

Police BEAT



he Golden Beach Police Department has had a busy past few months.

On the first day of school, officers set up tables at The Strand and Golden Beach Drive and gave younger residents school supplies, treats and a lunch box.

The Department began this initiative 3 years ago to the acclaim of many residents. In recognition of September being Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, the Golden Beach Police Department helped raise funding and awareness of childhood cancers and the impact for sufferers and families of sufferers of childhood cancer. The Department fitted a police truck with a gold ribbon decal (the symbol of the cause) to promote the initiative. The police truck was even showcased during a Miami Marlin's baseball game.



The Department continues its training efforts to maximize officers' skills. During the month of September the Department sent Lieutenant Leila Perez to an FBI Executive Development Training Class and to the Field Training Officers (FTO) Training

course; she will be the FTO coordinator for the program. The FTO program is a probationary training phase where newly hired officers will need to prove proficiency in many facets of police work. During the FTO program officer's suitability for employment is determined. Sgt. Julio Soca and Detective Dan Rosenberg were also sent to the FTO training class in order to enhance the FTO program.

The Golden Beach Police Department had a mandatory centralized roll call where all employees assigned to the police department were in attendance. The centralized roll call was scheduled in order for the staff to reinforce the goals, objectives and mission of the police department. In addition they received training on the department's vehicle pursuit policy, license plate reader cameras, standard operating procedures, and animal abuse training.

Also, I was invited by the Aventura Marketing Council to participate in a community oriented gathering to network with community leaders, police staff, ALF staff members and residents.

YOUR CHIEF OF POLICE,

Rudy Herbello



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GOLDEN BEACH POLICE FACTS & FIGURES: SEPTEMBER 2018

457 CITATIONS ISSUED

>> 16 ARRESTS TOTAL

>> 13 FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

>> 2 MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS

>> 1 FELONY ARREST

THIS YEAR TO DATE

>> 92 ARRESTS TOTAL, 79 FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

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Around TOWN

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



< Thank you for your Patience, Street Light Project continues

We have heard your concerns regarding disruption of street lighting in some areas of Town while we work to finish the project. Please be aware that Florida Light & Power has redirected some of their crews to North Carolina to assist victims of Hurricane Florence with recovery of power in critical areas. This effort has put a slight delay on our street lighting project. Thank you for your continued patience. Please be aware that crews may also be diverted to assist in repairing damage inflicted by Hurricane Michael.

Notice to Residents: Water Service

The Town of Golden Beach is gathering a list of issues or concerns regarding anomalies in their water bills from North Miami Beach Water Department (NMBWD). If you would like to contribute to the list please contact the Resident Services Department at Town Hall at 305-932-0744. 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. Please note, NMBWD rolled out its new monthly billing cycle as of October 1, 2018.

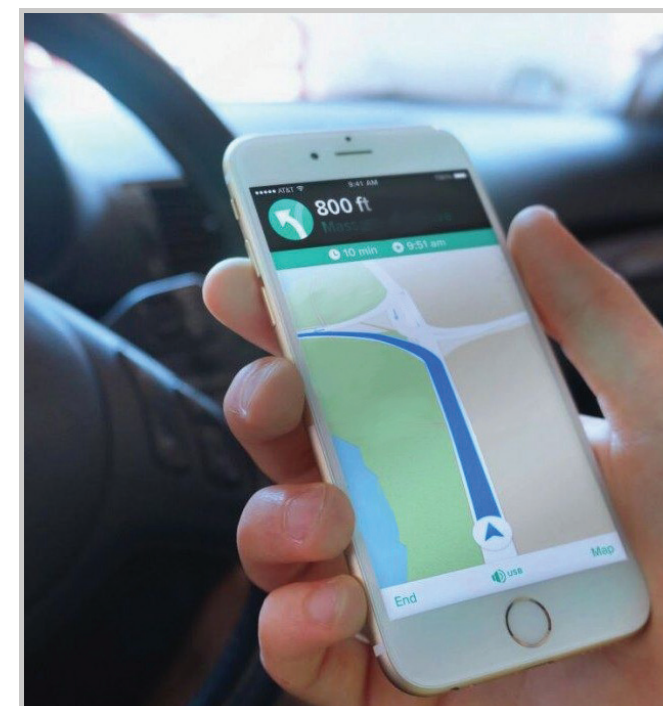


< A Visit with the Property Appraiser

Mayor Glenn Singer and Town Manager Alexander Diaz recently met with staff from the Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser's Office to discuss the best interests of the Town.

Canal Maintenance >

The Town will continue forward with its canal dredging project, scaling back costs from an original estimate of \$2 million dollars to approximately \$500,000. The project will address ease of navigability within the Town's intracoastal waterways. The project has been funded since 2014 and the 2018-2019 budget will fully fund the remaining balance.



Issues with GPS in Town?

The Town is aware that GPS for certain ridesharing apps and delivery services are sending drivers to Terracina as an entrance to Golden Beach. We have contacted various vendors to communicate that the only entrance to Golden Beach is through The Strand, but we also need your help. We encourage Residents to report issues directly to the affected app or service; the more reports that companies get from unique users will increase the likelihood that the issue will get attention.

Many apps work in tandem with Google. For information on how to contact Google and report an issue please visit:

<https://support.google.com/maps/answer/3094088>



eBlast: Town Council Agenda

If you would like to be added to the list of Residents who receive notifications when the agenda for Town Council Meetings is ready, please send an email with the subject line "EBLAST AGENDA" to mglidden@goldenbeach.us.

Town Makes Moves to Curb Flooding on Center Island

Golden Beach Town Manager Alexander Diaz has sought approval from the Mayor and Town Council to make a drainage pump on Center Island a reality. Center Island sits below the base flood elevation and can experience some localized flooding even if there has not been significant rainfall, as groundwater on the island can find its way to the surface when tides are high. The Town has already moved forward with enforcing new seawall height requirements (minimum of 5 feet high and maximum of 6 feet high) to keep ebbing waters from the intracoastal from leaching ashore.

The scope of the proposed pump project would include installing two pumps on the island that would divert water off the streets and pass it through a three-step scrubbing process which would eventually deposit it back into the intracoastal waterway.

In a meeting with Mr. Diaz he was specific that the installation would help alleviate many issues, but would not be a "cure-all." He explained that proposing a project that would end flooding altogether in one of the lowest lying areas of Town would mean the difference between an \$800,000 project and a more substantial \$3 million project, which would require several more pumps. The proposed two-pump plan will allow for water to drain in a "reasonable" amount of time after a storm; Mr. Diaz said he would expect water to drain approximately 8-10 minutes after rainfall stops.

In tandem with budgeted stormwater funds, the Town is applying for money from the State of Florida to complete the project. The State stipulates that the Town pursue the most economical, yet effective, answer. By finding a solution which uses existing outfalls and infrastructure the Town can avoid any disruptions to paving, curbs and gutters which would create costly additional expenses.

The proposed pumps are hidden below the surface of the ground and would be accessible by an access panel. Like the other pumps in Town, these pumps will only switch on when sufficient water is detected and will power down once the water has been drained. The pumps are described as "whisper quiet" creating a soft whirr when powered on, generating less sound than an average residential pool pump or air conditioning handler. The Center Island pump would not have a permanent generator installed, but rather an auxiliary generator that would be brought out only on an as-needed basis.

The project will be discussed in more detail at the October 30th Town Council Meeting. Mr. Diaz said we are looking at "what the Town can tolerate versus what the Town can afford" when it comes to this project; stressing that cost consideration is an important factor.

Around TOWN

Don't Find Yourself in the Doghouse: Pick Up After Your Pet

A bouquet of flowers, a platter of fresh baked cookies, or even finally returning that weed-whacker you borrowed last summer: These are all nice surprises you can give to your neighbor.

There is another surprise that has been spotted around town that has neighbors steaming. This "gift" is usually left behind by one of the four-legged members of the family and can ruin anyone's stride across the lawn to pick up the morning paper. Let's just say being a good neighbor includes picking up after yourself, especially if Fido leaves something behind on your walk. It's not just a courtesy, it's also the law. Aside from being stinky and altogether unpleasant, pet waste transmits disease. That can be disease spread from animal to animal, or even animal to human. Pet waste can also be washed into drains and that contaminated water can make it into our waterways, causing bacteria levels to rise and creating dangerous conditions. Golden Beach provides stations with plastic bags for picking up waste throughout Town and we ask for pet-owners to respect our shared spaces.

That said, the Town has a zero tolerance policy on pet owners or pet handlers who do not clean up after their pets. Pet owners/handlers who do not clean up after their pets are **committing a criminal misdemeanor which is prosecutable by the State Attorney's Office**. This means, residents, their staff and/or guests who walk their pets on public or private property and do not pick up the pet's waste will be cited without warning or exception. Non-compliant pet owners/handlers are subject to a **\$150.00 fine** without warning for each offense. Residents, please inform your staff, that the State of Florida has enacted a **mandatory hold policy** on undocumented individuals; a seemingly small infraction could have major consequences. Please be aware that the Town is using **surveillance**, including undercover Police Officers, to identify offending pet owners/handlers and will act immediately on anyone who is not in compliance. **Pet waste bag stations and trash cans** are available throughout Town for your convenience. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TOWN'S PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PICKING UP PET WASTE.**

So whether you're taking your animal for a spin around town or playing in the Town's dog park, be mindful and please make sure not to leave any "surprises" for those who come after. Avoid citations, be a responsible pet owner and clean up after your animals. Help us keep Golden Beach clean!



NO PARKING: Golden Beach Drive

The Town is cracking down on anyone parking in the street on Golden Beach Drive. Cars parked on one of the main thoroughfares of Town creates traffic snarls, dangerous blind spots and a general nuisance. Please be aware that the Golden Beach Police Department will ticket and/or tow cars that park on Golden Beach Drive. If you have an event or special circumstance that may require additional parking please contact Town Hall at (305)932-0744 for options.

Silence is Not Golden: A Message for Breast Cancer Awareness

Reminiscent of the pink-skirted islands of installation artist Christo and his wife Jean-Claude which floated in Miami's Biscayne Bay in the 1980's (which are featured in an exhibit currently running at the Perez Art Museum Miami [PAMM] in downtown Miami), the Town of Golden Beach once again created a pink lighting installation down A1A/Ocean Boulevard that was illuminated every night in the month of October, serving as recognition for Breast Cancer awareness month.



an early nurturer of my artistic creative efforts." Glidden adds, "The piece not only memorializes her, and others who have passed from the disease, but also serves as a stunning visual reminder to us all of the importance of breast cancer awareness."

The installation ran throughout the month of October from sundown to sun up.

The installation, which ran for its sixth year, is entitled "Silence is NOT Golden." A reinterpretation of the old proverb "Silence is Golden," it is an effort to create a heightened awareness for the disease. The up-lighting on the 144 majestic medjools that line the median area of A1A, has been sheathed in a pink film illuminating the palms in a rosy hue as tribute to all of those who have been touched in some way by this aggressive disease. Each of the medjools towers over thirty feet high.

A1A is a major thoroughfare connecting Miami-Dade County and Broward County, the connection meets right at the heart of the Town of Golden Beach. More than 20,000 cars traverse Miami-Dade and Broward counties on a nightly basis and witnessed Golden Beach turn pink. "All of us in one way or another have been touched by this disease, and when Michael approached me with his idea, I immediately jumped on the opportunity to pay homage to all of those who have battled with breast cancer," said Town Manager Alexander Diaz.

2018 marks the sixth year that the Town has illuminated the palms in this rosy hue. The idea for the installation was spear-headed by Town of Golden Beach Resident Services Director and artist Michael Glidden. Inspired by the passing of his aunt, Rosie Rindfleisch, from the disease eight years ago, he says "The concept seemed particularly relevant to me as my aunt, a graphic designer in Connecticut, was



Red Tide Algae: What to Watch For

Recently the Florida Department of Health called for beach closures along South Florida's Atlantic Coastlines with growing concerns that a Red Tide algae bloom may have made it as far south as Haulover inlet. Red Tide is a phenomenon with which most people living on the east coast of Florida have little experience, and there have been questions as to what to do in the event of a Red Tide algae bloom.

Things to look out for:

Respiratory irritation which can include itchy throat and coughing. Brevetoxins, chemicals produced by Red Tide Algae (*K. brevis*), may also irritate pre-existing respiratory conditions including asthma, bronchitis and/or chronic lung disease. Persons with asthma are advised to bring their inhaler to the beach during red tide or avoid the area until conditions improve.

Some swimmers experience **skin irritation and rashes** after swimming in waters with a severe red tide. They have also reported **eye irritation** from the sea foam.

In some red tides, dead fish and other sea life may wash ashore; during these conditions, it is advised that beachgoers **do not touch dead sea life**, avoid swimming in water where dead fish are present and if experiencing respiratory irritation, leave the beach area.

Effects of Red Tide can be felt particularly when **surf is agitated** and causes irritants to become airborne.