



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

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Dear Residents:

I hope everyone is having a great year as we approach the mid point for 2018. The Town Council and I along with the Town Staff have been extremely busy this year and I find it important to give the residents of Golden Beach an update on the status of our Town.

As Mayor, my goal is to be as pro-active and as informative as possible to all our residents and town staff. I want everyone to feel comfortable and knowledgeable in what is taking place in our community. As such, here are some recent highlights:

Security:

- 1) Because of ongoing security concerns, the pedestrian gate at Massini Avenue and Ocean Boulevard is now permanently closed. However, out of respect for the religious needs of some of our residents, access will be allowed from 4:00 p.m. on Friday until early Sunday morning.
- 2) The Town has increased security patrols with a new special golf cart from 8:00 p.m. to sunrise. Either a community service aide or a Golden Beach police officer will operate this new security cart during these hours.
- 3) We have also increased beach patrols throughout the day and night and are exploring adding additional cameras on the oceanfront, in an effort to better serve our ocean boulevard residents.
- 4) The Town has added landscaping on both the Northern and southern entrances to Town on the beach to help deter any trespassers along our beaches. We are also exploring the possibility of installing gates in those areas to the shoreline. This too will further secure our beautiful beaches.
- 5) Four (4) speed signs have been installed on A-1-A, which inform drivers of their speed. This should hopefully reduce the amount of speeders driving on A-1-A.
- 6) I want to remind our residents that home safety starts with you, our residents. We all need to be proactive and take precautions including locking ones doors and activating your home alarm system. Please notify Town Hall if you will be out of Town for an extended amount of time so the Golden Beach Police can do an extra watch on your residence.

Town Projects:

- 1) The newly renovated gatehouse is almost complete. We are in the process of renovating the two fountains at the entrance and installing new curbs and gutters at The Strand. We will also pressure clean and reseal the pavers. During this process there will be traffic delays and some inconveniences, so your patience is much appreciated. The final result will be well worth the headache.
- 2) The beach pavilion bathrooms will be completed soon. Renovations to the actual pavilion building will begin shortly and will take approximately 60 days to complete. We have added some great fun beach amenities to this area for you all to appreciate.
- 3) The street lighting project will take approximately 60 days to complete once the new lights are delivered from FPL. In addition to replacing all the existing street lights, we are adding 80 lights throughout the Town. These new lights will be energy efficient and add to the safety, security and beauty of the community.
- 4) The Town is in the permitting process for maintenance dredging of the islands and the tips of the intercoastal. This project will remove the excess sludge, which will improve resident's ability to maneuver through our interior waterways. The Town will begin the bidding process for this project once permits are issued.
- 5) Tweddle Park renovations will begin during the month of June. We are adding equipment for young children and residents. We are also installing a shade top on the tot lot to keep our play area cool.
- 6) The Town is looking to install a new pump system in Center Island, to alleviate the majority of the flooding which occurs during the heavy rains and high tides.
- 7) We are in the process of budgeting for a new Town Hall. Town Hall currently staffs all our Town departments, our Police, and Public Works. This project will be constructed without any additional taxes or assessments to any of our residents. We hope to have a preliminary plan by year-end.

I am pleased to say that all our projects to date are within our financial budgets and if weather permits, they should be completed within our projected time frame.

During 2018 the Town Council and I, along with the assistance and guidance of the Building Advisory Board and the Town Administration, have made some much-needed revisions to our building and compliance codes along with the Towns Master plan. These changes will improve both existing homes and any new development within the Town.

I personally want to thank all our residents who serve on our Building Advisory Board, Beach Committee and our Public Safety Committee. Your dedication and your hard work are very much appreciated.

With hurricane season quickly approaching, I cannot emphasize enough to please prepare your homes. As we all learned from prior years, preparation is so important. This includes cleaning up all loose landscaping and securing your home. Even though our utility lines are underground I want to remind our residents that the feed to our utilities come from both the North and South sides of Town. If those lines are affected by bad weather or an unforeseen event, this will affect the power throughout Golden Beach. A home generator is highly recommended.

I want to thank the Town Council for working so hard with me on what we have accomplished. I also have to thank our Town Manager and his dedicated staff for making all this come to fruition, I feel we are so fortunate to have such a hard working and dedicated staff.

Please don't forget that throughout the summer there will be food trucks available at the beach pavilion and we encourage residents to take advantage of this. Keep an eye out for additional recreational activities that will be offered by our Resident Services Department. I also hope everyone takes advantage of all our new beach amenities.

I hope everyone enjoys their summer and as information comes into my office relating to Town affairs I will do my best to disseminate it as quickly and efficiently as possible to you, the resident.

As always, I cannot thank you enough for all your support.

Thank you,



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