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Letter FROM THE MAYOR



would like to thank everyone who came out to the Mayor and Council swearing-in ceremony held on March 21st. It was a very special ceremony for myself and everyone who attended.

I am grateful to the Honorable Judge Robert Luck for officiating the ceremony. I am looking forward to continuing to work with our Town Council and staff to continue our vision.

During the first week of April, Town Manager Alex Diaz and I traveled to Tallahassee to seek funding for our upcoming street lighting and police gate house projects. We met with several key legislators including Governor Rick Scott, Senators Daphne Campbell and René Garcia, and with the staff of Representatives Jeanette Nunez, George Moraitis, Carlos Trujillo, and Senator Frank Artiles. These were very productive meetings.

The Town has identified the police gate house and the street lighting projects as priorities. The police gatehouse function is to serve as both a means of security and screening and an information center for residents. The gatehouse was constructed in 2001, prior to the Hurricane Impact Code that was implemented in 2002. This facility has become antiquated and needs to be renovated.

Our second priority is our street lighting project. This project calls for a full replacement of our current street lights and adding additional lighting where it is needed throughout the Town. This will provide better visibility and additional security to add to the safety level of our community.

Our meetings proved to be fruitful as an amendment was submitted into the State budget which will allocate funds for our street lighting project. We are optimistic that the State will approve this amendment. We are continuing to seek other sources to provide funding for all our Town projects.

The Town Council and I will continue to work diligently with the Town Manager and his staff to maintain and/or improve the quality of life for all of our residents. Once again, thank you for your ongoing confidence in my ability to lead the Town. I look forward to continued service with the vision and purpose to uphold the Town of Golden Beach as a Town of Excellence.

YOUR MAYOR,

Glenn Singer



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Swearing-In CEREMONY 2017

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN



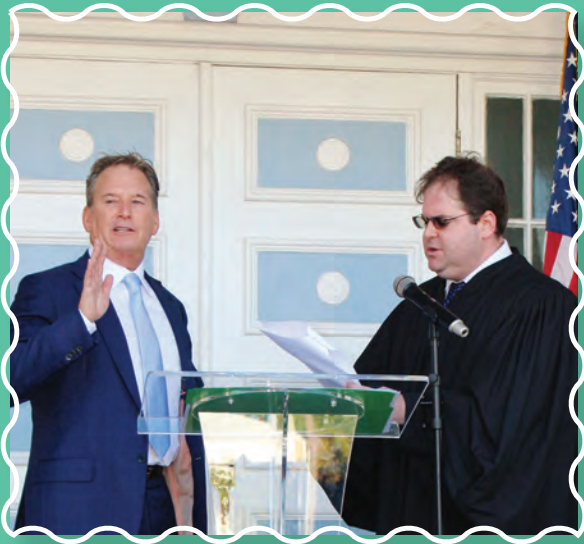
On Tuesday, March 21st, Residents gathered on the lawn of Town Hall to recognize their newly elected Mayor and Town Council. Mayor Glenn Singer, who begins his seventh term, won without opposition. Vice Mayor Judy Lusskin begins her fourth term with the council and newly elected Councilmember Jaime Mendal is the latest addition to the team. Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein joined his fellow elected officials for the ceremony.

The Town also took the opportunity to recognize Golden Beach Police Officer Julio Soca, who was shot while on duty earlier this year. The employee and officer of the year were announced at the ceremony as well. Linda Epperson, Director of Building & Zoning won Employee of the Year for her dedication and perseverance even with multiple staffing changes occurring in the department over the past year. Sergeant Leila Perez was selected as Officer of the Year; Sergeant Perez is actively involved in the community overseeing projects including the Town's drug awareness campaign during Red Ribbon Week and the Town's honor guard.





Swearing-In CEREMONY 2017



Officer Julio Soca was recognized for his service

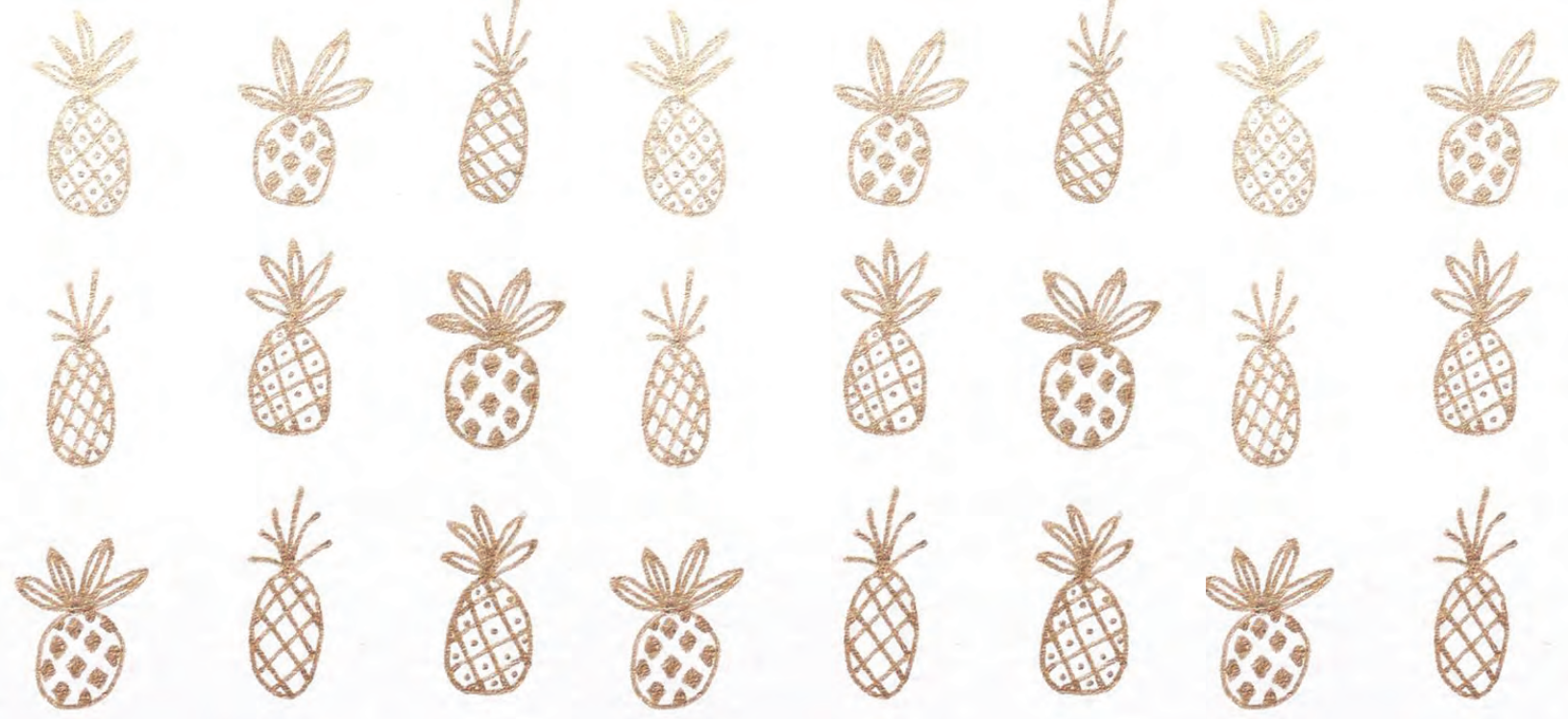


Officer of the Year Sergeant Leila Perez and
Employee of the Year Building Department
Director Linda Epperson



Swearing-In CEREMONY 2017





POTLUCK LUAU RETURNS!

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

Ready to put your cooking skills to the test and impress your neighbors? The Golden Beach Potluck Luau sets the stage for some good eats, great prizes and serious bragging rights. Come meet us at the Beach Pavilion, Sunday, May 7, 2017; bring your favorite dish, come hungry and be ready to share! We'll have plenty of delicious food and fun for the whole family. There will be a contest with prizes for the tastiest entries in the following categories:

Salad | Appetizer | Dessert | Kid's Submission

The event starts at 5:00 PM, with judging occurring soon after. Registration forms are available here in the Town magazine and on the Town's website. Please complete and return your registration form as soon as possible and don't be left out of the fun!

At the Luau, the Town will also honor Councilmember Bernard Einstein's years of service; please join us to thank him for all his hard work and dedication to Golden Beach!





GOLDEN BEACH POTLUCK LUAU 2017

Registration Form

May 7, 2017 5:00pm at the Beach Pavilion

Resident Information:

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

Entrée Information:

What will you bring? Please Check off **ONLY ONE item.**

DESSERTS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE TOWN



Salad



Appetizer



Entrée



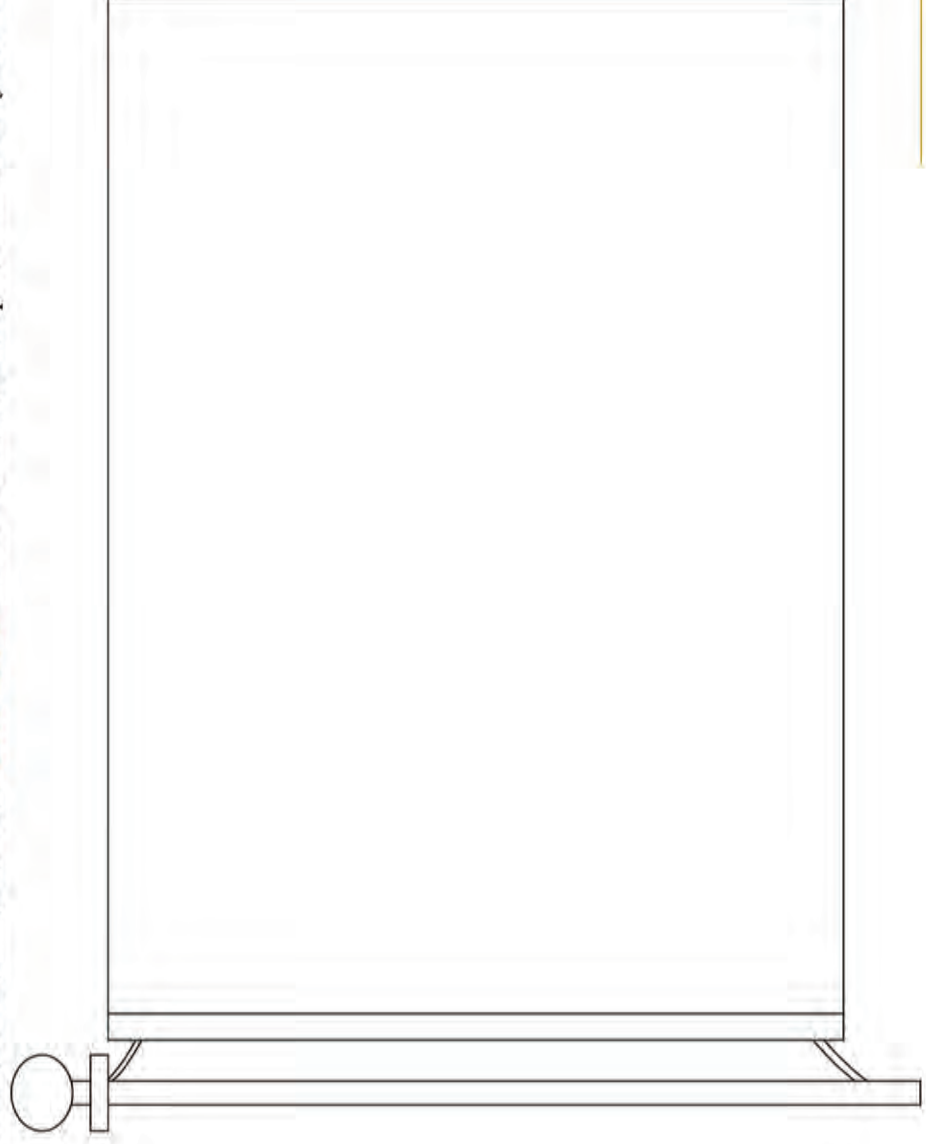
Kid Submission

Description of Plate: _____

Note: Please remember that your dish must serve 10-12 people and you must arrive before 5pm to set up. Please return this registration form to Town Hall no later than Thursday, May 4, 2017.

Town of Golden Beach invites you to Design the Town Flag

Golden Beach is asking its residents to design a flag for the Town. Residents of all ages are encouraged to submit their ideas. Not the greatest artist in the world? No problem, we'll have the winning design finalized by a professional graphic designer. Get your creative juices flowing and help us design a flag to reflect the magic of our community! Designs should fit a standard flag proportion, you may use the template below to create your design (Don't forget to sign it at the bottom of the page). Designs may be submitted via email to Michael Glidden at mglidden@goldenbeach.us or can be dropped off at Town Hall. The Mayor & Town Council will select the winning design and special recognition will be awarded. Deadline has been **EXTENDED**. Entries will now be accepted until the May Town Council Meeting.



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MAY 2017

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 7 Potluck Luau, Beach Pavilion 5:00PM

TBD May Town Council Meeting STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS

May 29 Memorial Day Ceremony and Bar-B-Que, Beach Pavilion 5:00PM

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

Police BEAT

Summer is fast approaching which means the return of the annual hurricane season. The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1st to November 30th. While some might think that it's a bit early to bring up hurricane awareness, lack of preparation is an all-too common misstep among all major hurricane disasters. So even though we are still some time away from hurricane season, now is a good time for us to plan ahead. Also, as we enjoy our summer sun and weather, it is also important that we remember to exercise caution while outdoors. Remember



that clothing is our first line of defense against the sun's harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays and protects us by absorbing or blocking much of this radiation. The more skin you cover, the better protected you are. A long-sleeved shirt covers more skin than a t-shirt; choose one with a high neckline or collar that shields the back of the neck for added protection. Long pants protect more skin than shorts; while you may not think of pants as summer attire they certainly help shield the sun's rays.

As part of a complete sun protection regimen, The Skin Cancer Foundation has always recommended covering up with clothing, including a broad-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses.

What Is UPF?

UPF stands for Ultraviolet Protection Factor. It indicates what fraction of the sun's ultraviolet rays can penetrate the fabric. A shirt with a UPF of 50, for example, allows just 1/50th of the sun's UV radiation to reach the skin.

The tightness or openness of the weave of fiber or yarn per unit of surface area can help establish the different amounts of sun protection. The higher the UPF (ultraviolet protection factor), the greater the protection.

What Is the Difference Between UPF and SPF?

UPF is a rating generally used for clothing and other fabrics that protect you from the sun. It measures the amount of UVA and



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1. RAPID RESPONSE SCENARIO-BASED TRAINING
2. ANNUAL "LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR" AWARD CEREMONY
3. RAPID RESPONSE SCENARIO-BASED TRAINING
4. 2017 FIREARM INSTRUCTION CLASS
5. BOATING SAFETY CLASS RETURNS MAY 20TH
6. RAPID RESPONSE SCENARIO-BASED TRAINING
7. MANDATORY FIREARM QUALIFICATION TRAINING

UVB radiation that penetrates the fabric and reaches the skin.

SPF stands for Sun Protection Factor. It is a rating for sunscreens or other cosmetic products containing sunscreen. Theoretically, the SPF number indicates how long you can stay in the sun before your skin reddens. SPF is only used to rate a sunscreen's ability to protect against UVB rays.

How Can I Choose the Right Hat?

A wide-brimmed (3-inch or greater) hat covers places like the scalp where it is difficult to apply sunscreen or areas where people forget to apply sunscreen, including the tops of the ears and the back of the neck. (Source: skincancer.org)

The Golden Beach Police Department prides itself on being prepared for any situation that it might face. Readiness encompasses many aspects, including new guidelines learned in physical or digital classroom settings accompanied with persistent and ongoing training. These rigorous training sessions focus on keeping officers' abilities, skills and expertise current and sharp. Some of their training is mandated by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), the Commission for Accredited Law Enforcement Agencies (CFA) or by policy.

Below are just a few of the tactical or manual trainings in which the Department has participated:

- **On March 7th and 14th, 2017, every sworn Golden Beach officer attended the annual firearm qualification training course.** The course included the training of less-lethal weapons, and also featured classroom setting training where we reviewed the "Use of Force" policy, and the "Infectious Disease" policy.
- **From March 6th through March 9th, 2017, I attended the Florida Police Chief's Executive training in Tallahassee.** The seminar covered new and innovative ideas on community policing and I was able to network with 24 police chiefs from around Florida.

- **On March 21st, 2017, Officer Julio Soca received a proclamation from our Town Council for his bravery and dedication to duty.** Officer Soca was shot on duty while responding to a call for back up in Miami Shores; Golden Beach officers assist other agencies through Mutual Aid Agreements. Mutual Aid Agreements reciprocally help neighboring municipalities by providing assistance in instances where additional backup is needed immediately. Officer Soca is recovering and in good spirits. We hope to see him back patrolling our streets again soon.
- **On March 24th, 2017, I attended a rapid-response training at Treasure Island Elementary School in North Bay Village.** The Miami Dade School Police, North Bay Village Police and the Miami Dade Fire Department completed a few scenario-based training exercises to evaluate police response, evacuation procedures and tactical approaches. This training exercise allows staff members and trainers to critique the officer's approach and/or techniques.
- **Officer Todd Benedict and Officer Edsel Carrasco participated in the 2017 Firearms Instructor Training at Miami Dade Community College.** The event was sponsored by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE).

In closing, I want to remind and encourage everyone to participate in the upcoming "Boating Safety Course" being sponsored by the U.S Coast Guard and the Golden Beach Police Department. The training class is scheduled for Saturday, May 20th, 2017, but seats are limited. Please contact Golden Beach Police Executive Assistant, Sheila Pirrone at (305) 936-2444 for class information and to reserve your spot.

YOUR CHIEF OF POLICE,

Rudy Herbello



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8-10. MANDATORY FIREARM QUALIFICATION TRAINING

11. PROCLAMATION TO TOWN MANAGER ON BEHALF OF
THE UNITED STATES NAVY SEALS

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN



FAIR WARNING CURB YOUR DOG



The Town is pushing forward with its zero tolerance policy on pet owners who do not clean up after their pets.

What you need to Know:

- Pet waste transmits disease. It is a health hazard to both animals and humans.
- Pet owners/handlers who do not clean up after their pets are committing a criminal misdemeanor which is prosecutable by the State Attorney's Office. This means that if residents, their staff and/or guests walk their pets on public or private property and do not pick up the pet's waste, they will be cited without warning or exception. Non-compliant pet owners/handlers are subject to a \$150.00 fine without warning for each offense.
- Residents, please inform your staff that the State has enacted a mandatory hold policy on undocumented individuals; a seemingly small infraction could have major consequences.
- Town parks are equipped with pet waste baggy stations and trash cans for your convenience.
- The Town is using surveillance, including undercover Police Officers, to identify offending pet owners/handlers and will act immediately on anyone who is not in compliance.

Cleaning up after pets is the responsibility of the pet owner/handler.



Resident NEWS

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN



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 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.

IN MEMORIAM

The Town would like to recognize the recent passing of long-term Golden Beach resident Jane Caswell. Our thoughts are with her family during this difficult time.

Mosquito Season RETURNS

As we move towards summer there is one certainty for South Florida, the resurgence of mosquitos. We know they can be pesky, invading outdoor get-togethers and occasionally sneaking their way into our homes, and we also know they have the potential to be dangerous (last year's Zika outbreak hit too close to home, literally). While we can't be sure exactly what this mosquito season will hold as far as their numbers and health risks, what we can do is prepare to be "bugged" by these hungry hunters.

Here are some precautions to take in order to keep you & your family from becoming mosquito meals:

- 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 repellent (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.

Golden Beach Employee **NEWS**

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN



Mayor & Town Manager **NEGOTIATE STATE FUNDS FOR TOWN**

Mayor Glenn Singer and Town Manager Alexander Diaz travelled to Tallahassee in April to meet with state officials regarding ongoing projects within the Town. The street lighting project prompted the trip to the State's capitol, but while there the Mayor and Town Manager were also able to secure financing for the Strand Gatchouse renovations. The funds obtained included grants; more information on the projects will be available soon.



Town Manager CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

March brought multiple celebrations at Town Hall. In the same week as the Town Council swearing in ceremony, the Town also commemorated the Town Manager's 10 year anniversary as well as his birthday! Town Manager Diaz was also honored at the March town council meeting, receiving a proclamation from the Mayor and Town Council declaring March 19, 2017 as "Alexander Diaz Day."



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TOWN HALL: **305.932.0744**

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

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