

# *Golden* **BEACH**

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# Letter FROM THE MAYOR

Our hearts and prayers go out to the residents of Parkland after the horrific tragedy which took place last month at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. As a result, a resolution was passed and adopted at the February 20th Council Meeting supporting the reenactment of the Federal Assault Weapons Ban and demanding that the Florida Legislature and Governor enact its own ban on assault weapons.

We currently have some projects that are ongoing. The new bathrooms at the Beach and the Police guardhouse renovations are making great progress. At the February 20th Council Meeting, two new projects were approved which will involve a more extensive renovation of the Beach Pavilion and the entrance at The Strand. Additionally, our street lighting project is moving along as well and we are expecting delivery of the Town’s new lights by the summer.

Another project we are working on is the canal maintenance permits for dredging throughout the Town. Maintenance of our waterways is essential to the care and upkeep of our Town. Please be patient with us as we work towards updating the Town’s infrastructure.

I have been visiting and meeting with other municipalities evaluating neighboring town halls and civic centers as we look forward to constructing our new Town Hall and Civic Center. I have been evaluating financing options as well. I will keep residents advised as more developments become available.

Finally, congratulations to Officer Julio Soca for receiving the L.E.O. Award for the Special Services Division. If you remember, Officer Soca was wounded in the line of duty a year ago while rendering assistance to the Miami Shores Police Department. Officer Soca could have used this incident as an excuse, but instead as soon as he recovered from his injuries, Officer Soca returned to the Department to serve the residents of Golden Beach. His diligence and dedication to public service has warranted this much-deserved recognition.

The Town Manager and staff at Town Hall are always available to address any questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to continued service to our residents and maintaining our standard of excellence which makes Golden Beach such a desirable place to call home.

YOUR MAYOR,  
*Mayor Glenn Singer*



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# *Something Sweet* IN SOUTH PARK

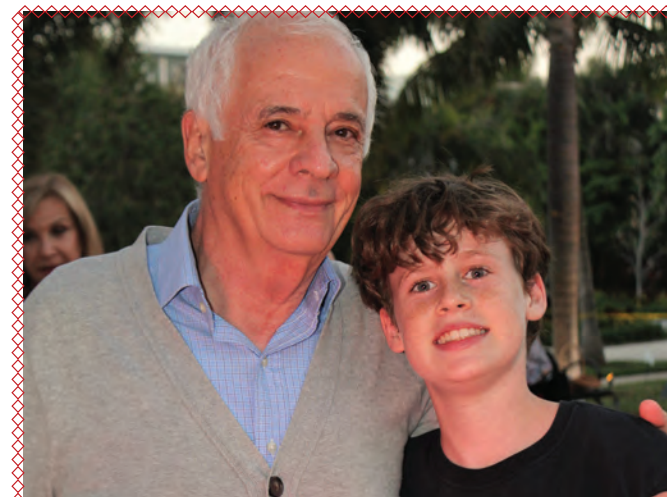


BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

Cupid's arrow landed in South Park for Valentine's Day this year. Residents gathered amidst the gentle notes of a live classical guitarist as they sipped on wine and dined on a spread of delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts. The park was cast in a soft shade of pink light as couples cozied up, children wandered about, and friends gathered to celebrate the evening in their Valentine's best. More Golden Beach events are coming soon, be sure to check the Golden Beach calendar in this issue for more details.









# Golden BEACH

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018

### MARCH

**Sunday, March 18** - Bagels on the Beach – Beach Pavilion – 11AM

**Tuesday, March 27** – Special Town Council Meeting – Town Hall – 7PM

*Spring Youth Programming Details Available at [www.goldenbeach.us](http://www.goldenbeach.us)*

### APRIL

**Wednesday, April 4** – Spring Cleaning Shred Day – Town Hall – 9AM-3PM

**Saturday, April 7** – GBPD hosts DMV license renewal – Town Hall 10AM – 2PM

**Wednesday, April 11** – Trash Can Cleaning Begins

**Sunday, April 15** - Annual Luau/Spaghetti Dinner - Beach Pavilion – 5PM

**Tuesday, April 17** – Regular Town Council Meeting – Town Hall – 7PM

**Friday, April 27** – Doggie Day on Beach - 4PM-6PM

### MAY

**Sunday, May 13** – Mother's Day (Symphony in Singer Park) – 5PM

**Tuesday, May 15** – Regular Town Council Meeting – Town Hall – 7PM

**Monday, May 28\*** – Memorial Day – Town Hall Closed

*\*Please note Construction is not allowed*

**Monday, May 28** – Memorial Day Event – Beach Pavilion – 5PM

### JUNE

**Sunday, June 17** – Father's Day

**Tuesday, June 19** – Regular Town Council Meeting – Town Hall – 7PM

### JULY

**Wednesday, July 4\*** – Independence Day - Town Hall Closed

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**Wednesday, July 4** – Independence Day – Hot Dogs on the Beach -12PM

**SUMMER FOOD TRUCKS** – Vendor Information to Follow

**Saturday, July 7** – Food Truck at the Beach Pavilion - 12PM

**Sunday, July 15** – Food Truck at the Beach Pavilion - 12PM

**Saturday, July 21** – Food Truck at the Beach Pavilion - 12PM

**Sunday, July 29** – Food Truck at the Beach Pavilion - 12PM

**Monday, July 30** – Deadline to Register to Vote in National Primary Election

### AUGUST

**Saturday, August 4** – Food Truck at the Beach Pavilion - 12PM

**Sunday, August 12** – Food Truck at the Beach Pavilion - 12PM

**Saturday, August 18** – Food Truck at the Beach Pavilion - 12PM

**Tuesday, August 21** – Regular Town Council Meeting – Town Hall – 7PM

**Sunday, August 26** – Food Truck at the Beach Pavilion - 12PM

**Tuesday, August 28** - National Primary Election

### SEPTEMBER

**Monday, September 3\*** – Labor Day - Town Hall Closed

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**Monday, September 3** – Labor Day – Hot Dogs on the Beach -12PM

**Tuesday, September 4** – First Budget Hearing & Special Town Council Meeting – Town Hall – 7PM

**Sunday, September 16** - 5K Run - Town Hall - 7:30AM

**Tuesday, September 18** – Final Budget Hearing & Special Town Council Meeting – Town Hall – 7PM

**Friday, September 27** – Doggie Day on Beach - 4PM-6PM

### OCTOBER

**Monday, October 8** – Columbus Day – Town Hall Closed

**Tuesday, October 9** – Deadline to Register to Vote in National General Election

**Tuesday, October 16** – Regular Town Council Meeting – Town Hall – 7PM

**Wednesday, October 31** – Halloween – North Park – 5PM

### NOVEMBER

**Tuesday, November 6** - National General Election

**Sunday, November 11** – Veterans Day Event – Beach Pavilion - 5PM

**Monday, November 12** – Veterans Day Observed - Town Hall Closed

**Saturday, November 17** – Tea Party – South Park – 4PM

**Thursday, November 22\*** – Thanksgiving Day – Town Hall Closed

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**Friday, November 23** – Town Hall Closed

**Thursday, November 29** – Doggie Day on Beach - 4PM-6PM

### DECEMBER

**Monday, December 24** – Christmas Eve – Town Hall Closed

**Tuesday, December 25\*** – Christmas Day – Town Hall Closed

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**Monday, December 31** – New Year's Eve – Town Hall Closed

**Monday, December 31** – New Year's Eve Party – Beach Pavilion – 9PM-1AM



# Police BEAT

**S**pring is almost here, a time of year that allows our residents to enjoy the best of what the Town of Golden Beach has to offer. And while you're out having fun in the sun we want to remind you that our Police Department is committed to excellence and to making our community safe. As the year rolls on we must mention that we had a few incidents at the beginning of the year that were troubling. The Town had items stolen from three unlocked cars. We have repeatedly asked our residents to secure not only their cars, but their residences as well. While our Police Department is consistently working to develop new strategies that will keep the



Town and adjacent communities safe, we continue to ask that residents take simple steps to keep their families and belongings secure. On a daily basis we still have to call residents to remind them to secure their cars, garage doors, and residence front doors. Don't become a victim, please heed our advise and be proactive.

We also stress to our residents that crime doesn't always occur spontaneously, a property or vehicle may be surveilled by a suspect(s) for

several days before an opportunity presents itself. Crime Pattern is a way of explaining why crimes are committed in certain areas. Crime is not random, it is either planned or opportunistic. Crime happens when the activity space of a victim intersects with the activity space of an offender. A person's daily activity and/or pattern such as the arrival time at home, work, school, shopping areas, entertainment areas etc. The course or route a person takes to and from these locations are called personal paths.

There is a Crime Pattern Theory that claims that a crime involving an offender and a victim can only occur when the activity spaces of both cross paths. Therefore, a pattern of behavior and/or daily routine will help assailants determine your daily routine and schedule and plan when to commit a crime.

### THE RULES TO THE THEORY OF CRIME PATTERN

1. Criminals travel on a day-to-day basis making decisions based on the daily activities of their victims. When decisions to

- commit crime are made this is called a "crime template."
2. Usually criminals do not function individually, they are typically involved in some type of network such as family or friends.
  3. Don't send "clues" to potential criminals. The accumulation of newspapers and mail is a sign that no one is home. Stop correspondence and newspaper delivery while on vacation.
  4. Do not leave windows or doors unlocked. Close garage doors when not in use.
  5. Stay alert. It's important to realize that not all of the homes are burglarized by strangers. A report from the U.S Department of Justice revealed that 66% of burglaries are committed by someone who knows the victim.
  6. Limit visibility of valuables and make it hard for an intruder to see them from the outside.
  7. Light up your house at night. It's a deterrent and it helps police search for offenders.
  8. Make sure that your Alarm Company calls the Police Substation before calling you or calling the Miami Dade Police Department. Give them instructions to call us first, we don't mind checking your house, even if it is a false alarm.
  9. Be vigilant, if you see something suspicious call us immediately. We would rather investigate a lead than follow up on a crime. "SEE SOMETHING- SAY SOMETHING"
  10. Document serial numbers of all electronics, watches, etc. and take pictures of valuables.
  11. Request a "Residential Security Survey" from the Golden Beach Police Department, which provides a general assessment of the vulnerability of your residence. For information call the Executive Assistant to the Chief, Sheila Pirrone at (305) 936-2444.

The Golden Beach Police Department meets regularly with other Law Enforcement Agencies to assess crime patterns, exchange intelligence information and plan initiatives to protect our residents. We also disseminate pertinent information to our officers through emails, BOLO (Be On the Look-Out) Sheets and centralized meetings. This information helps us to be alert and vigilant against possible suspects and/or vehicles.

The Golden Beach Police Department has a partnership with many other Law Enforcement Agencies, schools and private





### PHOTOS

1. ANTI-BULLYING AWARENESS CAMPAIGN IN MIAMI BEACH

2. OFFICERS DISTRIBUTE PAMPHLETS FOR THE 2018 FOOT DRIVE SAFELY CAMPAIGN



# Police BEAT

businesses. We network with these institutions to educate the public as well as to promote our department and Town. Below are some of the examples of the Golden Beach Police Department in our Community and beyond.

- On January 19, 2018, the Golden Beach Police Department participated in the Career Day at Palm Springs North Elementary where we showcased much of our equipment, officers and K-9 dog.
- On February 6, 2018, the Golden Beach Police Department hosted a Security Safety Meeting to talk to residents about the latest trends and security concerns.
- On February 7, 2018, Staff members from the Golden Beach Police Department participated in an Anti-bullying campaign in Miami Beach to promote awareness.
- On February 10, 2018, the Golden Beach Police Department participated in the 2018 Dolphin Cancer Challenge where many bicyclists joined a tri-county race to promote cancer awareness.
- On February 13, 2018, the Golden Beach Police Department participated on the FDOT 2018 Drive Safe Campaign where leaflets were distributed to residents and visitors in Town.
- On February 22, 2018, the Golden Beach Police Department participated in a Centralized Roll Call where staff discussed new initiatives, goals and expectations with officers.
- On February 24, 2018, the Golden Beach Police Department Motor Squad participated in a county-wide initiative for traffic enforcement.
- On February 27, 2018, Mayor Glenn Singer, Councilmember Judy Lusskin and Councilmember Amy Isackson-Rojas joined police staff members at the Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police Dinner recognizing police officers that have gone beyond the call of duty. At the event, Golden Beach Officer Julio Soca was recognized for his bravery and dedication to duty.

Mark your calendars, on Saturday, April 7, 2018, the Golden Beach Police Department will be hosting the Department of Motor Vehicles for Drivers License Renewal services. More information regarding fees, hours of operation, and location will follow via flyers, Channel 89 and the Town Website.

YOUR CHIEF OF POLICE,

*Rudy Herbello*





### PHOTOS

3. OFFICERS GATHER FOR CENTRALIZED ROLL CALL

4 + 5. CAREER DAY AT PALM SPRINGS NORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

5. MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION DINNER







# Hogares y Ciudadanos Seguros: NUESTRA PRIORIDAD EN GOLDEN BEACH

**Un repunte en los índices de inseguridad en el norte de Miami ha puesto en alerta a las autoridades de seguridad de la ciudad de Golden Beach, para quienes la paz y la tranquilidad de sus residentes es prioridad cada día.** Aunque se han registrado recientemente algunos incidentes dentro de nuestra comunidad, es vital que todos contribuyamos para mantenernos resguardados y no ser víctimas de la delincuencia.

Aunque los integrantes de la Policía de Golden Beach patrullan durante las 24 horas de cada día todas las calles de nuestra ciudad, es importante que la seguridad de todos comience por parte de los mismos ciudadanos, quienes con solo prestar atención a pequeñas, pero muy importantes acciones, pueden contribuir enormemente a seguir manteniendo a Golden Beach

como una de las ciudades mas confiables para vivir en el sur de la Florida.

Las estadísticas revelan que la noche es el tiempo del día mas utilizado por los delincuentes para cometer sus fechorías, por ello usted pudiera considerar la instalación de un sistema de iluminación para sus hogares que se active con sensores de movimiento, de esta manera usted pudiera estar mas alerta ante la presencia de personas que pudieran merodear su casa sin su conocimiento.

Sobre este punto debe considerar además que dejar toda la noche encendida la iluminación externa de su residencia, no solo estaría incrementando notablemente su facturación mensual de electricidad, sino que pudiera estar contribuyendo

para que los amigos de los ajeno actúen con mayor facilidad a la hora de querer violentar los limites de su hogar al tener una mejor visibilidad.

Otro punto que es muy importante a considerar es la de nuestros vehículos. Generalmente llegamos a casa cada día después del trabajo, cansados y ansiosos por relajarnos antes de dormir, y posiblemente en esa premura olvidamos vitales datos de seguridad sobre nuestros autos y pertenencias, que nos pudieran poner fácilmente en la mira de ladrones.

“ UN REPORTAJE PUBLICADO RECIENTEMENTE POR EL NUEVO HERALD REVELÓ QUE AUNQUE EL ROBO DE VEHÍCULOS NO ES UN DELITO MUY FRECUENTE EN EL SUR DE LA FLORIDAD, EL DESVALIJAMIENTO O ROBOS A AUTOS SE MANTUVO DURANTE 2017 COMO UNO DE LOS INCIDENTES MAS REGISTRADOS, CON UN TOTAL DE 10.034 VEHÍCULOS VIOLENTADOS SOLAMENTE EN EL CONDADO DE MIAMI DADE. MUCHO PEOR FUE EN 2016 CON UN TOTAL DE 10.377 CARROS. SOBRE ESTOS SUCESOS EN PARTICULAR, LA POLICÍA DE DORAL DECLARÓ AL ESE DIARIO DE LA CIUDAD QUE PRECISAMENTE EL OLVIDO DE LOS DUEÑOS AL DEJAR LOS VEHÍCULOS ABIERTOS ES LA PRINCIPAL CAUSA DE ESTOS DELITOS.

Por eso debe verificar que no deje ningún artículo de valor en el vehículo y que una vez que descienda del mismo se asegure de cerrarlo correctamente, activando la alarma y los sistemas de bloqueo de puertas y del volante. Tiene además que considerar parquear su automóvil en lugares visibles e iluminados, pero mucho más importante es que nunca olvide las llaves de su auto dentro del mismo.

Un reportaje publicado recientemente por El Nuevo Herald reveló que aunque el robo de vehículos no es un delito muy frecuente en el sur de la Florida, el desvalijamiento o robos a autos se mantuvo durante 2017 como uno de los incidentes mas registrados, con un total de 10.034 vehículos violentados solamente en el Condado de Miami Dade. Mucho peor fue en 2016 con un total de 10.377 carros. Sobre estos sucesos en particular, la Policía de Doral declaró al ese diario de la ciudad que precisamente el olvido de los dueños al dejar los vehículos abiertos es la principal causa de estos delitos.

Como ciudadanos consientes de nuestra seguridad debemos siempre estar atentos a cualquier actividad o presencia de alguna persona sospechosa o ajena a la comunidad, porque de esta manera pudiéramos estar evitando la futura comisión de un delito.

Como parte de las acciones que hemos emprendido en la ciudad para reforzar la seguridad, hemos restringido los accesos peatonales a Golden Beach entre las 10 de la noche y las 6 de la mañana, por lo que si necesita realizar una caminata durante ese lapso de tiempo debe recordar que solo

tendrá acceso a la ciudad por la entrada de The Strand.

La ciudad dificilmente garantizará la seguridad de sus hogares si ustedes no nos hacen parte de sus acciones, para que de forma mancomunada trabajemos por una ciudad pacífica y segura. Por ello lo invitamos a que notifique en en el City Hall si usted está pensando en salir de vacaciones o ausentarse algunos días, ya que de esta manera nuestra Policía estará especialmente pendiente de patrullar su residencia y garantizar que no se presente ninguna eventualidad durante su ausencia.

Pero si lamentablemente ninguna de estas advertencias evitan que usted sea víctima de la inseguridad, entonces lo invitamos a que notifique de inmediato el incidente llamando al Servicio de Emergencias 911 y no directamente a la ciudad o a la Policía, porque es precisamente por esta vía que nuestros agentes recibirán de manera más rápida y efectiva la notificación de que algo ha ocurrido.



BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

# The Results ARE IN!

We asked and you answered...in droves! We are so happy to hear back from so many Residents in our 2017 Residents Survey; your feedback will be integral in shaping what happens next in Town. From Flooding to Public Safety concerns, from Food Trucks to Fire Rescue, we have heard your message loud and clear. Below are some of the topics Residents spoke about most.



FLOODING

Mayor Glenn Singer, Town Manager Alexander Diaz and Vice Mayor Jaime Mendal all took a trip to Tallahassee in February to discuss the possibility of funding a pump station at Center Island to resolve flooding issues within Town. While visiting the State Capitol, the Town Officials met with representatives and discussed options. We will keep Residents informed on developments as they become available.

LANDSCAPING ENHANCEMENTS

After Hurricane Irma dealt us a mighty wallop this past storm season the appearance of the Town’s greenery reflected the wrath of one of our strongest hurricanes in years. Some parts of Town look a bit weathered but we are working hard to get the

Town looking its best. Our landscape architect Kathy O’Leary Richards of O’Leary Richards Designs and Robert Mainguy along with his team from Mainguy Landscape Services have been surveying and attending to the Town regularly. Pardon our dust while the greenery grows in.

FOOD SERVICE

We know our Residents like to eat (don’t we all?), so it was no surprise that the free Food Truck events in Town were a favorite on the Town survey. We heard some concerns about costs incurred by the Town for providing oodles of free grub on a “rolling” basis (food trucks? rolling? get it?), yet we also noted some Residents inquiring about increasing the Food Truck service, even if it meant having some events where Residents could purchase their own food. Food at the beach was also a recurring request. The Town is researching options for expanding/augmenting its food service and we will certainly report results as they become available.

A NEW CIVIC CENTER?

While we love our little white house at the south end of Golden Beach Drive, there is certainly a concern that we may have outgrown our home base. Residents expressed an interest in a new Community Center that would move Town Hall to A1A, taking over the footprint of the current basketball courts in Tweddle Park. Some amenities of those who supported the move included: a community gym or fitness center, an enclosed air-conditioned event space, a parking area for Residents who have events and live on Ocean Boulevard. From those who backed the new

Community Center, there was a strong support for adding a Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Station, though there were some questions about financial backing and noise. To offset costs the Town is investigating various options, including selling off the current Public Works Yard or The Strand Boat Dock (such a move could earn an estimated 6 million dollars towards the project). Instead of including an events space at a new Community Center on A1A, the Town is also exploring the idea of building a “club house” at the site of The Strand Boat Dock, with an event space and game room that would feature picturesque views of our intracoastal waterway. It’s important to note that building two separate buildings would require additional funding which could be supported through a bond referendum or a loan.

“AFTER HURRICANE IRMA DEALT US A MIGHTY WALLOP THIS PAST STORM SEASON THE APPEARANCE OF THE TOWN’S GREENERY REFLECTED THE WRATH OF ONE OF OUR STRONGEST HURRICANES IN YEARS. SOME PARTS OF TOWN LOOK A BIT WEATHERED BUT WE ARE WORKING HARD TO GET THE TOWN LOOKING ITS BEST.”

SECURITY

Public Safety was on many people’s minds. Even though a vast majority of Residents checked off that they felt “Extremely Safe” in Golden Beach (61.5%), Residents expressed an interest in keeping vigilant against crime. Residents were interested in seeing police patrols of the beach and waterways, seeing speed tables or speed bumps installed to slow traffic, and exploring additional options to secure gate access for vehicular and pedestrian traffic. In response to concerns, the Town has already begun proactive attempts at keeping non-residents from entering Town on foot during overnight hours by padlocking all pedestrian gates from



10PM to 6AM daily. We have also produced larger format signs for the north and south ends of the beach to let those who enter Town along the sand know that they are entering a restricted area and to respect the rights of our oceanfront property owners. The Police Department also continues its nine daily beach runs (three per each of the Town’s Police shifts). Don’t expect to set your clock to the officers’ runs though, in hopes of remaining unpredictable to potential criminals, beach runs will continue to be held at random intervals.

STREET LIGHTING

Dimly lit spots in Town also came up as concerns. The Mayor, Town Council and Town Manager are working with Florida Power & Light (FPL) towards the roll-out of the new streetlights that will be going up around Town. The new designs will offer both added curb-appeal and safety. This project is expected to begin within the coming months and see completion before the end of the year. Existing old design fixtures that are non-functioning will not be replaced until the new design streetlights are rolled out



BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

## Around TOWN

SOME EXCITING THINGS ARE BREWING AROUND TOWN.  
HERE'S A QUICK BREAKDOWN OF SOME THINGS TO EXPECT:

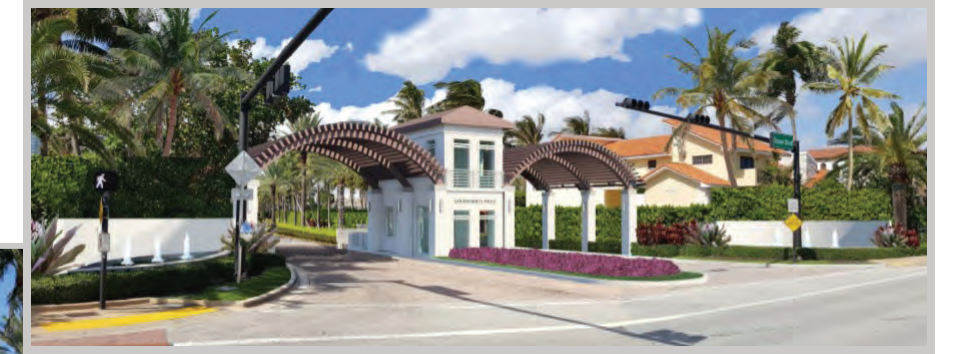


### STRAND GATEHOUSE PROJECT MOVES TOWARDS COMPLETION

If you have entered through The Strand in recent months it's hard not to notice that the Gatehouse has been undergoing a facelift. In keeping with contemporary architecture trends the Gatehouse has begun taking on a more modern feel. The project hit a small delay when it was realized that the structure's roof trusses had moisture damage and needed to be replaced.

### BEACH PAVILION PROJECT KEEPS MOVING....AND GROWING

Another project that is running concurrent with the Gatehouse remodel is the improved amenities at the Beach Pavilion. New expansive bathrooms and showers, along with more ample storage areas, were part of the initial scope of the project. In response to Residents proposing adding food concessions and/or towel service at the beach sometime in the future, Town Officials decided to extend the footprint of the project to keep room to grow. As of yet there is no official plan to bring food service or towel service to the Beach, but the Town would like to keep its options open and therefore factored future plans into its current project.



### BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!

Just when you thought the dust had settled, the Town Council has approved new, additional improvements to The Strand and Beach Pavilion areas of Town. These projects will affect areas of Town that are already being remodeled and will extend the construction period of those sites. At the February council meeting, the Mayor and Town Council approved moving forward with enhancements. These are new projects, with their own budget, but all funds come from the existing, approved 2017-2018 Town Budget with no new costs being passed along to Residents.

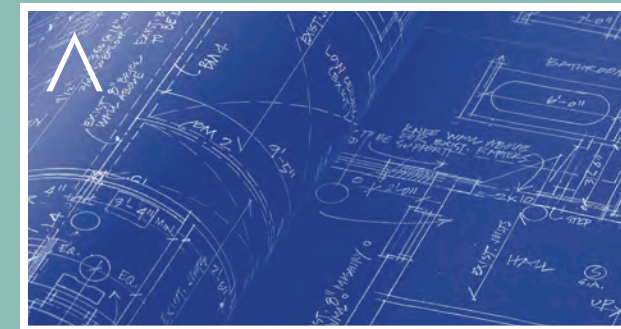
The scope of work will cover improvements to the four corners at the intersection of Ocean Boulevard and The Strand. Features include renovations to the fountains that flank the Gatehouse, new landscaping at the entrance of the Beach Pavilion and Gatehouse, and new brick pavers at the site.

The Beach Pavilion will also undergo restorations, involving sandblasting and repainting, installation of new hurricane straps for its trusses, and floor repairs.

We appreciate Residents' patience as we continue to make Golden Beach even better, and we will work to minimize impact and closures as we progress.

### MAYOR & TOWN MANAGER VISIT LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES' CITY HALLS

Mayor Singer and Town Manager Alexander Diaz toured Aventura City Hall and Surfside City Hall with their Mayors and City Managers in hopes of gaining insight into what those municipalities have found as strengths and opportunities in their current facilities. With marked Resident support for a new Civic Center here in Golden Beach, Mayor Singer and Mr. Diaz took detailed notes so as to make sure our new community center is one that is efficient and effective.



### SECURITY!

You may notice a couple of golf carts rolling around Town in the coming weeks. No, Golden Beach hasn't built a new 18-hole course within its limits; the Town has purchased these two new security golf carts to patrol the Town from 8PM until dawn. Manned by Community Service Aides (CSAs), these carts will help provide an additional pair of eyes during the overnight hours and will help serve as a deterrent to crime.





# Resident NEWS

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

The Town would like to continue to stress the importance of Residents calling 911 in an emergency. When time is critical, calling The Strand Gatehouse can mean up to an additional 6 minutes in response time; when real danger strikes don't delay, call 911.

**SAFETY TIP:** Ask your Alarm Company to call the Golden Beach Police Substation in the event of an alarm BEFORE calling you or calling the Miami-Dade Police Department. The Golden Beach Police Department will gladly follow up on a triggered alarm, and there is no penalty or penalization if it is a false alarm; our goal is to keep you safe.



# CALL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES

**ONLY CALL THE POLICE SUBSTATION  
AT THE GATEHOUSE  
FOR NON-EMERGENCY CONCERNS.  
305-935-0940**

**PLEASE NOTE:  
IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.**

*Thank you!*

*Golden  
BEACH*



## BEACH RENOURISHMENT

A few of our Residents have recently inquired about the Town's efforts to provide beach renourishment after such a rocky storm season this past year. Unfortunately replenishing the sand behind the private homes in Town is the responsibility of the individual homeowners.

# Around TOWN

## FERAL CATS




The Town continues its Trap/Neuter/Release Program for its wild cat population. The Town WILL NOT get involved with the removal of feral cats. Owners who choose to have feral cats removed must contact a licensed company on their own and the home owners are responsible for the animals being treated in a humane manner. Inhumane treatment of animals is punishable by Florida State Statutes 828.12 and 828.13 and may be punishable by fines up to \$5,000 and/or up to 5 years in prison.

If you are interested in being enrolled in the Town's Trap/Neuter/Release Program you may contact Director of Resident Services Michael Glidden at [mglidden@goldenbeach.us](mailto:mglidden@goldenbeach.us) for more information.



## DOG PARK: LET'S KEEP IT ALL BARK AND NO BITE

Please be courteous when using the Town's Dog Parks:

-  DO NOT leave dogs unattended in the play areas. For the safety of your dog, and others, all dogs must be accompanied by their owners/trainers at all times. If you see a dog that is left unattended in the Town's dog parks please call the Police Substation immediately at 305-935-0940.
-  Any dogs that show signs of aggression must be removed immediately. Owners of aggressive dogs may be held liable for the actions of their animals.
-  Pick up after your pets. It's not just the friendly thing to do but it also helps prevent transmitting diseases to dogs and possibly their owners.





BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

TABLE I - MDFR RESPONSES TO THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH - CALENDAR YEARS 2016-2017				
CALL TYPE	2017	MDFR* AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME	2016	MDFR* AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME
LIFE THREATENING	45	9:44	46	9:22
NON-LIFE THREATENING*	16	10:21	12	10:06
STRUCTURE & OTHER FIRES	20	9:26	18	8:56
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS*	20	10:04	6	9:31
TOTAL	101		82	

\*EXPEDITED RESPONSE USING LIGHTS AND SIRENS IS ONLY USED IN RESPONDING TO LIFE THREATENING & STRUCTURE FIRE INCIDENTS

Important Facts FOR GOLDEN BEACH RESIDENTS REGARDING MIAMI-DADE’S FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

- Miami-Dade Fire Rescue’s (MDFR) closest rescue unit is housed 1.51 miles south of the Town of Golden Beach at MDFR Sunny Isles Station 10, other stations are located close by and include Aventura Station 8 (2.01 miles west) Aventura South Station 33 (3.08 miles southwest); Highland Oaks Station 63 (3.60 miles west); Haulover Station 21 (3.75 miles south); and North Miami Beach Station 31 (3.96 miles southwest of the Town).
- Within four miles of the Town of Golden Beach Miami-Dade Fire Rescue has 13 front-line response units. Daily there are 41 fire fighters on duty, 27 of which are certified paramedics.
- During 2017, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue dispatched 70 firefighters and 32 units to structure fire incidents in the Town of Golden Beach.
- Miami-Dade Fire Rescue offers patient transportation options; Patients with life-threatening injuries will be transported to the nearest appropriate Miami-Dade or Broward County medical facility. Miami-Dade Fire Rescue will transport patients without life-threatening injuries to the medical facility of their choice. Miami-Dade Fire Rescue also has EMS Captains who act as patient advocates to ensure the timely transfer of patients to Miami-Dade or Broward County medical facilities.
- Miami-Dade Fire Rescue scored an overall rating of 5.00 out of 5.00 for service in the calendar years 2016-2017; the score is based on a survey of patient respondents. The factors considered included MDFR’s response time, MDFR’s thoroughness in explaining treatment options, MDFR’s professionalism, and MDFR’s meeting expectations in regards to assistance.
- One resident of Golden Beach scored MDFR with a 5.00 expressing the highest degree of satisfaction with the services provided by their fire-rescue service.

Please visit [www.miamidade.gov/mdfr](http://www.miamidade.gov/mdfr) for more information

(source Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Services to the Town of Golden Beach/February 2018 [www.miamidade.gov](http://www.miamidade.gov))

TABLE II - MDFR STATIONS/UNITS RESPONDING INTO THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH CALENDAR YEARS 2016 & 2017				
RESPONSES PROVIDED BY	2017		2016	
	INCIDENTS	%	INCIDENTS	%
STATION 10 - SUNNY ISLES	85	84%	72	87%
STATION 8 - AVENTURA	11	11%	7	9%
STATION 63 - HIGHLAND OAKS	2	2%	0	0%
OTHER STATIONS	3	3%	3	4%
TOTAL	101	100%	82	100%



“ DURING 2017, MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE DISPATCHED 70 FIREFIGHTERS AND 32 UNITS TO STRUCTURE FIRE INCIDENTS IN THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH. ”





# Resident NEWS

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN



## Are You UNDERMINING YOUR OWN SECURITY?

In an effort to keep Residents and their properties safe, the Town installed locking pedestrian gates at the North and South walking entrances of Town. To further bolster security efforts, the Town recently began padlocking all pedestrian gates overnight from 10PM-6AM. It has recently come to the Police Department's attention that Golden Beach Residents have been giving out pedestrian gate codes to non-residents, people who live in nearby properties in Sunny Isles and in Hallandale.

While giving out the code to anyone who asks may seem like the "polite" thing to do, we cannot stress enough that doing so undermines the efforts of the Town to protect you and your belongings. Non-residents may walk up while you are unlocking

a gate and you may choose to allow someone to enter behind you as a courtesy, however should that person ask you for the code please refer them to Town Hall for that information; a Town Hall employee will use the Resident Database to determine whether or not an individual lives in Town and are entitled to be given gate codes.

Together we can keep the Town as secure as possible, remember to think before you give someone the same access to your neighborhood as you have.



## To Tot OR NOT TO TOT?

At the February 20th Town Council Meeting, the Mayor and Town Council voted 4 to 1 against developing new tot play areas in North Park and Singer Park. A hotly debated issue within Town, Residents spoke out on both sides. Those in favor argued it offered an additional amenity and added convenience to those living in the north end of Town, while those against claimed it was a safety concern and would change the intent of the parks. A compromise was reached after the new tot areas were voted down; Improvements would be made to Tweddle Park, the site of the Town's current playground, including adding a shade structure for the play area, new equipment, and the addition of features that could be utilized by teens, "tweens" and adults. The compromise was voted up with 4 out of 5 councilmembers being in favor.



## Fact Sheet Pump Station 494

The Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD) has embarked on a Capital Improvement Program to provide necessary upgrades to the water and sewer infrastructure to continue providing high quality services, protecting public health, and the environment. One of these projects is the upgrade of Pump Station 494, located at 300 The Strand/Centre Island in Golden Beach.

### PROJECT INFORMATION / SCHEDULE

Construction of the pump station improvements is scheduled to begin in March 2018. Construction work will occur during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. During construction of the pump station, there will be a bypass pump working 24 hours a day. The contractor will take additional steps to minimize impacts, but you may experience some noise and intermittent traffic disruptions due to road closures or detours. We will be coordinating closely with residents and the Town of Golden Beach during construction. At the conclusion of the project, the roadway areas impacted by the construction will be restored. In advance, we thank you for your support as the department works on this necessary infrastructure upgrade.

## Hoja de Datos Estación de Bombeo 494

El Departamento de Agua y Alcantarillado de Miami-Dade (WASD) ha comenzado un Programa de Mejoramiento de Infraestructuras para proporcionar mejoras necesarias al sistema de agua y alcantarillado y poder continuar brindando servicios de alta calidad, protegiendo la salud pública y el medio ambiente. Uno de estos proyectos es las mejoras a la estación de bombeo 494, ubicada en 300 The Strand/Centre Island en Golden Beach.

### DATOS / SECUENCIA DEL PROYECTO

Se proyecta que las mejoras a la estación de bombeo comiencen en marzo del 2018. El trabajo de construcción se realizará entre las 7:30 a.m. y las 6 p.m. Durante la construcción, habrá un motor de bombeo temporero trabajando las 24 horas al día. El contratista tomará las medidas necesarias para minimizar los impactos, pero puede haber un poco de ruido y tráfico intermitente debido a cierres de calles o desvíos. Estaremos coordinando de cerca con los residentes y el Town of Golden Beach durante la construcción. Al terminarse el proyecto, las áreas impactadas serán restauradas. De antemano, le agradecemos su apoyo mientras que el departamento trabaja en esta mejora necesaria.

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## Project at a Glance

- Project includes upgrades to Pump Station 494, located at 300 The Strand/Centre Island in Golden Beach.
- The upgrade will not affect the water or wastewater services in your area.
- There may be temporary roadway closures and detours. You will have access to your property at all times.
- The areas surrounding the pump station will be restored at the conclusion of the project.

## Datos del Proyecto

- El proyecto incluye mejoras a la estación de bombeo 494 ubicada en 300 The Strand/Centre Island en Golden Beach.
- Las mejoras no afectarán los servicios de agua o alcantarillado en su área.
- Pudiera haber algunos cierres temporales de calles y desvíos de tráfico. Se mantendrá el acceso a su propiedad en todo momento.
- Las áreas que rodean la estación de bombeo serán restauradas al finalizar el proyecto.

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BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN



(Left to Right) Vice Mayor Jaime Mendal, Councilmember Judy Lusskin, Mayor Glenn Singer, Councilmember Amy Isackson-Rojas, Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein

Town Council MEETING RECAP

The following items were discussed at the Regular Town Council Meeting held on February 20, 2018.

1. An Ordinance of the Town Council Amending the Town’s Code Related to Rooftop Activities. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TOWN’S CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REVISE CHAPTER 66, “ZONING,” BY AMENDING THE TITLE OF DIVISION 11 “ACCESSORY BUILDINGS: AND BY AMENDING SECTION 66-261 RELATED TO ROOFTOP ACTIVITIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Agenda Report No. 1  
Ordinance No. 577.18  
Sponsor: Town Administration  
Recommendation: Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 577.18  
Status: PASSED

2. An Ordinance of the Town Council Amending the Town’s Code Related to Community Design Standards. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN

BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TOWN’S CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO COMMUNITY DESIGN STANDARDS; AMENDING SECTION 66-137 OF THE ZONING CODE RELATED TO ACCEPTABLE PAINT COLORS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 2  
Ordinance No. 578.18  
Sponsor: Town Administration  
Recommendation: Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 578.18  
Status: PASSED

3. Official Minutes of the January 23rd, 2018 Special Town Council Meeting  
Status: APPROVED

4. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving the Establishment of a Retirement Health Savings Plan for the Employees of the Town. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A RETIREMENT HEALTH

SAVINGS PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYEES TO ASSIST WITH MEDICAL EXPENSES UPON RETIREMENT; AUTHORIZING MATCH FUNDING AND THE USE OF LEAVE BENEFITS; AUTHORIZING TOWN OFFICIALS TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO OFFER A RETIREMENT HEALTH SAVINGS PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 4  
Resolution No. 2543.18  
Sponsor: Town Administration  
Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2543.18  
Status: PASSED

A Resolution of the Town Council Approving Enhancements to the Town’s Parks. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE TOWN MANAGER’S RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO THE TOWN’S PARKS; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TOWN MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 5  
Resolution No. 2544.18  
Sponsor: Town Administration  
Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2544.18  
Status: PASSED

A Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing A Proposal from Bejar Construction, Inc. for Renovation of the Town’s Beach Pavilion. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING A PROPOSAL FROM BEJAR CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR RENOVATION OF THE TOWN’S BEACH PAVILION; PROVIDING FOR A WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 6  
Resolution No. 2545.18  
Sponsor: Town Administration  
Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2545.18  
Status: PASSED

A Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing a Proposal from Bejar Construction, Inc. for Improvements to the Town’s Entry Feature. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING A PROPOSAL FROM BEJAR CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWN’S ENTRY FEATURE; PROVIDING FOR A WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 7  
Resolution No. 2546.18  
  
Sponsor: Town Administration  
Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2546.18  
Status: PASSED

A Resolution of the Town Council Supporting the Reenactment of the Federal Assault Weapons Ban. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE REENACTMENT OF THE FEDERAL ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN; DEMANDING THAT THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR TO ENACT ITS OWN BAN ON ASSAULT WEAPONS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 8  
Resolution No. 2547.18  
Sponsor: Town Administration  
Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2547.18  
Status: PASSED

A Resolution of the Town Council Approving Amendment #1 to the 2017- 2018 Operating Budget. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AMENDMENT #1 TO THE 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR OPERATING BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 9  
Resolution No. 2548.18  
Status: PASSED

Please Note: Some items on the agenda had elements of discussion. For more detailed information on these items please refer to the Official Minutes of the Town Council Meeting which will be available for review on the Town’s website (www.goldenbeach.us) at the end of March.



# Employee NEWS

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN



## Town Staff CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In February, Town Staff met at Tweddle Park to celebrate Black History Month. The team enjoyed catering from Jackson's Soul Food, made possible by generous donations from our Residents to the Town's employee lunch fund.

# Best WISHES!



## The Town was happy to celebrate the retirement of longtime Public Works employee George Larkins.

After a whopping 43 years with the Town, and a soft retirement three years ago, George has decided to hang up his Public Works cap for good to spend time with his family. George's parents also worked for the Town many years ago and George leaves his position with fond memories of Golden Beach. The Mayor, Town Manager and his fellow staff all crowded into the Town Council Chambers to wish George the very best. His last day with the Town was February 28, 2018.

**THANK YOU, GEORGE FOR ALL OF YOUR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE. WE WILL MISS YOU!**



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