



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.

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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.

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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

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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, “tweens” 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.