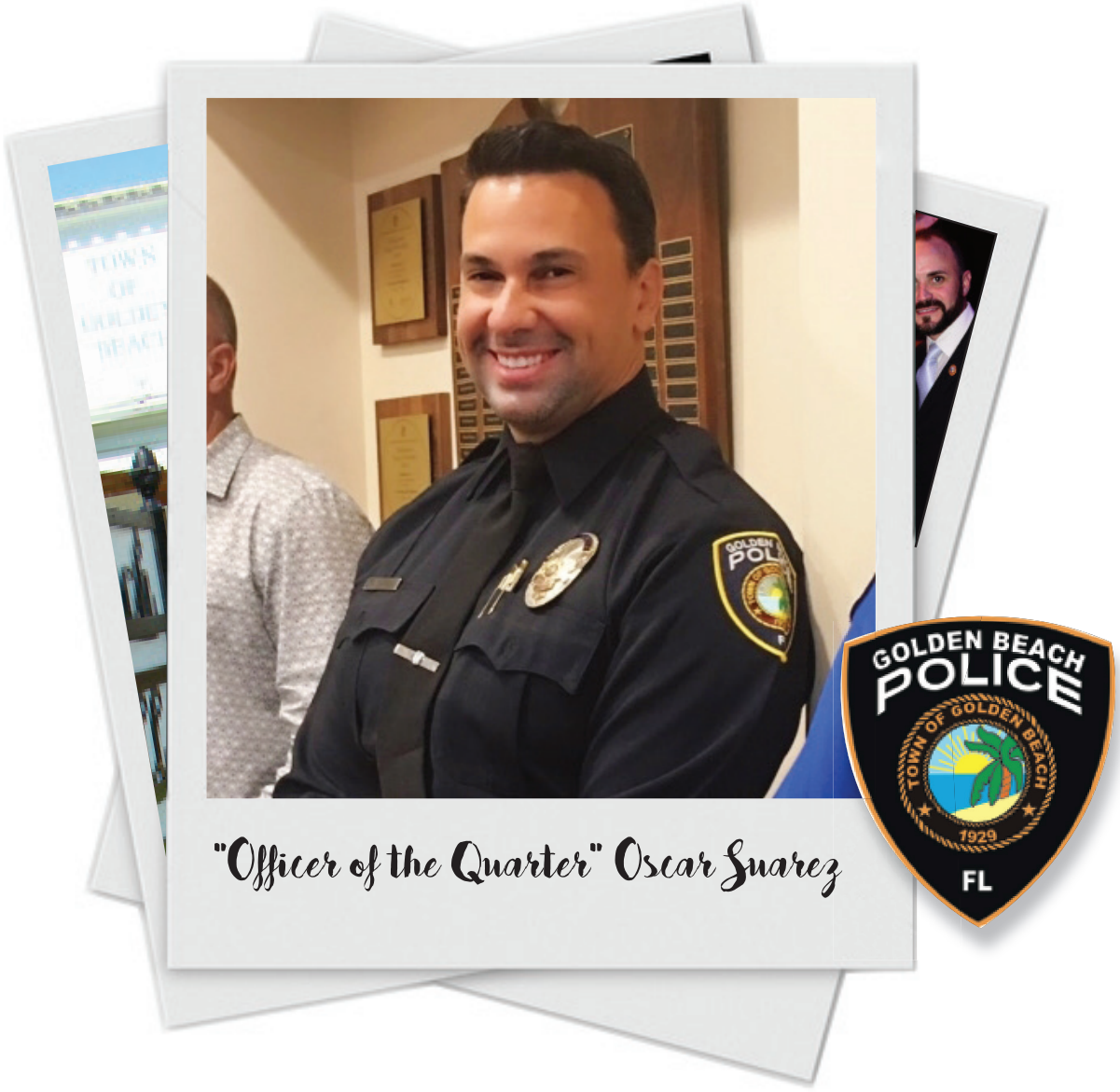
Accreditation is an ongoing effort process to match the best policies and procedures accepted by law enforcement agencies across the country. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire police department personnel for their contribution to the accreditation process, especially Accreditation Manager Judith Jerome, Executive Assistant Sheila Pirrone, Lt. Yovany Diaz, and Sergeants Leila Perez and Leo Santinello, who were very instrumental and helpful with the assessors.

In other Department news, I would also like to congratulate Officer Oscar Suarez for winning the "Officer of the Quarter" award and also welcome Officer Rudy Herrera, who was sworn in by Mayor Glenn Singer on August 16, 2016. Officer Herrera comes from the City of Miami with 32 years of extensive experience and we are happy to have him join the Department.

YOUR CHIEF OF POLICE,

Rudy Herbello

"ON JUNE 15, 2016, I ATTENDED THE "DO THE RIGHT THING" PROGRAM AWARD CEREMONY WHERE STUDENTS WERE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND FOR BEING UPSTANDING CITIZENS."



Police BEAT

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Exciting Golden BEACH BIKE GEAR

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN



Graphic pictured shows advertising costs per zone

Golden Beach is a community on the go.

Whether you're zipping down Ocean Boulevard on your way to beach or heading to the mall, we have a new way for you to look good while out on the road. Teaming up with Velocé Speedwear the Town is creating new custom bike gear to show Golden Beach pride. Much like uniforms worn in the Tour de France and other cycling competitions, these sharp new ensembles will feature spots for advertisers that are a fun way to get your company's name out there. **Anyone interested in reserving a spot on the uniforms should contact Richard Cahlin of Bicycle Action Committee directly at (305)371-6200 extension 1107. The limited spots are based on availability, and will be awarded in a first-come/first-serve basis. Act fast and don't miss your chance to make your mark on these fun Golden Beach exclusive designs!**

BELOW ARE SOME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT:

What is the cost of the uniforms to residents?

The manufacturers are donating 1,000 units which will be available on a first-first come, first-served basis and will be available as long as supplies allow.

What does the money raised by the advertising fee go towards?

The funds raised will go towards offsetting the production costs.

How is advertising payment made? How does someone submit advertising artwork? Is it possible to see a prototype?

Richard A. Cahlin of Bicycle Action Committee will be handling all payment, design and production areas for the Town. Anyone interested in advertising should contact him directly

RICHARD A. CAHLIN / T. 305.371.6200 ext. 1107 / F. 305.371.8726 / rcahlin@bicycleactioncommittee.com / 1001 Brickell Bay Drive, Suite 1400, Miami, FL 33131 / www.bicycleactioncommittee.com

How will residents get their uniforms?

Richard A. Cahlin of Bicycle Action Committee will be the point of contact to get uniforms; the Town won't carry any inventory.

Golden BEACH

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2016

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September 6 *First Budget Hearing / Town Hall* 7:00 PM

September 14 *Landscape Ordinance Workshop / Town Hall* 4:00 PM

September 20 *Regular Town Council Meeting & Final Budget Hearing / Town Hall* 7:00 PM

September 25 *Golden Beach 5K Race & Mayor's Fitness Challenge / Beach Pavilion* 7:00 PM

October 10 *Town Hall Closed for Columbus Day Holiday*

LOOK FOR ADDITIONAL EVENT NOTICES, UPDATES OR CHANGES ON THE TOWN NEWS STATION (CHANNEL 89) & ON THE MARQUEE SIGN AT THE STRAND.

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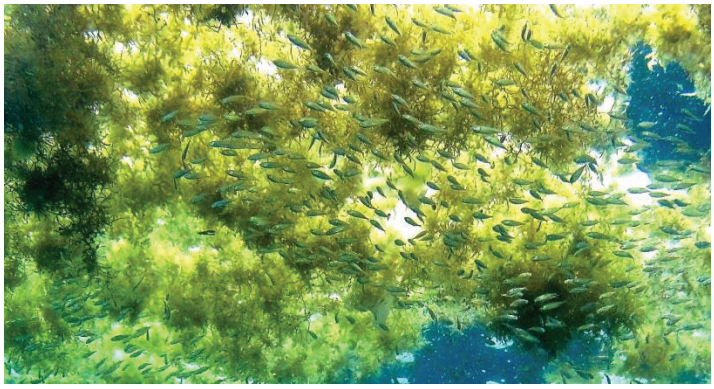
Fact Sheet PELAGIC SARGASSUM INFLUX

Massive quantities of pelagic sargassum occurred throughout the Caribbean in 2011, impacting aquatic resources, fisheries, shorelines, waterways, and tourism. Similar events have occurred since then, with a particularly heavy influx of sargassum observed during 2015. This Fact Sheet seeks to share the state of knowledge about the sargassum influx and to promote the adoption of best management practices. Some of the questions that we're frequently asked are:

What is it? Pelagic sargassum is a brown alga, or seaweed that floats free in the ocean and never attaches to the ocean floor. These free-floating forms are only found in the Atlantic Ocean. Sargassum provides refuge for migratory species and essential habitat for some 120 species of fish and more than 120 species of invertebrates. It's an important nursery habitat that provides shelter and food for endangered species such as sea turtles and for commercially important species of fish such as tunas. There are two species of sargassum involved in the sargassum influx: *Sargassum natans* and *Sargassum fluitans.*



Left: *Sargassum natans;* **Right:** *Sargassum fluitans*
Photo: H. Oxenford



The sargassum ecosystem Photo: B. Raines

Where does it come from? Sargassum travels on ocean currents. Scientists are able to determine where the sargassum comes from by back-tracking from its stranding location using ocean models and data on movements of satellite trackers that are deployed at sea. It is believed that the recent influxes are related to massive sargassum blooms occurring in particular areas of the Atlantic, not directly associated with the Sargasso Sea, where nutrients are available and temperatures are high. The sargassum consolidates into large mats and windrows and is transported by ocean currents towards and throughout the Caribbean.

Will the sargassum influx occur every year? We don't know for sure if it will happen every year, but currently proposed efforts to develop prediction and alert systems would help answer this important question. Signs from the Eastern Caribbean so far this year are that we'll be seeing sargassum in the region periodically throughout 2015. Some scientists associate the cause of sargassum with higher than normal temperatures and low winds, both of which influence ocean currents, and they draw links to global climate change.

Will the influx happen all year round? The sargassum does not necessarily affect the same location in the Caribbean all year. As it's transported on currents it progressively affects different locations across the region. At any one time of the year there are multiple locations that can be affected.

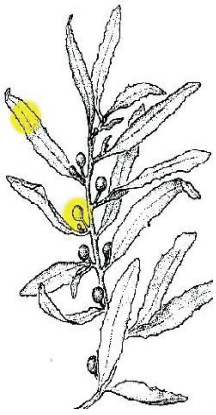
Is it a problem to leave it to rot on the beach? Sargassum occurs naturally on beaches, albeit in smaller quantities. It plays a role in beach nourishment and is an important element of shoreline stability. Sand dune plants need nutrients from the sargassum and sea birds, for example, depend on the sea life carried in the sargassum for food. During decomposition there will inevitably be a smell and insects around. The experience in locations that have left the sargassum on the beach is that it will eventually get washed away or buried in the next storm, with rain easing the smell. Leaving sargassum on the beach has proven to be the simplest and lowest cost approach, also helping to nourish the beach and stabilize the shoreline.



Photo: Les Fruits de Mer



Sargassum natans
- Pods usually tipped with a spike
- Leaves long-stalked and narrow



Sargassum fluitans
- Pods usually not tipped with spike
- Leaves short-stalked and broad

Illustrations by Julia S. Child (Schneider and Searies, 1991)

What's that smell? When sargassum accumulates and decomposes in large quantities, the smell of rotten egg gas can occur. This is hydrogen sulfide gas and is given off as part of natural decomposition. The US Occupational Safety and Health Administration lists that when the smell is described as 'more offensive' (3-5 parts per million) then prolonged exposure may cause effects such as nausea, tearing of the eyes, headaches and loss of sleep. Asthma sufferers may experience airway problems. Full details are at https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/hydrogensulfide/hazards.html. Tarnishing of metals has been reported in areas affected by the sargassum influx and is likely associated with hydrogen sulphide, with the effect improving when exposure eases.

Are there any uses for sargassum? The species of pelagic sargassum involved in the influx are different from those grown as sea moss in the Caribbean and sometimes used in food and drinks. Sargassum can be used as mulch or compost – allow salt to wash out in the rain and mix with manure and soil. Collected sargassum can also be usefully redistributed in areas affected by beach erosion. But care is needed in how this is done so as to avoid damaging sand dunes and to avoid impacting sea turtle nesting and bird nesting habitat. The Coastal and Wetlands Ecology Laboratory of Texas A&M University Galveston Campus is testing compacting sargassum in bales, burying them in eroded areas and planting dune vegetation on top. New uses for sargassum collected from beach strandings are being developed – as biofuel, fertilizer and livestock feed or fish food, for example.



Photo: N. Cazaubon



Photos: E.Doyle

What about fishers and impacts of the sargassum influx? Since the influx of sargassum is a relatively new topic there is only limited experience in relation to its management, especially in dealing with impacts on fishers and interactions with boats and fishing gear. Fishers might consider the following:

- The sargassum influx does not necessarily affect the same location in the Caribbean all year, so there will likely be periods when a particular fishing area is less affected by sargassum;
- Impacts are being seen on different types of fisheries, sometimes with a prevalence of juvenile fish which are vulnerable to over-fishing;
- Sargassum has impacts on fishing gear and motors. Fishers are coming up with devices to free rudders of weed, to back up engines to free propellers, and are using strainers across the water intakes to prevent blockage and engine over-heating;
- Those heading to sea need to be prepared to deal with gear complications plus possible loss of power or steering, and plan for the safety implications of this, especially when fishing at night;
- Having a set of oars, or in shallow areas a pole, may help with maneuvering small fishing boats through some accumulations of sargassum;
- Fishers may prefer to keep their boats in less affected bays, where these exist, eg. on the leeward side of islands;
- Researchers who are working to track causes and transport pathways, as well as develop prediction and alert systems, welcome reports of sargassum from fishers and boaters. Researchers also welcome observations from fishers about the impact of sargassum on their catch, and how their catch differs from years without sargassum influx. Please use the reporting site **http://www.usm.edu/gcrl/sargassum/sargassum.observation.form.php**.

What can we do about the sargassum influx? Attempts at local management mostly focus on dealing with the large quantities of sargassum washed up on beaches. Coastal managers agree on the need to balance the importance of sargassum for natural processes and as life-giving nourishment for beaches and seabirds, with pressure to address negative impacts on communities. In parts of the Atlantic, including Bermuda and the US, pelagic sargassum is acknowledged as essential habitat and is protected from in-water collection. Be aware that:

- Collection of pelagic sargassum from the sea threatens the marine organisms living within the sargassum ecosystem and can have detrimental impacts for the fisheries resources that many coastal communities depend upon for their livelihoods;
- Applying any chemicals to sargassum makes things worse, is hugely damaging to reefs and fish and is illegal;
- Typically the law does not require agencies to remove sargassum since it's not marine debris but is natural;
- Where capacity exists to clean beaches, it's essential to establish clear policies about where, when and how to clean beaches so as to avoid detrimental impacts such as worsened erosion from the use of machinery for beach cleaning.



Sargassum life Photos: D.J. Southall

What are some good practices to apply if removing sargassum from beaches? A review of experiences from beaches affected by sargassum in the Gulf of Mexico at the 2015 Sargassum Symposium hosted by Texas A&M University Galveston Campus, NASA Stennis Space Center and Galveston Island Park Board of Trustees highlighted that:

- Beach cleaning should be done only in the presence of monitors who check for wildlife prior to any cleaning, and operators must respect no-go areas such as sea turtle or bird nests;
- Patience is required, and be aware that it's not necessarily desirable to clean beaches that are already facing a precarious erosion situation, that are essential habitat for sea turtle nesting or where grooming will increase wind-blown sand and worsen erosion;
- Removal of sargassum should be from and to agreed areas only, and equipment should use the same route on to and off the beach to prevent harming dunes, destroying dune vegetation and turtle or bird nests;
- There is a difference between achieving a naturally clean beach and an over-sanitized beach - constant grooming of the beach for regular maintenance or for aesthetic purposes is discouraged due to very real risks of worsened beach erosion from physical damage of machinery and unintended removal of sand;
- Least intrusive practices are preferred - hand raking is preferable to machinery, beach raking equipment with a perforated conveyor belt is preferable to heavy construction equipment, and heavy tracked equipment like road graders are prohibited. Front loaders must utilize a bucket level control indicator/float mechanism to prevent gouging of the beach;
- A mechanized beach rake can remove moderate quantities of sargassum on dry sand. When exceptional amounts occur (ie. in excess of 3 feet deep) then removal of just the upper layers of sargassum first with a front loader, without touching sand, can be followed by mechanized beach raking in order to reduce sand loss;
- Cleaning should always occur at low tide and heavy equipment should stay on wet sand in the tidal zone. Adjust cleaning schedules to when wind and storms are less likely to immediately bring new influxes;
- Consider public safety and avoid mechanical beach cleaning in the presence of fishers or beach goers;
- In embracing the challenge of sargassum, good communications between agencies and the private sector, with the press, and with locals and visitors is essential. Make sure everyone knows where clean or less-affected beaches can be found.

We can't keep our heads in the sand about sargassum!

To report sargassum please go to **http://www.usm.edu/gcrl/sargassum/sargassum.observation.form.php**
For more information contact sargassum@gcfi.org

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Resident NEWS

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

IN MEMORIAM

The Town would like to recognize the recent passing of long-term former Golden Beach resident Alice Meltzer.

Our thoughts are with her family during this difficult time.

2017 is an Election Year

If you are interested in running for a position on the Golden Beach Town Council please contact Town Clerk Lissette Perez in Town Hall at 305.932.0744 or via email at lperez@goldenbeach.us. The election will be held on February 21, 2017 and the qualifying period will be from January 2, 2017 at 12PM through January 9, 2017 at 12PM. Qualifying Handbooks will be available through the Town Clerk's office in late November, exact date to follow.

Miami-Dade Elections Department seeks poll workers for Election Day

Looking for a great way to help your community and your country this year? Join Miami-Dade County's team of poll workers this election. Joining is easy, you must:

Be a registered voter in Miami-Dade County
Read, write, and speak English
Attend training classes
Have good customer service skills
Be a team player
Have basic computer skills

For more information, visit www.miamidade.gov/elections or email pwpulse@miamidade.gov

Being a Good Neighbor makes for Better Neighborhoods

As a Town we pride ourselves on keeping Golden Beach an idyllic place to live. Occasionally that means the Town's Code Compliance division must step in with warnings and citations as a way to maintain the exceptional standards that our residents have come to expect. Help us keep up to the Town's standards by taking some basic steps to assure you are being the best neighbor you can be. These tips are simple measures that make a big difference.

Noise can be nasty, and it's a surefire way to disrupt others around you. Avoid a citation for creating a nuisance by keeping barking dogs indoors. If Fido is particularly vocal bring him inside to calm him down; do not allow barking dogs to disturb the peace and quiet of your neighbors. Keep in mind that sound travels easily across water, so be considerate even if you have no neighbors on either side of your property. It is also important to realize that especially in warmer weather pets should spend most of their time indoors, the heat of the day can be extremely dangerous, inducing anything from heat exhaustion to dehydration and even death. Pet food left behind by Fido or Mittens doesn't go unnoticed. If you feed your pets outdoors be sure not to leave behind leftover food after those furry members of your family finish. Other animals including feral cats, raccoons and even rats can begin frequenting your property if they know there's food to be had. Just like a garbage can overflowing with table scraps, leftover pet food is an enticing meal for outdoor animals. Handle pet food with the same consideration you would your garbage cans, don't let it linger and know that if animals smell food they will find a way to get it. Leaving uneaten pet food around has an additional side effect; The Town has an existing feral cat population and is currently enrolled in a trap-neuter-release program to ensure a healthy and controlled population. Designated feeding sites are established in order to lure the cats to cages, where they are trapped, examined by a veterinarian, spayed/neutered and then returned back to the Town. Leaving outdoor food available gives these cats alternate food opportunities which inhibits the Town's efforts. Please help us by feeding pets indoors or removing excess food as soon as pets finish eating.





While you were Out: Road Repairs

Pardon our dust. You may have noticed some necessary house-keeping going on throughout Town this summer. The Town has been making repairs to several of the roadways throughout, correcting drainage issues, repairing cracked and broken gutters, and other road related concerns. We've started with the Islands and Parkways, but improvements will be coming throughout Town in the coming weeks. It's just another step in keeping Golden Beach looking its best!

Food Trucks: Join the Fun!

The Town is helping its residents make the most of their summer vacation by offering FREE food trucks snacks at the Beach Pavilion on one weekend day a week for the months of August and September. Residents have been mailed a booklet of vouchers for the food truck events. Due to an increased demand, residents must redeem a voucher ticket for each date in order to collect food. Food will not be given without a voucher ticket. Visit goldenbeach.us for a full list of the trucks and the dates they will be serving up tasty treats. Come early, as supplies are limited!





Miami-Dade County District 4 Commissioner Sally Heyman delivers Golden Beach school supplies to local elementary schools. Office staff gathered to admire the Town of Golden Beach notebooks and pens.

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

Golden Beach Cares About Zika





Town Manager Alexander Diaz joins members of the Public Works Department to assemble an emergency Zika package containing mosquito spray and information to be delivered to homes.

The Town is addressing the State of Emergency declared by the Governor's office regarding the recent appearance of the Zika virus in North East Miami-Dade County.

Across departments, the Town is aggressively and proactively confronting this serious health concern. The Town will spray for mosquitos every Friday throughout Town. The Public Works Department is also manually treating standing water where mosquitos could potentially breed. The Building & Zoning Department and Police Department are ensuring that construction sites and neglected properties are being inspected daily for stagnant and pooling water. Help us and do your part, eliminate standing water on your own property to help curb mosquito breeding.

For more information on what you can do to prevent mosquitos please visit: miamidade.floridahealth.gov

For additional tips on how to control mosquitos please visit the Clarke website at: www.clarke.com.

For more information on the Zika virus please visit the Center for Disease Control's website at: http://www.cdc.gov/zika.

COMING SOON: Golden Beach 5K Run & Mayor's Challenge 1-Mile Walk

It's not too late to register for the very first 5K run/walk hosted by the Town of Golden Beach. On Sunday, September 25th at 7:30AM runners and walkers alike will be strapping on their sneakers for a good cause. Proceeds raised from the event will benefit Best Buddies Florida, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The course begins at our historic Beach Pavilion heading north on Ocean Boulevard (A1A) to Massini Avenue, stretching down scenic Golden Beach Drive and traveling along the Town's North and South Parkways before turning down Terracina Avenue to loop back to the Beach Pavilion.

Not a runner? The Mayor's Challenge 1-Mile Walk allows you to join in on the fun at your own pace.

There will be plenty of tasty and healthy snacks to fuel you before and after the run/walk. Other exciting attractions will include a free boxing and kickboxing class after the run/walk, sponsored by Title Boxing Club. Local businesses including a dentist and a chiropractor/acupuncturist will be joining us with a table set up with free giveaways. We'll have plenty of food, fun and music to get you going; bring your family for a morning of fun!

Visit www.goldenbeach.us now for registration and additional information.

Here's the Latest "Buzz" on Mosquitos

Are mosquitos bugging you? Aside from being just plain annoying, mosquitos can be dangerous company to keep. With concerns surrounding Zika and the West Nile virus it's important everyone does their part to help prevent mosquitos from multiplying.

The Town currently has a contract for monthly spraying with Clarke, a mosquito treatment company, to kill live mosquitos, along with their larvae and eggs. Maintaining your property will help as important supplemental prevention.

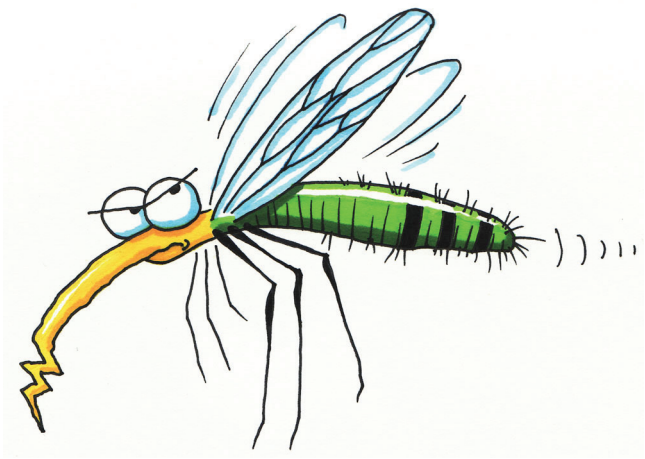
Here are some tips on how to stop mosquitos in their tracks:

- Discard any unused items that could be collecting water and creating a breeding ground for mosquitos. This includes everything from landscaping debris, recyclables, old tires, etc.
- Make sure your pets' water and food dishes are emptied and cleaned at least once a week. Don't forget about bird baths.
- Water can collect on boats and vehicles that are parked over time. When not in use, cover boats and parked vehicles with a tarp to prevent water from collecting inside. (Be sure these tarps are not contributing to your mosquito problem by checking the tarps for pooling water regularly.)
- Water can also pool in some plants; bromeliads and certain leafy plants can cup and collect water. Mosquitos can breed in very little amounts of standing water; don't forget to check these culprits for aiding and abetting mosquito populations. Mosquitos love moist, shady areas; overgrown landscaping is an ideal hideout for them. Be sure your landscaping is neat and trimmed to help keep mosquitos at bay.
- Over-watering your lawn and landscaping can welcome mosquitos. With oversaturation comes runoff, if water is not absorbed by the plants or soil it can create the perfect habitat for mosquitos to multiply. Leaky outdoor faucets can also contribute to unintentional puddling.
- Keep gutters clean; even if you can't see pooling water mosquitos will certainly find it.
- A neglected swimming pool is a serious problem. We know summer is the season for travel, whether for a quick getaway or to take off to cooler climes to escape the sticky Florida summers, but even if you're not planning on being home to swim anytime soon, it is still important to maintain your pool. Do not let your pool maintenance service lapse. An untreated pool is a haven for blood-sucking bugs to breed and swarm. Keep your pool clean; your neighbors will thank you.
- If you're spending time outdoors when mosquitos are active, particularly dawn and dusk, protect your skin. Wear long sleeves, pants, shoes and socks. Make sure that exposed areas of skin are covered with an effective mosquito repellant (look for DEET, IR3535, eucalyptus, oil of lemon and picaridin as an ingredient).

For more information on what you can do to prevent mosquitos please visit: miamidade.floridahealth.gov

For additional tips on how to control mosquitos please visit the Clarke website at: www.clarke.com.

For more information on the Zika virus please visit the Center for Disease Control's website at: http://www.cdc.gov/zika.



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH - GARBAGE & TRASH COLLECTION

USE THIS SHEET AS A REMINDER – POST NEAR YOUR WASTE RECEPTACLES FOR EASY REFERENCE

Due to environmental concerns, State and County Laws, and increased cost of solid waste disposal, the Town Council adopted an ordinance establishing standards for garbage and trash collection and a fee schedule for bulk items which cannot be practically boxed, bagged, or bundled. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us keep our Town clean by complying with the following code requirements:

COLLECTION DAYS - Hours: 8 am - 4 pm

PLEASE NOTE ALL WASTE COLLECTION IS A CURBSIDE SERVICE ONLY

Garbage Collection: Monday and Thursday

Trash Collection: Tuesday and Friday

Recyclable Material Collection: Tuesday

If Monday is a holiday, garbage collection is on a Tuesday.

LOCATION OF CONTAINERS

Place containers on the side of your property or at curbside. They must be in an accessible area.

GARBAGE CONTAINERS - Not for more than 50 Gal.

Garbage should be placed in the blue receptacle imprinted with the Golden Beach logo. **Do not place garbage in the containers furnished for recycling.** ALL GARBAGE MUST BE PLACED IN PLASTIC BAGS.

RECYCLED WASTE CONTAINER

ALL RECYCLABLES ARE TO BE PLACED IN THE BLUE CONTAINER IMPRINTED WITH THE WSI LOGO. Do not confuse it with the blue garbage receptacle imprinted with the Golden Beach logo. Please place your newspapers, aluminum cans, tin cans, glass bottles, jars and plastic bottles LOOSELY in this recycled waste container. DO NOT PUT RECYCLABLES IN BAGS. No telephone books, cardboard or plastic bags.

SEPARATE YOUR TREE TRIMMINGS AND PLANT WASTE - *They may not be commingled with garbage. Do not place tree trimmings and plant waste on top or near drains.*

Tree limbs, plant waste, branches, or hedge clipping, shall not exceed 3' in length, shall be properly tied and secured in bundles not weighing more than 40 lbs. and placed curbside for collection. Items that may not be easily bagged, boxed or tied will not be picked up unless arrangements for special collection with the Public Works Department have been made. **Gardeners are responsible for hauling away the garden trash they generate.**

BULK TRASH

All items which may not be picked up with the normal collection will be picked up after arrangements have been made with the Public Works Department. Call Town Hall at 305.932.0744 Ext. 235 to make arrangements for a special pick-up.

BULK TRASH FEES

Light load: ***Minimum Charge***

(2 cubic yards or less) $30.00 | (2-4 cubic yards) $60.00

For unusually heavy loads, the cost of dumping may be added to the minimum charge. Loads exceeding 5 cubic yards will be charged $7.00 per cubic yard plus the cost of dumping. **Pre-paid check only.**

ILLEGAL DISPOSAL

It shall be unlawful to deposit garbage, plant wastes, garden trash, rubbish and other materials on any vacant lots, or Town property, streets, storm drains, canals, and beach areas, and to deposit, sweep or blow grass onto Town streets or pile trash over storm drains. If you see an individual dumping on a vacant lot, or any other illegal dumping, call the Police Department immediately.

It is also unlawful to randomly dispose of used motor oil, paint, batteries, gas tanks, and other combustible or potentially hazardous material. Public Works **WILL NOT** pick up this kind of waste. Miami-Dade County has a facility located at 140 NW 160th Street that will accept these items for disposal. This center is open daily from 7 am to 5:30 pm. You can find additional information on the Miami-Dade DERM website at www.miamidade.gov/derm.

If at any time items cannot be picked up during regular garbage/trash runs, a Public Works employee may leave an orange-colored door hanger to notify you of any violations. Please follow the directives outlined on the hanger.

NOTE:

Landscape firms/gardeners are responsible for hauling away the trash they generate while doing business in Town. Any trash or rubbish generated as a result of construction activity must be handled in a similar manner. No trash should be put out after 2 pm on Fridays or on weekends or holidays.

SAMPLE TAX BILL 2016-2017

Taxing Authority	Last Year	Tentative Millage	Assesed Values	Tentative Budget	Town Council Approved Millage	Town Council Approved Budget
		This is what you received in the Mail for if the Proposed Budget Changes were adopted; if the millage was increased.			The Town Council has tentatively approve keeping the Towns Combined Millage at 8.5 for the seventh year in a row.	
Miami-Dade County Wide	19869.75	4.6669	4257590	$19.869.75	4.6669	$19,869.75
Fire Rescue	10306.35	2.4207	4257590	$10.306.35	2.4207	$10,306.35
Library	1209.16	0.2840	4257590	$1,209.16	0.2840	$1,209.16
Public Schools-State Law	22119.58	4.8900	4257590	$20.819.62	4.8900	$20,819.62
Public Schools-Local Board	9627.26	2.2480	4257590	$9,571.06	2.2480	$9,571.06
Golden Beach	**30973.12**	**7.3960**	4257590	**$31,489.14**	**7.3960**	**$31,489.14**
SFWM District	621.18	0.1359	4257590	$578.61	0.1359	$578.61
Everglades CP	215.43	0.0471	4257590	$200.53	0.0471	$200.53
Okeechobee Basin	675.25	0.1477	4257590	$628.85	0.1477	$628.85
F.I.N.D	136.24	0.0320	4257590	$136.24	0.0320	$136.24
Childrens Trust	2128.8	0.5000	4257590	$2,128.80	0.5000	$2,128.80
Voter Approved						
County	1915.92	0.4000	4257590	$1,703.04	0.4000	$1,703.04
School	852.24	0.1840	4257590	$783.40	0.1840	$783.40
Fire	36.62	0.0075	4257590	$31.93	0.0075	$31.93
Golden Beach	**4790.64**	**1.0040**	4257590	**$4,274.62**	**1.0040**	**$4,274.62**
Total	**105477.54**			**$103,731.07**		**$103,731.07**

Over All Diffrence
-1746.46876

Diffrence from what was mailed to what was approved:
$0.00

Golden Beach Last year vs. This year
516.02

1. Enter Last Years Total in the areas shaded lightblue.

2. Enter Assessed Values in the areas shaded light green. Caution; make sure to enter the right values as the school assesed values are not the same as the other taxing authorities.

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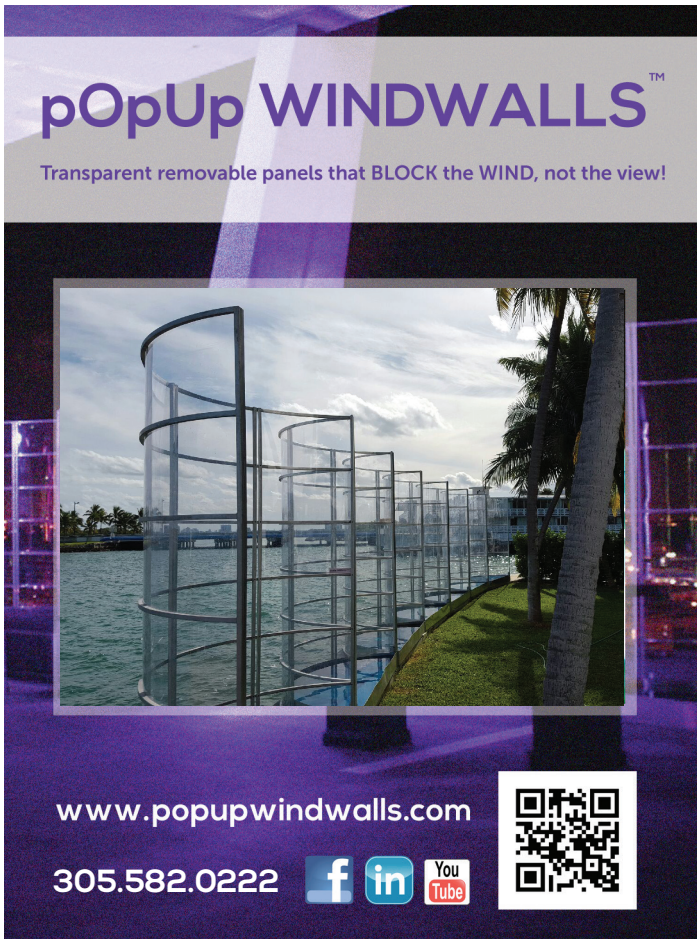
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