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Letter FROM THE MAYOR



It is my hope that you have had a safe and enjoyable summer. If you have been traveling this summer, welcome back home.

I am excited about the progress we have made with our Town projects. We have completed the Guardhouse/Police Substation Project and the Beach Pavilion bathrooms and enhancements – adding many additional features to our beach. The Beach Pavilion itself should be completed by the end of the month. The Street Lighting Project is underway and should also be complete by the end of October. Thus far, all of the Town’s projects have been completed at or below our budgeted amounts.

We have finalized our 2018-2019 Operating Budget, and will be presenting it at the September 12th First Budget Hearing. We are pleased to announce that we were able to keep our millage rate at a combined 8.4 mills. I am extremely proud of our Town Manager and staff as they have worked diligently to improve the services provided to our residents without raising the millage rate.

Because of the capital improvements we have made throughout the Town, new construction and remodeling, our home values have increased to \$1.095 – billion dollars; this is a 5.8% increase in one year.

We look forward to the upcoming year where our focus will be canal dredging and maintenance, beautifying A1A (Ocean Boulevard), the Center Island Pump Station, and planning for a new Town Hall.

With safety always in mind, be aware of pedestrian and bicycle traffic as you drive through Town. Please join us for our 3rd Annual Golden Beach 5K Run/Walk on September 16, 2018. Contact Town Hall for additional information. You can also register online at www.goldenbeach.us.

We continue to dedicate all of our efforts to providing exceptional services to the residents of the Town of Golden Beach.

YOUR MAYOR,

Mayor Glenn Singer

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From THE TOWN MANAGER

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own Manager Alexander Diaz has been responding to Residents' questions regarding water safety, one of which is included below.

Q: If the bacteria is not caused by a defect in Town facilities, why does the issue seem to be isolated to our area and not affect other nearby communities?

A: Town's request from the State to have regular testing has allowed us to detect the appearance of bacteria in our area. It is important to note that not all beaches in the area are tested, and when they are, the distance between testing sites are very spread out. Two years ago the State and County stopped testing all beaches as part of budget cutbacks and now perform random testing. That same year, the Council and I began hiring the State to perform weekly tests at various locations on our beach as a precautionary measure. The Town now receives weekly test results that we closely monitor for any changes. As far as possible



disparities with our waters and those of other local municipalities, I cannot speak as to what decisions other municipalities have made as far as water testing, but we feel it is important to regularly monitor our portion of the beach. Budget cuts often affect municipalities' ability to perform water monitoring at the same level of frequency that Golden Beach has chosen to adhere to. We feel it is important to the health and quality of life of our Residents to know the condition of our water. The Town also acknowledges the bacterial bloom has emerged at the same time that we've seen an increased appearance of seaweed on our shores. The Town administration is actively looking into both issues, and the correlation that may exist between the two.

Please feel free to reach out to the Town Manager should you have any additional questions or concerns, (305)932-0744 ext 224 (office), (786)236-4211 (cell), alexdiaz@goldenbeach.us



South Gate Access: A response from the Town Manager

Residents have voiced questions regarding the use of the South Gate for vehicle access. The Town of Golden Beach is bound by a settlement agreement with Golden Gate Estates that does not allow for Golden Beach Residents to use the South Gate for everyday traffic. Through conversations with the Golden Gate Estates community, we have been able to flex the agreement to allow exiting through the South Gate for transponder-equipped Residents and staff. It is important to note that this measure is a pilot program, which may be subject to change or discontinuation. Golden Beach Residents are only permitted to enter through the South Gate in the event of an emergency or a declaration by my office. In regard to the new LED notification board at the South end of Town, the display sign may be removed and relocated if/when the program changes.

Golden BEACH

Calendar OF EVENTS 2018

ON ALL FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS THE NORTH AND SOUTH PEDESTRIAN
GATES SHALL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 12AM

SEPTEMBER

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

*Please note Construction is not allowed

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

September 9-11 – Pedestrian Gates will be Open until 1AM

Wednesday, September 12 – First Budget Hearing – Town Hall – 7PM

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

September 18-19 – Pedestrian Gates will be Open until 1AM

September 23-25 – Pedestrian Gates will be Open until 1AM

Tuesday, September 25 – Bulky Waste Pick-Up

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

Thursday, September 27 – Final Budget Hearing & Special Town
Council Meeting – Town Hall – 7PM

September 30-October 1 – Pedestrian Gates will be Open until 1AM

OCTOBER

October 2 – Pedestrian Gates will be Open until 1AM

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

*Please note Construction is not allowed

Friday, November 23 – Town Hall Closed

Monday, November 26* – Town Election Packets available for pick up

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

*Please note Construction is not allowed

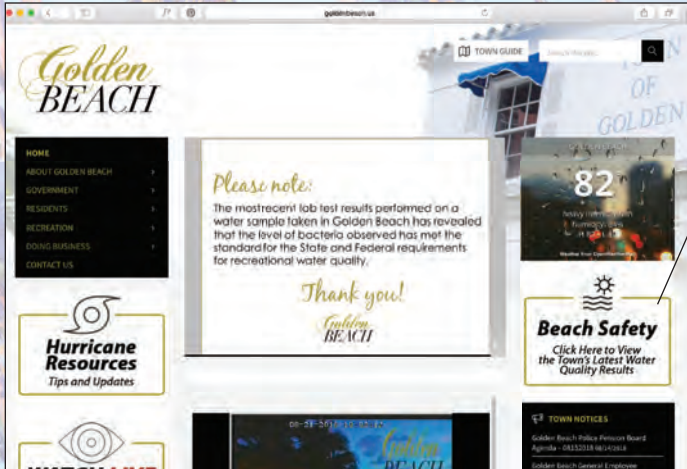
Monday, December 31 – New Year's Eve – Town Hall Closed

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

**Qualifying period for election begins date 1/2/2019 – 1/8/2019*

Town Election Date is February 19, 2019

Did You Know?



You can now check the water quality at the Town Beach at www.goldenbeach.us. Visit the Town website and look for the link to the latest results underneath the box for Weather. The Florida Department of Health will post updates on the conditions of the Town's beaches as they become available.



Using climbing spikes when trimming palm trees can damage or kill trees. Encourage your landscapers to use ladders or bucket trucks when performing maintenance on palms.



The seaweed that has crowded our shore this summer is the sargassum seaweed, and its appearance on shore is a natural annual occurrence. The amount of seaweed that makes it ashore is dependent on multiple factors including, wind, water temperature and tidal flows. This year we saw an exceptional volume of sargassum seaweed, a phenomenon that was witnessed across the coast of Florida and throughout the Caribbean. The Town Manager addresses your concerns on page 4 of this issue.



Fire Hazards: Emergency Electrical Repairs

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

Residents must be proactive about the safety of their own properties. South Florida's heat and salt air can cause premature wear and deterioration of outdoor electrical components and their connections. Compromised electrical equipment can lead to fires.

Outdoor outlets, meter boxes, grounding, conduits, landscape lighting and pool equipment are among areas that can pose as fire hazards if not properly maintained.

INSPECT YOUR PROPERTY REGULARLY. DO NOT RISK A DANGEROUS OR EXPENSIVE SITUATION.

Should you be unsure of the safety of any of your outdoor electrical configurations, the Town can inspect the integrity of those components at no cost to you.

Should you need to make an emergency electrical repair contact the Town's Building & Zoning Department immediately. The Building Department will expedite all permits and there will be NO FEES for such repairs. Please note, this policy applies only to repairs, not to upgrades or new service.

Police BEAT

As the Summer continues to wind down and children are back in school there are a few reminders we would like to pass along to residents.

First, drivers should be aware of the possibility of children riding their bicycles to school. Parents of children who ride bicycles should ensure that proper maintenance inspections have been performed to make sure everything is functional. Some important factors to pay attention to: bicycles must have reflective lights; children should wear bright colored clothing when riding a bike, and most importantly please stress to your children



they must follow all traffic laws. A second important reminder is to be sure that your children are current on their "back to school immunizations". The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County is urging parents to check their children's immunization record to see if they are due for any vaccines. Children entering Kindergarten and those entering 7th grade are normally due for a vaccine and need to meet the requirements for school entry. The Florida Department of Health is requesting parents check with their healthcare provider to confirm the status of their children's immunization records.

Even though summer is fading fast, we need to remind our residents that the hurricane season doesn't end until November 1st. This has been an unusual year, and thankfully we have not seen much wicked weather this season. Even still we are not out of harm's way just yet, therefore, we need to stay on target with our hurricane preparedness plan. Hopefully November 1st will come and go without any major weather system affecting us.

The Golden Beach Police Department continues its proactive approach to training our officers, preventing crimes and sponsoring community relations activities. Since my last column, we have sent officers to the City of Miami Police Department to get trained and qualified with AR-15 assault rifles, which are often used in various scenarios including hostage situations, active shooter calls or any other violent situation where there is an armed subject(s). In addition to the AR-15 training, we are sending 3 officers and one supervisor to a multi-agency Field Force training. Participating departments include Golden Beach, Aventura, Bay Harbor Islands, Bal Harbor, Surfside and North Miami Beach. This training focuses on mobilization of a Field Force formation in case of mass arrest, civil unrest or even in case we have a presidential or dignitary visit to the Town.

Additionally, the Golden Beach Police Department held a "National Night Out" event which is a nationwide community-police awareness event, held the first Tuesday of every August. This campaign promotes police-community partnership and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhood safer. Another event sponsored by the Golden Beach Police Department was the "First Day Back to School" event where police officers greeted students at the corner of The Strand and Golden Beach Drive, with a lunch box filled with school materials, treats, fruits and doughnuts. The Golden Beach Police Department also sent two motormen units to Norman S. Edelpcup Elementary School in Sunny Isles Beach, to assist with security around the school.

I would like to congratulate Golden Beach Community Service Aide (CSA) Juan Garfias who attended Union University and obtained his Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice. The Town of Golden Beach encourages employees to better themselves academically, and also assists them in doing so by assisting them with a portion of their tuition fees. The Department received an email from a motorist thanking Lt. Leila Perez for the help and support that she offered during a stressful episode on I-95. Officer David Guzman was awarded the "Officer of the Quarter" at the August Town Council Meeting. Ofcr. Guzman responded to a house fire, and without hesitation, entered the home to search for the owner who could not be located at the time. I would like

SINCE THE LAST ISSUE OF THE TOWN MAGAZINE, GOLDEN BEACH HAS NOT EXPERIENCED ANY MAJOR CRIME WITHIN ITS LIMITS. THE DEPARTMENT REPORTED A TOTAL OF NINETEEN ARRESTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY.

>> OUT OF THE NINETEEN (19) ARRESTS, FIFTEEN (15) WERE FOR TRAFFIC RELATED INCIDENTS; THREE (3) WERE MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS AND ONE (1) WAS A FELONY ARREST.

>> IN ADDITION TO THOSE NINETEEN ARRESTS, THE GOLDEN BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT ISSUED 328 CITATIONS FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.

>> THIS YEAR TO DATE, THE GOLDEN BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS ARRESTED SEVENTY-SIX (76) INDIVIDUALS, SIXTY-THREE (63) OF WHICH WERE CRIMINAL TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.

Police BEAT





to also commend my officers for a job well done as we keep receiving letters of commendations, emails praising their professionalism, and recognition from the Council Members and Town Manager

Since the last issue of the Town Magazine, Golden Beach has not experienced any major crime within its limits. The Department reported a total of nineteen arrests for the month of July. Out of the nineteen (19) arrests, fifteen (15) were for traffic related incidents, three (3) of them for misdemeanor arrests, and one (1) for a felony arrest. In addition to those nineteen arrests, the Golden Beach Police Department issued 328 citations for traffic violations. To date the Golden Beach Police Department has arrested seventy-six (76) individuals, sixty-three (63) of them for traffic criminal violations this year.

As usual if any resident has a concern, idea(s) or needs to see me for any reason, my door is always open or you can call me at (305) 936-2444 **and remember to report any suspicious activity directly to The Strand Gatehouse at (305)935-0940.**

YOUR CHIEF OF POLICE,

Rudy Herbello

Around TOWN

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

Golden Beach Shines Even Brighter: Thanks to Street Light Project



The Town took delivery of the new street light fixtures in mid-July and an installation began soon after. As this issue comes to press we expect the transition to the new fixtures to be completed.

Some important things to note while the street light project continues to roll out:

1. The new fixtures are equipped with energy-efficient LED bulbs.
2. When selecting these light fixtures, the Town opted for the lowest of color hue and least intensity for the maximum efficiency yet minimum intrusion.
3. These light fixtures are designed to push more lighting towards the street and sidewalk side and less light along the side that faces homes.
4. Lights are arranged in a "zig-zag" or "zipper" configuration. This staggering allows for proper illumination. Lights may be moved within a few feet if the current location is obtrusive, but any further repositioning could lead to blind-spots that could leave the Town exposed to lawsuits should someone injure themselves due to insufficient illumination; Lights cannot be moved beyond these limitations simply due to aesthetics.





The Crown Jewel gets a face lift



Anyone who has been to the beach in recent months couldn't help but notice major construction at the Beach Pavilion. The centerpiece of our community, it was romantically described by the Town's founders 90 years ago as a "jewel in an exquisite setting." After having an independent engineer examine the pavilion the Miami-Dade Office of Historic Preservation has recommended reinforcements to the four corners of the structure. The project is still expected to conclude by the end of September 2018.

Resident NEWS

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN



Updates to Tweddle Park

Over the summer Tweddle Park also gained some new amenities.

Upgrades include an expanded play area with new features, incorporating an ADA-rated play element promoting inclusivity. Additional and enhanced shade structures will now protect visitors of the playground from heat and sun.

Teens, “teens” and adults will all be excited to see the expanded exercise zone adjacent to the covered recreation area in the park.

All upgrades are expected to be completed by early September.

Around TOWN



North Park to become Jurassic Park

Yes, you read that title correctly, and no, we haven't lost our minds and renamed one of our Town parks after a dinosaur movie. "Jurassic Park" is the theme for this year's Golden Beach Halloween Party! North Park will be transformed into a playground of prehistoric proportions. There will be lots of fun, rides, music, amazing food and even a contest for best costumes! Join us on Wednesday, October 31 starting at 5PM in North Park!

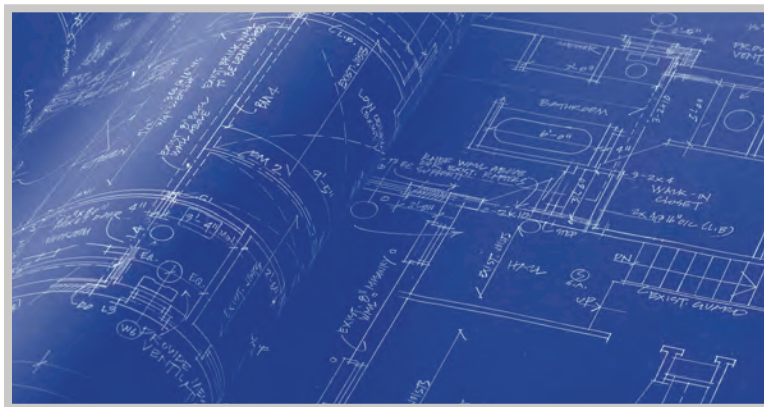


Resident NEWS

Town-Wide New Digital CCTV Project



Security continues to be a top priority in Golden Beach. As part of the Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) project new cameras will be added in Town and replacements will be installed where any damaged or analog cameras still exist. Money from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF) will cover the cost of this project.



Want to know more about the Civic Center Plans?

The discussion will continue at the October town council meeting, stay tuned for more details.

Notice to Residents: Water Service



The Town of Golden Beach is looking to gather a list of issues or concerns regarding anomalies in Resident water bills from the North Miami Beach Water Department (NMBWD). If you would like to be added to the list please contact the Resident Services Department at Town Hall at 305-932-0744 x245. Please note: the Town has no influence or control over rates charged by NMBWD, but the Town is willing to assist Residents with issues they may be having with their service or discrepancies in billing. Also, per the Department's policy your bill from NMBWD will announce any upcoming meetings being held to consider rate increases or changes to service.

Account Number

Meter Number

COMPARE YOUR USAGE		Consumption Rates (per 100 Gallons)	
Period	Gallons Used	WATER	SEWER
Current	24	\$ 6	\$ 1
Last Year	22	\$ 5	\$ 1

TOTAL DUE \$ 7

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North Miami Beach, FL 33162
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8:15am-6:15pm Mon-Fri. Closed Holiday

Around TOWN



Golden Beach Congratulates New Florida Senator Jason Pizzo

The Town would like to welcome new Florida Senator Jason Pizzo.

Jason Pizzo is a proud father, husband, public servant and homeowner in a coastal community directly impacted by sea-level rise and climate change. After receiving his law degree at the University of Miami School of Law, he earned his reputation for compassion and determination as an Assistant State Attorney at the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office. In just under 5 years, he prosecuted over 35 jury trials to verdict, lead a newly formed unit investigating cold cases throughout Miami-Dade, and successfully focused on crimes involving exploitation of the elderly, animal cruelty and violent crimes.

Additionally, he previously served as a clerk in the U.S. Attorney's Office. His honors include the M.A.D.D. Prosecution Award of Honor and the CALI Excellence for the Future Award for Criminal Procedure. Jason holds a Master's in Real Estate Finance and Development from Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation (GSAPP) and a B.A. from New York University.

Jason's prior business experience also includes managing a private portfolio of development entities, for the acquisition, entitlement and construction of single-family, multi-family and commercial properties, where he is a partner.

Jason remains an active member of the Florida Bar and the North Miami Beach community, where he resides with his wife April, who serves on the Eastern Shores Homeowner's Association, and his twin boys, Jack and Julian.

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Sample Tax Bill for 2018-2019

Below you'll see an example for an example of a tax bill for a Golden Beach property assessed at \$3,000,000. Keep in mind, your values may change based on your individual assessed value, but millage rates will be the same for all properties in Town. To use this template to see how your property compares please visit www.goldenbeach.us.

Taxing Authority	Last Year	This is what you received in the Mail for if the Proposed Budget Changes were adopted; if the millage was increased.			The Town Council has tentatively approve keeping the Towns Combined Millage at 8.4 for the second year in a row.	
		Tentative Millage	Assesed Values	Tentative Budget	Town Council Approved Millage	Town Council Approved Budget
Miami-Dade County Wide	\$ 13,534.01	4.6669	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 14,000.70	4.6669	\$ 14,000.70
Fire Rescue	\$ 7,020.03	2.4207	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 7,262.10	2.4207	\$ 7,262.10
Library	\$ 823.60	0.2840	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 852.00	0.2840	\$ 852.00
Public Schools-State Law	\$ 14,181.00	4.5260	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 13,578.00	4.5260	\$ 13,578.00
Public Schools-Local Board	\$ 6,519.20	2.2480	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 6,744.00	2.2480	\$ 6,744.00
Golden Beach	\$ 21,692.00	7.3960	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 22,188.00	7.4800	\$ 22,440.00
SFWM District	\$ 394.11	0.1359	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 407.70	0.1275	\$ 382.50
Everglades CP	\$ 136.59	0.0471	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 141.30	0.0441	\$ 132.30
Okeechobee Basin	\$ 428.33	0.1477	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 443.10	0.1384	\$ 415.20
F.I.N.D	\$ 92.80	0.0320	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 96.00	0.0320	\$ 96.00
Childrens Trust	\$ 1,450.00	0.5000	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	0.4673	\$ 1,401.90
Voter Approved						
County	\$ 1,160.00	0.4000	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 1,200.00	0.4000	\$ 1,200.00
School	\$ 533.60	0.1840	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 552.00	0.2200	\$ 660.00
Fire	\$ 21.75	0.0075	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 22.50	0.0075	\$ 22.50
Golden Beach	\$ 2,668.00	1.0040	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 3,012.00	0.9200	\$ 2,760.00
Total	\$ 70,655.02			\$ 71,999.40		\$ 71,947.20

Over All Difference	\$ 1,292.18	1. Enter Last Years Total in the areas shaded lightblue.
Golden Beach Last year vs. This year	\$ 748.00	2. Enter Assesed Values in the areas shaded light green. Caution; make sure to enter the right values as the school assesed values are not the same as the other taxing authorities.

SAMPLE

Tax Dollars designated for Miami-Dade County Use **\$46,747.20**

Tax Dollars designated for Golden Beach Use **\$25,200.00**



Keep in Mind:

Only the values highlighted in yellow go to Golden Beach. All other totals go to their respective designations across Miami-Dade County.

Portions of the Budget go to fund all of the Town's Departments, here is a sample of how some of those departments are funded: **Public Safety 33.06%**, **Public Works 13.03%**, **Roads & Streets 6.64%** and **Recreation 7.51%** for all other Departments and additional information please consult the Town's Annual Budget Report.

LOOKING TO ADVERTISE? ANY QUESTIONS OR INQUIRIES?

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FIRE (NON-EMERGENCY): 786.331.5000

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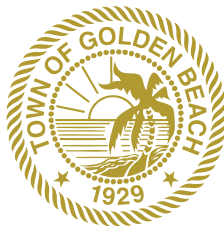
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