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# Letter FROM THE MAYOR

*S* would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended our annual Pot Luck Luau as we honored Councilmember Bernard Einstein for 19 years of dedicated service to the Town of Golden Beach. We wish Ben well as he moves forward into the private sector. We expect he will continue to make valuable contributions as a Golden Beach resident.

We have extended the deadline for the Golden Beach Flag design competition until May 31, 2017. I encourage everyone to participate and to submit their entries as soon as possible. Become a part of Golden Beach history as this flag will represent Golden Beach for all time.

As spring gives way to summer, we are mindful of last year's Zika threat. The Town has renewed its contract with Clarke Environment Mosquito Management. We ask that each resident does his or her part in maintaining their property and eliminating any standing water. If you have any concerns, feel free to contact Town Hall.

If you are planning on leaving for any extended period of time, we strongly encourage you to stop by the gatehouse or Town Hall and fill out a House Check form. Always secure your property and maintain the concept of safety first. **Above all else, enjoy your summer.**

YOUR MAYOR,

*Glenn Singer*



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# POTLUCK LUAU HONORS COUNCILMEMBER EINSTEIN

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

Amid the twinkling tones of a steel drum, residents came out to stuff themselves at the Town's annual Potluck Luau. Residents brought a smorgasbord of home-cooked meals and tasty treats. The Town contributed two large paellas and a roasted corn truck to the event, so there was no shortage of food to go around. The event also honored Councilmember Bernard "Ben" Einstein.

Councilmember Einstein served on the Town Council in Golden Beach for 19 years. The Mayor, Town Manager and fellow Councilmembers spoke of the dedication and expertise Councilmember Einstein brought to his tenure with the Council and that he played an integral part in shaping the Town as we know it today through the various projects that he and the Council oversaw.







Mayor Glenn Singer thanks Councilmember Bernard Einstein for his years of service



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Mayor Glenn Singer & Town  
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Miami-Dade County Commissioner Sally Heyman was on hand to celebrate Councilmember Einstein's contributions



Councilmember Einstein with his wife Kathy Einstein and Vice Mayor Judy Lusskin

*Thank you*  
**COUNCILMEMBER EINSTEIN**





# GOLDEN BEACH 5K RUN & MAYOR'S CHALLENGE 1 MILE WALK



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017, 7:30AM – SAVE THE DATE

Join the Town of Golden Beach on September 24<sup>th</sup> for the Town's 5K Run. 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.

Proceeds will benefit Best Buddies Florida.



**GBYLG**  
GOLDEN BEACH YOUTH LEADERSHIP GROUP

REGISTRATION INFORMATION IS COMING SOON TO [www.goldenbeach.us](http://www.goldenbeach.us)





# Golden BEACH

MAY / JUNE 2017

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**May 29** **JOIN US!** *Memorial Day Ceremony & BBQ* – Beach Pavilion 5:00PM



**May 29** *Town Hall Closed*

**June 20** *Beach Committee Meeting* – Town Hall 6:00PM

**June 20** *Regular Town Council Meeting* – Town Hall 7:00PM

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



# Police BEAT

**S**ummertime is here, and even with the promise of wonderful weekends and magnificent weather we still have to keep in mind that this time of the year is also Atlantic Hurricane Season. Mother Nature can be unpredictable and before long we could easily have our first storm on its way. The lack of substantial storms in recent years has made complacency commonplace for many of us, despite the fact that Golden Beach sits firmly in what is known colloquially as “hurricane alley.” This year the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is predicting 10-16 named storms, four to eight hurricanes, and one to four major storms packing winds over 110MPH. Our best protection is to prepare early and get all necessary supplies in advance, look for tips in this issue on how to be sure you have everything you need in case of a storm-related emergency.



**Preparation for impending storms extends beyond stocking up on essential supplies.** There are also steps that must be taken to protect your

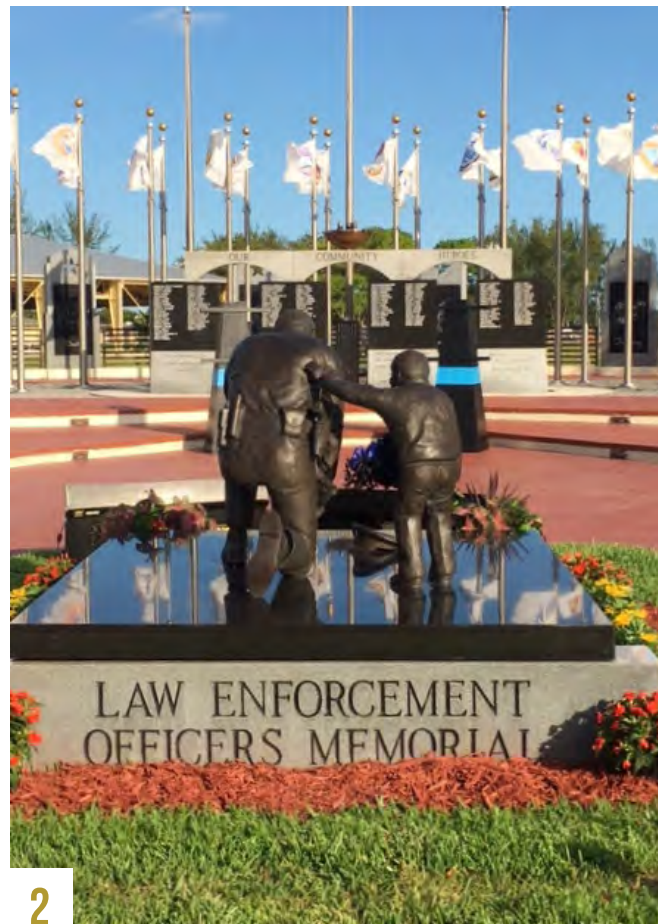
property, particularly if your property is under construction. In the event that a hurricane watch or any greater weather advisory is issued, it is the responsibility of the property owner and/or associate contractor of any on-going construction to secure all areas of the site. This is mandatory per the Florida Building Code. Fasten down or remove all hazardous objects including construction shacks, temporary toilets, roofing tiles, building materials, trash, unsecured structures, temporary electric poles, etc.

**Those who do not follow this critical procedure will be cited, fined and held legally responsible** for any damage caused by failing to secure loose construction equipment or items.

**Along with my duties as Chief of Police in Town I have also continued with my new position as a committee member for the International Chiefs of Police’s (IACP) Arson and Explosives Board.** On April 18, 2017, I attended my first meeting as a member; the meeting heavily covered the importance of intelligence information.



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As we continue to enhance our Community policing efforts, within our community and beyond, our officers participated in the 20th Annual “Tour De Force” event, which is a 270-mile charity bicycle ride from North Miami Beach to Daytona Beach. The ride is carried out annually to honor and raise money for the Fallen Heroes of Florida’s Law Enforcement. Additionally, our officers participated in the 2017 Spring Classic Youth & Cops Basketball Tournament at the L.A. Lee YMCA Family Center; the event was hosted by the United States Attorney’s Office and the YMCA of South Florida.

Each May we pause to honor the many Law Enforcement officers across the nation who have died in the line of duty. To date a total of 29,267 police officers in the United States of America have lost their lives while performing their daily assignments. In Miami-Dade County we also take the opportunity to honor every officer who has sacrificed his or her life within our county. This year marks the 35th Annual Police Memorial Ceremony, and members of our department assembled

at Tropical Park to honor local fallen officers and to thank their families. Anyone wishing to pay tribute to fallen officers may visit The Law Enforcement Memorial at Tropical Park; the address to the site is 7900 SW 40 Street, Miami, Florida.

**I would also like to remind residents of the importance of cleaning up after your pets.** The police department is actively enforcing the Town’s zero tolerance policy on pet owners/handlers who do not pick up after their pets. Patrolling officers have cited offenders, and in many cases it is a member of residents’ staff who is walking dogs and leaving waste behind. Please take a moment to speak to your staff, make them fully aware that patrolling officers will cite them without warning if they violate the Town’s ordinance.

**In closing, I would like to ask our residents to be an extra set of eyes and ears for the department;** if you see anything suspicious, do not hesitate to call us right away at (305) 935-0940. By working together we will continue to keep Golden Beach one of the safest communities in South Florida.

YOUR CHIEF OF POLICE,

*Rudy Herbello*



# *Resident* NEWS

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN



*Play it Cool*  
**THIS SUMMER**



**With summer nearly upon us, we all know what that means: barbeques, lounging under the chickee huts at the Beach Pavilion, taking in a good read by the pool, and lots of barefoot time. Only question is: are you ready? Before heading out it is important to remember to plan accordingly. Follow some simple precautions and your summer will be smooth sailing.**

- **Stay hydrated.** Drink plenty of fluids, even if you do not feel thirsty. Avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol. Have lots of water on hand and keep it coming. Eat small meals and eat more often.
- **Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing.** Avoid dark colors because they absorb the sun's rays. Dark colors can also attract mosquitos, another summertime buzz kill. It's commonly said that natural fibers breathe better than synthetic ones (did you really need another reason to throw on your favorite broken-in cotton tee?).
- **Slow down, stay indoors and avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest part of the day.** Postpone outdoor games and activities until temperatures drop and the sunlight is not as intense.
- **Take frequent breaks if you must work outdoors, and use a buddy system when working in excessive heat.** Sweltering temperatures can be dangerous, it's important to be able to have someone around in case you begin to feel overwhelmed by heat.
- **Wear sunscreen and reapply as necessary, especially when swimming or sweating.** Consider using higher SPF, as direct sunlight in Florida is notably intense. A higher SPF will increase your protection against sun damage and certain skin cancers. Sweat-proof or water-proof sunblock are often recommended to keep your sunscreen from dissolving. Remember, even on overcast days the sun's UV rays can be harmful. Whether the skies are cloudy or clear, if you are planning on spending time outdoors, be sure to bring along some sunscreen to keep from getting burned.
- **Never leave children or pets alone in enclosed vehicles, even for a quick stop.** Temperatures inside a closed vehicle can climb dangerously high in minutes. There is a common misconception that rolling down your window a bit will spare those left inside any discomfort; THIS IS NOT TRUE! Animals and children should NEVER be left in parked vehicles, even in the shade or with windows slightly open, as the negative effects from the heat can be felt within minutes. Certain furry friends are especially susceptible to heatstroke. Dogs use panting to cool themselves. The process involves inhaling air through their nose and allowing the air to run along the inside of their nasal passages as it removes excess body heat. They then exhale through their mouths releasing that heated air out, and cooling themselves in the process. Certain dogs have a more labored effort to keep themselves cool. Think of those cute scrunched-faced pugs and similar dogs. With their short snouts they have to work exponentially harder to stay cool, sucking in more air just to get similar results to their more nasally-endowed brethren. Older dogs and overweight dogs are also more likely to suffer the dangers of excessive heat. Don't put Fido at risk. Also, if your animals are outdoors, check on them frequently to ensure that they are not suffering from the heat; be sure they have plenty of water and shelter from the sun. Talk with your veterinarian about "summer cuts" for your animals. Ridding them of extra fur can keep them comfier. During these hotter months of the year it's never a bad idea to keep the furriest members of the family indoors.

**Play it cool and have a great summer!**



BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

## *Hurricane Preparedness:* **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

**Hurricane season is upon us. From June 1st to November 30th means South Florida braces for the possibilities of some unwelcomed visitors. Thankfully we have seen little activity for the past few years.** A smooth-sailing storm season is a luxury that we can't always depend upon. Living in South Florida we must prepare ourselves for all that the sub-tropics can dish out. It's not unusual for a sunny beach day to turn sour and soggy before you expect it. The same can be said for larger scale tropical storms and hurricanes. A storm can develop quickly so it is best to be prepared in advance. Don't be one of those ill-prepared folks lining up for supplies at Publix battling over that last case of bottled water just as a storm comes rolling in. Plan ahead and start now. Below you'll find an extensive list of things to consider as we enter storm season.

- Stock up on non-perishable food and water supplies in case of a power outage.
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- Make sure your trees and shrubbery are trimmed and dead limbs removed.
- Fuel and service family vehicles.
- Inspect and secure mobile home tie downs.
- Prepare to cover all window and door openings with shutters or other shielding materials such as plywood.
- Check batteries and stock up on canned food, first aid supplies, drinking water and medications.
- Bring lawn furniture and other loose, light-weight objects such as garbage cans and garden tools inside. They can become dangerous projectiles during high winds.
- If you have a boat, moor it securely or move it to a designated safe place.
- Golden Beach is an identified surge zone or area prone to flooding so you may want to move furniture to a higher floor.
- If you have to leave your home, remember to unplug your appliances, turn off the electricity and close the main water valve.
- When you leave your home make sure to lock it and take small valuables with you.
- Do not lower the water level in your swimming pool excessively, or it may pop out of the ground if there is

flooding with the storm (softened ground can literally "float" a pool). If flooding is expected, you can lower the water level by up to a few feet, depending on the depth of the pool.

- Add extra chlorine to your pool to fight off contamination. (3 gallons of chlorine per 5,000 gallons of water). Some pool companies recommend that you give your pool a "shock treatment" before the storm hits. (Don't let anyone use the pool after adding the additional chlorine.)
- Turn off electricity to all of the pool equipment at the breaker.
- Remove pumps from underground pits after all valves have been closed and the electricity has been shut off. Wrap any exposed pool equipment that you can't remove in plastic and secure it tightly with tape/rope.
- Don't throw patio furniture in the pool unless you are willing to have it damaged/bleached by chlorine.
- Secure anything that might tear loose or blow away, including garbage cans, grills, potted plants, garden tools, toys, signs, porch furniture, awnings.
- Check trees and shrubbery, and remove limbs that could damage your house or utility lines.

### **CONSTRUCTION/ WORK SITES**

- In the event a hurricane watch or greater advisory is issued, it is the responsibility of the property owner and associated contractor of any on-going construction work to secure all areas of the site. This is mandatory per the Florida Building Code.
- Fasten down or remove all hazardous objects which include: construction shacks, temporary toilets, roofing tiles, building materials, trash, forms, unsecured structures, temporary electric poles, etc.
- City Building Officials and Code Enforcement Officers will contact each site to ensure compliance with these regulations. However, it is still your responsibility to ensure all items are secure, etc.
- Those failing to follow this procedure will be cited, fined and held legally responsible for any damage caused by failing to secure the above items.

### **BOATS**

- Damage caused by your boat during a hurricane is your responsibility, so have a plan in place to protect your boat. Bridges are locked down BEFORE an evacuation is ordered -- generally 24 hours before a storm hits, so you need to secure your boat and move it to a safe harbor long before the warning and evacuation.
- Keep fuel and water tanks filled.
- Be sure batteries are charged and bilge pumps are operational.



- If you plan to trailer your boat to the mainland, you must do so before an evacuation order is issued.
- Owners of large crafts that must remain in the water must secure their vessels in a predetermined anchorage or mooring area.
- Keep sufficient tie lines and chafing gear, anchors and anchor line, and any other equipment necessary to secure your boat in the water.
- Never stay aboard your boat in a hurricane.

### **PETS: BEFORE THE STORM**

- If a local shelter will not accept your pets, you must make your own arrangements to keep your pet safe during a storm.
- If you are required to evacuate and are going to spend time in a shelter, it is important that you make plans for your pet well in advance. Some hotels will accept pets during an evacuation.
- If you must evacuate to a shelter and leave pets behind, realize that pets may not survive or may be lost. There is no way to know how long it will be before you are permitted back to your home after a hurricane.
- Frightened animals quickly slip out of open doors, broken windows, or other damaged areas of your home.
- Emergency Management recommends that you make arrangements to evacuate yourself and your pet to a safe location. Friends and relatives in a safe location are your best choice, however, if they are unable to house both you and your pets, arrange shelter for your pets with a veterinarian or kennel near your evacuation location. It is important to do this so that you will be able to have as much contact with them as possible.

### **PETS: AFTER THE STORM**

- Walk your pets on a leash until they become reoriented to their home. Be careful of downed power lines and other debris. Do not allow pets to consume food or water which may have become contaminated. Be extremely careful using candles or oil lamps around pets. Never leave them unattended.
- Supplies: Have a two week supply of each item for every person in your home.

### **WATER**

- 2 1/2 gallons of water per person a day (1/2 gallon for drinking, 2 gallons for bathing)
- Store water in clean plastic containers

### **FOOD**

- Purchase foods that require no refrigeration and little preparation, such as:

- Ready-to-eat canned food
- Canned juices, milk, soup (if powdered, store extra water)
- Snacks: cookies, cereals, etc.
- Soft drinks, instant coffee, tea
- Lots of ice (you can freeze your water supply)

### **FOR BABY**

- Formula, bottles, powdered milk, jarred baby foods
- Diapers, moist towelettes and special medications

### **PETS**

- Newspapers or cat litter
- Moist canned foods (to preserve water)
- Plastic sheets to cover floor of pet's room

### **MEDICINE**

- First aid kit
- Rubbing alcohol
- Aspirin, non-aspirin pain reliever, antacid
- Extra prescription medication (especially for heart problems and diabetes)
- Ask your physician how to store prescription medication

### **PERSONAL ITEMS**

- Toilet paper, towels, soap, shampoo
- Personal and feminine hygiene products
- Denture needs, contact lenses and an extra pair of eyeglasses
- Sun protection, insect repellent

### **OTHER SUPPLIES**

- Battery-operated radio, flashlights, non-electric can opener, extra batteries
- Charcoal, waterproof matches, extra propane gas for grills (Use grills outside only!)
- ABC-rated fire extinguisher in a small canister.
- Portable cooler
- Plenty of absorbent towels, plastic trash bags
- Wind-up or battery-operated clock
- Tarp or sheet plastic, duct tape, hammer and nails for temporary roof repairs
- Cleaning supplies such as chlorine bleach
- Aluminum foil, paper napkins and plates, plastic cups
- Can of spray paint (can be used to identify your home by insurance adjusters in case it's damaged.)
- At least one change of clothing per person, sturdy shoes, hat and work gloves
- History teaches that a lack of hurricane awareness and preparation are common threads among all major hurricane disasters. The most important thing that you can do is to be informed and prepared.



BY MARCOS CASTILLO

## *Miami se alista para la temporada* **DE HURACANES**



Desde el 1 de junio y hasta el 30 de noviembre, los residentes y visitantes del sur de la Florida se preparan para la temporada de huracanes, una época del año en la que si bien el calor se hace presente, también el clima es propicio para la formación de huracanes y tormentas tropicales que podrían poner en riesgo nuestras vidas y la seguridad de nuestros hogares.

Los condados del sur de Florida tienen diseñado un plan de evacuación que se aplicaría a la hora de alguna emergencia, como la vivida en 2016 con el huracán Matthew, sin embargo, será la organización y precaución en cada uno de nuestros hogares lo que evitará una tragedia a la hora de la llegada de uno de estos fenómenos meteorológicos.

Es importante recordar que quienes residan en el área conocida como la playa –que incluye las turísticas zonas de Miami Beach, North Miami Beach y nuestra ciudad Golden Beach– deben estar más preparados que quienes residen o se hospedan en la

ciudad, debido a que es en estas zonas en las que los vientos y las inundaciones son más frecuentes.

### **PROPIEDADES SEGURAS**

Ante el anuncio de la posible llegada de un huracán o una tormenta a nuestras costas, lo primero que tenemos que verificar y preparar en nuestras casas es que los documentos y objetos de valor estén resguardados en un lugar alto y seguro, para evitar pérdidas importantes a la hora de una inundación.

Asimismo, debemos asegurar o resguardar en el interior de nuestras residencias los muebles que tengamos en terrazas, balcones y otras áreas externas, a fin de evitar que el viento los haga volar y causen daños graves a nuestra propiedad u otras personas.

También chequee que las ventanas de su casa estén protegidas para que el viento no los rompa y los vidrios puedan causar heridas a los miembros de su familia.

### **PROTEJA A SUS MASCOTAS**

Otra consideración importante son nuestras mascotas. Debemos prepararnos para equiparnos con todos los alimentos e implementos que nuestros animales puedan necesitar a la hora de una eventualidad o evacuación. Verifique con las autoridades de la ciudad en la que resida cuáles serían los refugios de mascotas habilitados, en caso que deba abandonar su hogar.

### **FAMILIA SEGURA**

Abastezca a usted y a su familia de todo lo necesario para la supervivencia. Comience por adquirir alimentos no perecederos, agua potable en envases de fácil transportación, baterías, linternas, medicinas o kit de primeros auxilios y una



radio portátil de ser necesaria, a fin de mantenerse informado sobre las condiciones del tiempo y saber cuándo pasará la emergencia.

Una buena idea es tener lista una pequeña maleta con ropa, papel higiénico y artículos personales de primera necesidad, como pasta dental, desodorantes y protectores sanitarios diarios para las mujeres.

Todo esto con el fin de estar listos a la hora de una evacuación rápida y no dejar todos los preparativos para última hora que, en vez de ayudar, retrasaría las labores de auxilios de los cuerpos de emergencia del estado.

### **GASOLINA EN EL VEHÍCULO**

En caso de que la emergencia permita el uso de los vehículos para poder movilizarse hacia sitios más seguros, usted debe garantizar tener la cantidad de gasolina necesaria para rodar largas rutas que le permitan dirigirse hacia zonas más seguras del estado.

Por esto debe acudir a las estaciones de servicio más cercanas a usted para abastecer en su totalidad el tanque de gasolina. También verifique que cuenta con yanta de repuesto y una caja de herramientas.

### **TELÉFONOS CELULARES**

Los cortes eléctricos son una posible consecuencia a la hora de la llegada de un huracán o tormenta, por ello debemos mantener cargados al máximo porcentaje nuestros teléfonos celulares y además mantener cargados también bancos de poder portátiles a los que podamos conectar los dispositivos ante un apagón.

Estar comunicados con nuestros familiares y amigos es una de las vitales necesidades, así como tener a la mano los números de contactos de las autoridades de emergencia y asistencia en la ciudad, si quisiéramos comunicar algo que sea de ayuda para nuestra comunidad.

### **ACTUALICE SU SEGURO**

Llame a su compañía de seguros o agente de seguros y pida

un repaso de su póliza para asegurar que tiene suficiente cobertura de vivienda para reparar o incluso reemplazar su casa. No olvide la cobertura para su automóvil o embarcación. Recuerde, la cobertura de vivienda no cubre inundaciones. Independientemente de ser inquilino o dueño, necesitará un seguro específico para cubrir inundaciones. Actúe al instante ya que el seguro de inundaciones requiere 30 días para entrar en vigor.

### **Lo que debes saber...**

- Una tormenta puede generar ráfagas de viento de 39 a 73 millas por hora, mientras que un huracán genera vientos sostenidos de 74 hasta 111 millas por hora, dependiendo de la categoría en la que se encuentre.
- Cuando los vientos sostenidos de una tormenta alcanzan las 74 mph, es entonces cuando se les llama huracán. La escala Saffir-Simpson mide los vientos y categoriza un huracán en 5 niveles de intensidad. Cuanto mayor sea la categoría, mayor el potencial de daños del huracán.
- Los peligros más importantes relacionados a los huracanes son los siguientes: vientos fuertes o huracanados, tornados, marejadas ciclónicas, lluvias intensas, inundaciones, oleaje fuerte y corrientes de resaca o arrastre.
- Los huracanes no son sólo un problema costero. Sus impactos se pueden sentir a cientos de millas tierra adentro.
- A quién llamar

Si usted llegase a tener una emergencia durante un huracán o una tormenta y requiere asistencia de las autoridades no dude en llamar al Departamento de Policía de The Town of Golden Beach, a cargo del chief Rudy Herbello, al (305) 9350940 así como al número de emergencia 911. También ponemos a su disposición el teléfono del Ocean Rescue (786) 5862537. Recuerde que todo el Gobierno de The Town Of Golden Beach estará a su disposición para socorrer a los residentes y visitantes las 24 horas del día a la hora de presentarse alguno de estos fenómenos meteorológicos.



# *Resident* NEWS

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN



## *Pressure Wash* YOUR ROOF

**Roofs of homes can get a lot of wear and tear. Sunlight, rainstorms, dust and mildew can all wreak havoc on the appearance of your home's roof.** In order to keep Golden Beach looking polished and presentable the Town requires that residents keep their roofs clean; homes with dirty roofs will be cited by the Code Enforcement Department. An unmaintained roof violation will result in a \$150.00 fine for the first offense, any subsequent offense jumps to \$250.00 per offense. **A good pressure washing can help keep your roof looking its best. Avoid fines and citations; don't overlook this important maintenance requirement.**



# *Keep your Home Safe*

## WHILE YOU'RE AWAY



Whether you're a snowbird returning to roost up north or simply heading out to your favorite vacation spot for a little R&R, it pays to be smart about closing up your home.

Following a few basic precautions can help assure that when you return you aren't dealing with unexpected problems. Keep your home secure. Thieves target homes that look as though they are unattended. One of the best ways to keep your home safe while you're away is to make it look as though you have never left.

- **Ask the post office to hold your mail if no one will be at your home to collect it,** the same can be said for newspaper delivery.
- **Consider putting certain lights on timers in the house.** Have someone open or close the drapes periodically, which also makes the house look occupied.
- **Make sure your property stays maintained as far as landscaping and general upkeep.** While you may be out having a great time elsewhere don't allow things to go wild back home. Unsightly or neglected properties are eyesores in the neighborhood (not to mention neglected properties can alert would-be thieves to the fact that no one is home). Keep your gardening and landscaping services current, even if you're not around to see the results, your neighbors will also thank you. Don't move potted plants together in one spot for ease of watering, they may not respond well to their new homes.
- **If you have a landline phone, consider turning down the volume on the ringer** so the phone won't ring continuously alerting others that no one is home.
- **A little preparation goes a long way** in preventing damage and cleanup to your home and its contents.
- **Open your dishwasher door to allow excess moisture to evaporate and prevent mold growth.** Mold is more than unsightly, it can also be dangerous.
- **Even if you are away for an extended amount of time you do not need to unplug the refrigerator.** Unplugging it may be helpful in saving energy, but it creates a haven for mold and is not recommended. It may be wise not to leave any food in your refrigerator (depending on how long you're away) but otherwise allow it to run.
- **Turn off water to the hot water heater and washing machine.** Unplug, or flip the circuit breaker to these devices.
- **Remember to unplug computers or have them connected to a surge protector** in case there are any power surges while you are away.
- **It's a good idea to unplug non-essential appliances** to prevent fire hazards and possible damage from power surges.
- **If your home has a fireplace,** close the flue to prevent collection of debris or pests.
- **It's a good idea to leave a set of keys with a friend or neighbor who will be staying locally.** Be sure to leave your keys with someone you can trust with important information like your security alarm code. Leave all contact information for how to reach you while you are away, that way if there is any kind of emergency in your home someone will be able to attend to it in a timely manner. It's also a good idea to have someone stop by periodically to make sure the home is in good condition, that the air conditioning is functioning properly, and to flush the toilets.
- **Be sure to register with the Town when you leave.** The House Check Report sheet is available by contacting the Police Substation at the Strand (305) 935-0940 or through Town Hall (305) 932-0744. The information included on the list helps the Town and Police Department know when you'll be away, when you get back, and other information regarding important contacts and security.

**By following these tips you can enjoy your time away from Golden Beach that much easier. Have a great trip and we'll see you when you get back!**



# *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](http://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.

## *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.**

# Here's the Latest "Buzz" ON MOSQUITOS



**Are mosquitos bugging you? Aside from being just plain annoying, mosquitos can be dangerous company to keep.** Mosquitos are known to carry and transmit various diseases, including West Nile virus, and these pesky pests were the source of last year's Zika outbreak. 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). When using sunscreen, remember to apply sunscreen first and insect repellent second.

**For more information on what you can do to prevent mosquitos please visit: [miamidade.floridahealth.gov](http://miamidade.floridahealth.gov)**

**To report mosquito nuisance, call the Mosquito Control Division directly at 305-592-1186 or by dialing 3-1-1 or online [www.miamidade.gov/publicworks/mosquito-control.asp](http://www.miamidade.gov/publicworks/mosquito-control.asp)**

**For additional tips on how to control mosquitos please visit the Clarke website at: [www.clarke.com](http://www.clarke.com).**

**While there are no reported cases of Zika this year, the Town of Golden Beach continues to closely monitor the status of the Zika virus and will keep residents informed. The CDC is an important source for regular updates. For more information, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/zika/>**



# *Golden Beach Employee* NEWS

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN



## *Town Manager Alexander Diaz* **HONORED FOR 10 YEARS OF GREATNESS**

Local dignitaries joined Golden Beach Mayor, Town Council and Town staff to honor Town Manager Alexander Diaz for his 10 years of service to the Town at a luncheon held Friday, April 28, 2017 at Novecento in Aventura.



Golden Beach Town Manager  
Alexander Diaz



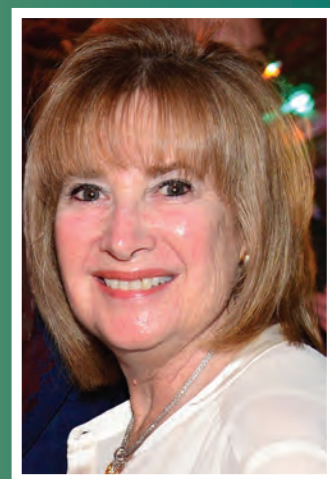




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TOWN HALL: **305.932.0744**

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  
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