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Letter FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Residents:

I hope everyone enjoyed their spring break with their families and had a happy Easter and a happy Passover.

The Town Council and Town administration are working extremely hard to move our existing projects toward completion, as well as plan and discuss the Town's future projects and their corresponding budgets.

The Town has made immense progress over the past several years with enhancing our Town's amenities and replacing the Town's infrastructure and at the same time, to continue beautifying our Town. Over the years we have completed these projects with the support of our residents and without any additional financial burden. As we discuss and explore any new projects, we plan to follow that same course.

Our projects which are currently underway are progressing as planned and within the approved budget. Their status are as follows:

- Upgraded and Renovated Police Gate House (Phase I) to be completed during the month of April
- A recently approved Phase II of the Gate House renovation project will include modernizing the fountains and the signage at the beach, along with landscaping upgrades adjacent to the Police Gate House. Phase II is slated to be completed in June
- Installation of a new Street Lighting System to commence in late summer
- Final Permitting of our canal maintenance project is set to be completed by October

We are also excited about our Beach and Beach Pavilion Project(s): renovated restrooms, additional outdoor showers and new amenities will be ready by summer. Then we will commence a new project, recently approved by the Town Council, making critical restoration efforts on our Historic Pavilion, including replacing its floor.

I would like all of our residents to know a few facts about the future projects we are considering for the Town of Golden Beach:

The Town Council and I have no plans to develop or sell the Center Island boat lot. This property has historic significance and collectively belongs to the Town and its residents (if you have not visited this area at night, do so. It's breathtaking).

There is a critical need for addressing the many deficiencies with our existing Town Hall and although our Town Manager has done a great job of keeping it operational, the Town needs to review the future of that facility. Last month the Town Council and I commenced this discussion and I was very pleased to see many of our residents join us in this dialogue. As I mentioned at the meeting, we are keeping all of our options on the table. This project may include the possibility of building a civic center and allowing for the Miami-Dade Fire Department to have a small station in Town. As with all projects, there are vast amounts of information and costs to consider. We cannot be shortsighted.

With that, NO decision has been made nor will be made without first allowing your voices to be heard. As our residents, you come first and your support for any project moving forward is second to none. These projects are in the discussion stage only. Over the next several months the Town Council will discuss our options and decide what is the best option for our Town and our residents.

We are continuing to look for additional ways to keep Golden Beach residents safe and secure by enhancing our Police Department with resources and training.

The Town Council and Town administration are working hard to continue to improve our community and make the Town of Golden Beach like no other place in the country. As always, any comments or suggestions are welcome and please know that both my time and that of the Town Manager are available for the residents.

YOUR MAYOR,

Mayor Glenn Singer



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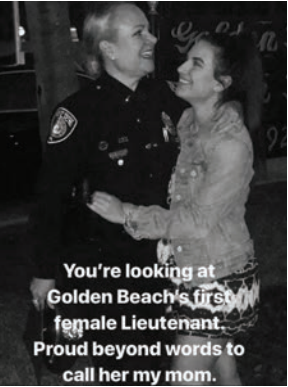
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Spring Break Fun!

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

The Town sponsored some exciting Spring Break programming for kids, including Movie Night in South Park, a Jenga Night at the Beach, and various other opportunities to get sporty. Looks like everyone had a blast!



Bagels ON THE BEACH RETURNS

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN



Residents bellied up for a bagel and a schmear at last month’s “Bagels on the Beach.” The get-together is a Golden Beach tradition; what’s not to love about a delicious breakfast spread while enjoying the sun and surf at the Beach Pavilion? Missed out on this event? Don’t despair, we have plenty of fun coming up, check out the Golden Beach calendar in this issue to find out what great offerings we have scheduled throughout the year.



GBYLC Raises Money FOR LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

Members of the Golden Beach Youth Leadership Group set up a table for a good cause at last month’s Bagels on the Beach event. While many minds were on pairing the best bagel with the ideal schmear these industrious teens were raising donations for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, an organization that provides aid for those living with the diseases and works to help find a cure.

Golden Beach resident Jacqueline Cassuto, a junior at Alonso and Tracy Mourning High School and current Co-President of the Golden Beach Youth Leadership Group spearheaded the project. She came up with a novel incentive for those to open their pockets. Customized bracelets, embossed with the donor’s initials or other significant message, were given to those who donated to the cause. In just a couple of hours the group was able to collect more than \$150.00 to send to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Great job, everyone!

Golden BEACH

Calendar OF EVENTS 2018

APRIL

Wednesday, April 11 – *Trash Can Cleaning Begins, will continue over next 2 weeks*

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

Tuesday, April 24 – *Bulky Waste Pick-Up*

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*

Tuesday, May 22 – *Bulky Waste Pick-Up*

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*

Tuesday, June 26 – *Bulky Waste Pick-Up*

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*

Tuesday, July 24 – *Bulky Waste Pick-Up*

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 – *Bulky Waste Pick-Up*

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*

Tuesday, September 25 – *Bulky Waste Pick-Up*

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*

Tuesday, October 23 – *Bulky Waste Pick-Up*

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*

Tuesday, November 27 – *Bulky Waste Pick-Up*

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

DECEMBER

Tuesday, December 18 – *Bulky Waste Pick-Up*

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

Spring break is over and the summer days are fast approaching again. As we enjoy our summer sun and seasonable weather please keep in mind to play it safe while having fun in the sun.

Remember that clothing is our first line of defense against the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays. A long-sleeved shirt and pants covers more skin than a t-shirt and shorts. Also wearing a hat minimizes the exposure to the sun.



As a reminder the Golden Beach Police Department continues to work diligently to improve the quality of life of all of our residents. In doing so we are constantly training our officers so they can be prepared for any possible situation. Police officers need more than just mental alertness and physical strength to be fully prepared to engage in conflicts. To maintain order and protect citizens, police officers must be able to make split-second decisions that may be ethically and legally complex and

which may call for advanced tactics and coordination. Adequate preparation in all aspects of community involvement is necessary to do an effective job. In an effort to facilitate that, the Golden Beach Police Department puts its officers through ongoing training whether in-house or at other facilities nationwide.

Our training protocols can be more rigorous than the Florida Department of Law Enforcement requires. This added level of expectation is in place to ensure proficiency and to enhance the officers' personal careers. The Golden Beach Police Department also encourages officers to develop their personal educational career by attaining college or university degrees. The Town Manager and Mayor are very conscious of the benefits of our officers being well educated and encourage them to obtain higher learning educational degrees as enhancements to their personal lives and to assist in job performance. To date the Golden Beach Police Department has five (5) officers including administration staff with Master's Degrees; eight (8) officers with Bachelor's degrees and one (1) officer with an Associate's Degree.

On March 13, 2018, during the council meeting, Sgt. Leila Perez was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and Officer Julio Soca was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Lt. Perez has been with the GBPD for 11 years and had been promoted to Sergeant on May 2014. Lieutenant Perez will oversee the Field Operations Division which encompasses the Field Patrol Units, K-9 Units, Marine Patrol Unit, Motor Units, Part Time Officers and Beach Attendants. Sergeant Soca has been with the police department for close to four years and during his short tenure he has gone from being a Part-Time Officer to Full Time Officer. He also joined the Miami Police Department K-9 school and graduated on December 2016. In February 2017, while assisting the Miami Shores Police Department in locating an armed burglary suspect, Officer Soca was shot twice. Since that fateful night, Officer Soca has not only recovered from his injuries, but he has also earned his Bachelor's Degree from Union University and finished number one on the promotional list which led to his promotion to the rank of sergeant. The Department was proud to honor both Lieutenant Perez and Sergeant Soca at the Town Council Meeting. Congratulations to them both!

On March 15, 2018, the Golden Beach Police Department participated in their annual firearms qualifications at the Medley Police Firing Range. Despite state standards requiring officers to qualify with their firearms every other year, for optimum quality of service the Golden Beach Police Department has its officers qualify annually.

The Department is participating in another notable training this month. In cooperation with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) the Golden Beach Police Department will be conducting a two-day comprehensive simulation training exercise. The exercise will allow for the evaluation of our police officers' response to service calls, tactical reaction to a possible threat, perimeter response and responsibilities, stress awareness, radio communications, defusing critical situations, and more. For the most accurate experience, and due to the complexity and seriousness of this kind of training exercise, the Town may need to close segments of our streets momentarily as part of the training and evaluation. Additionally, during this training officers may utilize emergency equipment including K-9 dogs, if necessary. The training will take place inside the Town at 407 Golden Beach Drive on April 18 and 19, 2018, from 8am to 3:30pm.



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Police BEAT

I would like to address an ongoing concern in Town; the police department has received numerous calls about drivers violating traffic rules including drivers not fully stopping at the stop signs and going over the posted speed limit. We are aggressively addressing this concern and have found that residents are often the offenders. I would like to ask everyone to be mindful that safety is of the utmost importance. We have children walking to school, riding bicycles or playing around the parks. Please be aware of any and all pedestrians. Also, as a reminder, if you are riding a bicycle, State Statutes mandate that cyclists govern themselves as if they were driving a car when it comes to following the established traffic laws.

One last development in Town occurred this past month. On March 22, 2018, a white, male subject slipped into a truck, which had been left running with the keys in the ignition at 421 Ocean Boulevard. The perpetrator attempted to steal the vehicle

and fled northbound on Ocean Boulevard. The subject was quickly apprehended by Golden Beach Police Officers with the assistance of the Hallandale Police Department. I would like to recognize and commend Golden Beach Officer Edsel Carrasco for his swift actions in confronting and apprehending the subject. The truck was returned back to its owner.

In closing, I would like to emphasize that the Substation Police telephone number (305) 935-0940 or (305) 935-0941 SHOULD NOT be used for emergency calls, but for NON-EMERGENCY calls. If you perceive an emergency and/or if you have an emergency, you should call 911 immediately.

YOUR CHIEF OF POLICE,

Rudy Herbello



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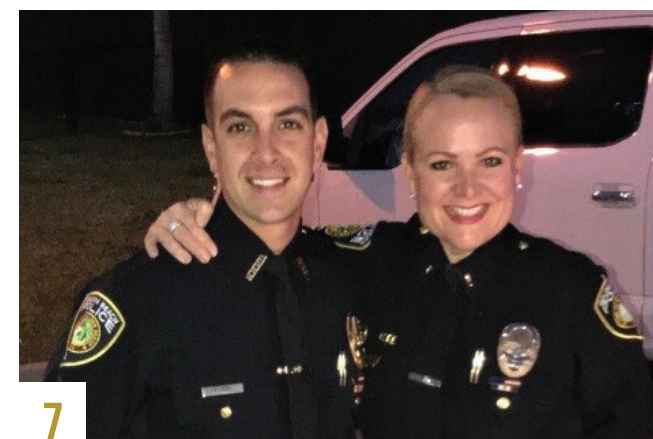
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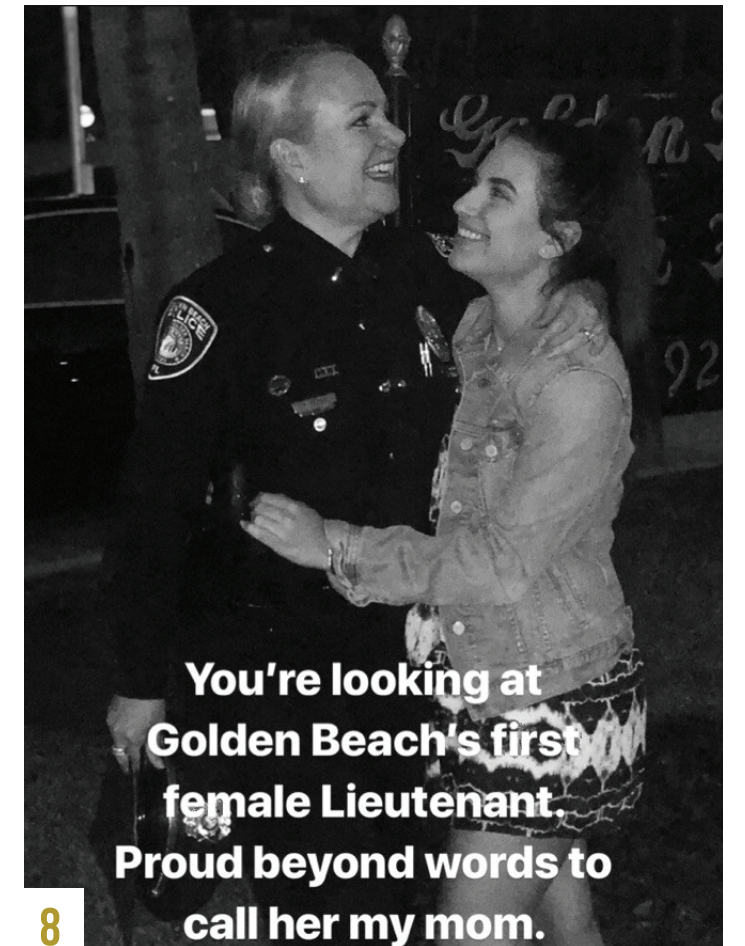
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5. FRIENDS, FAMILY & FELLOW OFFICERS CAME TO SUPPORT THE NEWLY PROMOTED LIEUTENANT & SERGEANT
6. SERGEANT SOCA IS PINNED BY HIS FATHER
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Collaborating on sustainable and responsible solutions for our future

Miami-Dade County is a vibrant economic hub. Long-term planning that successfully addresses our community's unique and complex issues is critical. FPL and Miami-Dade County are collaborating on a multi-year, multi-phase plan to deliver significant benefits now and in the future.



FPL's innovation powers the County's needs today and for generations to come.

Committed to providing innovative solutions to better serve our customers



Adding 1 million solar panels

FPL is expanding our solar footprint with an additional 1 million solar panels across the County in the coming years. This includes the first solar power plant in the County – the FPL Miami-Dade Solar Energy Center – which will be built by mid-2020. Today, FPL operates several solar installations in Miami-Dade, including a solar array that doubles as a research facility at Florida International University's College of Engineering and Computing.



Planning for an advanced reclaimed water facility – a unique conservation solution

FPL and the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department have been collaborating to develop a system that would treat and reuse County wastewater at Turkey Point. The system would deliver up to 60 million gallons a day of treated wastewater to an advanced reclaimed water facility. There it would be cleaned further and used as a source of water to cool the natural gas unit as well as help protect water quality in the cooling canals that serve the nuclear units.

The high-quality reclaimed water would minimize the use of water from the Floridan aquifer and support the restoration of a balanced and healthy ecosystem in the cooling canals.



Enhancing and extending carbon-free energy capacity

FPL's smart, innovative long-term investments have resulted in an emissions profile that is 30 percent cleaner than the U.S. industry average and typical customer bills that are among the lowest in the country. Key to this strategy is our Turkey Point power generation complex, which includes one high-efficiency natural gas unit and two zero-emissions nuclear units. FPL has invested more than \$1 billion to modernize Turkey Point's nuclear units. FPL filed with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to renew the units' licenses to enable the operation of this vital, 24-7 carbon-free energy source through 2052 and 2053.



Expanding the use of battery technologies

Battery storage technologies will play a key role in the future of energy in Miami-Dade. FPL is researching a variety of applications for battery technologies, including grid stabilization, managing load at peak times of electricity demand, as well as pairing batteries with solar power which will improve reliability. FPL's plans in Miami-Dade also include a battery project that would directly support the County's Metrorail system and electric-vehicle charging stations at or near County facilities.



Innovation is at the core of the FPL and Miami-Dade collaboration, including the advanced water treatment Plant. FPL also plans to pilot a floating-solar technology – solar panels installed on systems that are deployed in a body of water. FPL plans to install a cutting-edge battery storage system to research the potential benefits to customers.



FPL currently operates several solar installations and battery-research facilities in Miami-Dade County and plans to expand these initiatives, beginning with our first solar power plant located in southwest Miami-Dade County.