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Letter from the **MAYOR**

Summer is quickly drawing to a close. That means school has started. Because safety is always a priority, please watch for children traveling back and forth to bus stops. Also, please obey the rules regarding stopped buses when they are picking up or dropping off passengers.

Each year, the Administration prepares the Town's Operating and Capital Budget which serves as our strategic and business plan. This allows us to work diligently in a manner that we can all be proud of.

Consistently, through the hard work of our Town Manager and our Town Staff, we have been able to keep the Town of Golden Beach millage rate constant over the past several years without reducing any services. In fact, each year our staff comes up with new, creative projects for us to enjoy. We have unfailingly met the challenge of successfully improving and maintaining our Town infrastructure and the services we provide to you, our residents.

Once again, we have benefitted from the gains realized by the South Florida real estate market. We acknowledge that the improvements made as part of the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) have been the impetus behind the increased market values and demand for homes in Golden Beach. This year, we have seen an increase in the Town's assessed value from \$1.090-billion to \$1.161-billion. As you have invested in Golden Beach by making this your home, the Council, myself, and the Administration commit to continue protecting your investment and helping it to grow.

I am delighted to announce that, because of the increase in assessed values and fiscal restraints by the Administration, the Town of Golden Beach is once again able to keep the millage rate this year at 8.4 mils. We are able to do so without eliminating any services, adding new activities and amenities, and maintaining our Town's infrastructure.

The increase in the values of the Town of Golden Beach can also be attributed to the construction that is ongoing. Currently we have twenty (20) new homes under construction and thirteen (13) homes that are being remodeled and/or adding additions.

I want to thank you for all the support throughout the years. I wish you all a wonderful start to the fall season and I look forward to all of the great things to come as we move in to the final months of 2019!

Your Mayor,

Mayor Glenn Singer



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Letter from your TOWN MANAGER



Town of Golden Beach
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September 17, 2019

RE: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGET

Dear Residents of Golden Beach,

As our current fiscal year draws to a close, it is my privilege to present the Proposed Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020. I encourage Residents to review the information that I have enclosed here. and to join us at our upcoming budget hearings which will be held at Town Hall on Tuesday, September 17th at 7pm and Thursday, September 26th at 7pm. This year marks my thirteenth budget in as many years as I've been your Town Manager. Thank you for the honor of serving you!

During this next fiscal year our primary focus will be preparing to build our New Town Hall as part of our Civic Center Complex Master Plan. It is only appropriate that our upcoming budget serve as our financial blueprint that allows the municipal government to sustain a vibrant Town that builds a sense of community spirit and pride with fiscally responsible government, the highest quality municipal services and infrastructure, a responsive and efficient staff, and innovative leaders who engage our residents.

The Town has reached \$1,160,543,438.00 in total taxable assessed value, allowing for a proposed combined millage rate of 8.4 per \$1,000, equal to the prior year's rate. The proposed Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan provides the most effective and efficient use of available resources necessary to achieve the short and long-term needs of Town as identified by you, the members of our Town Council. In addition, the proposed budget continues to review and analyze past, present and anticipated future financial conditions.

The proposed budget is balanced and sufficient to meet this year's operating goals. After review of all departments and programs by the Office of the Town Manager in conjunction with Department Heads, I am confident that the Town's financial resources are being maximized. The proposed General Fund operating



budget totals \$9,618,223. To show our commitment to fiscal restraint, we have a self-imposed restriction to new growth in our General Fund Budget of \$242,554.00, which can be used for non-recurring capital programs or new initiatives.

The Town's Debt Service Fund is now set at \$904,981.00, the full funding levels called for in the debt repayment schedule. During the three years when the Town had a decrease in the debt service repayment we realized a debt service savings of \$816,054.67 that was allocated to Capital Projects.

The Town is currently entertaining proposals for new Debt for our Civic Center of \$4-million. This new debt will not be secured through ad valorem dollars, instead we are pledging \$2-million from our anticipated forfeited assets and \$2-million with a covenant to budget. Once the Town Council takes action on this matter we will present a Budget amendment for inclusion in the 2019-2020 budget.

After reviewing our business practices we have decided to make fundamental changes to our operations moving forward to better serve our residents:

1. We believe that creating a Division of Sustainability within the Office of the Town Manager may be beneficial on a moving forward basis. This is why during the 2019-2020 fiscal year we will prepare a study/white paper on what functions and roles this division can be responsible for. But unlike the case in most cities and town's I do not buy into the concept that Sustainability issues are exclusively related to matters of the environment. Instead, our study will focus on how a new division can focus on both traditional sustainability issues, as well as issues that fall under the umbrella of sustainability such as: Building Community, Maintenance of Infrastructure, Landscaping and Urban scape, Aging Population, Growth, Fiscal Matters, Lifestyle Offerings, Personnel, and managing all liabilities.
2. The Building Department Permitting Process will be going through a third-party evaluation and a new more efficient streamlined process will be recommended for your approval; the firm Calvin, Giordano and Associates, Inc. will be developing our new policies and procedures for our new building department protocols.
3. Code Enforcement as a Division of the Building Department is being abolished.
4. The Police Department will have a new Division of Code Compliance with an emphasis on Compliance. This Division will fall under the responsibility of the Administrative arm of the Agency. But this is not simply a reorganization, it's a complete system overhaul with new policies, a new code and new procedures. NOTHING from Code Enforcement will transfer over, instead we will start from scratch.

Related to Capital Projects we will finalize our Canal Maintenance Project, Road Resurfacing Projects, Modernization of our Fountains at the Strand, and we will be adding a Pickleball Court to our recreational facilities. But our Priority will be to take the already completed Civic Center Complex Master Plan, issue the Request for Proposals, and Select a Responsible Respondent to Design/Build the elements called for in the

party inspect and make recommendations on the current state of our more than \$44-Million in Capital Investments we have made during the last decade.

In preparing the proposed budget we set some expectations to guide our planning:

- 3% increase to employees
- 5% for Insurance Increase
- Added One Full-time Position to Building Department
- Pension contribution increased from 25%-30% to reduce our unfunded liability. We are over funding our required contribution by an additional \$200,000.00
- \$25K for new non-employee Insurance costs
- \$35k+ increase in landscaping
- We adjusted Utilities based on a 3 year average
- Adjusted regular commodities based on a 3 year average and we validated each line item expense in each Department
- Provided for 3 Police cars, 3 non-car vehicles and replacement of boat engines

It is important to address the challenges that are on the horizon that will likely impact recurring operating expenditures, include rising health insurance costs and our upcoming union contract negotiations. A number of factors can influence the economic environment of local government budgeting, including: economic cycles, social and demographic change, legal and intergovernmental matters, and mandates. When the cost of living increases rapidly, pressure to keep wages current with inflation increases.

The recommended Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget continues to provide basic services and maintains the standard of quality our residents have come to expect, while continuing to adhere to the service level standards established by the Town Council and Town Manager. Because Golden Beach has reached close to buildout and has no growth potential; we must pursue strategies that promote more revenue stability – which have been built into the proposed budget.

The Mayor, Town Council and I are cognizant and committed to our number one priority of fiscal responsibility!

Fiscal responsibility is the ability of a municipal government to meet current financial, service, and capital obligations. Best practices in municipal finance demands the organization pay annual operational expenses plus one-time capital outlays for infrastructure to satisfy the full range of citizen demands. Golden Beach's fiscal health ultimately depends on its capability to meet its current service and capital demands in addition to its ability to sustain prosperity in the long term, while adapting to external influences. Therefore, reliance on stable revenue sources mitigates the negative consequences of future economic downturns. And prudent, conservative expenditure practices, are the hallmark to financial excellence.

Our Core Principles for the 2019-2020 fiscal year includes:

- Enhance the security and safety of our residents
- Maintain greater transparency and communication with our Residents
- Embrace the highest standards of service and fiscal stability

“At the forefront of how we govern is maintaining our capital projects, aesthetic appeal of our open spaces and parks, and the quality of life for our residents and employees. We should be vigilant on how future revenues will be used to off-set the demands on our services.”



- Maintain our community engagement through recreational programming
- Strive for an efficient and responsive government

R.W. and Henry G. Ralston had a grand vision for the patch of land that would become what is the Town of Golden Beach. Their plan was to build an intimate community, nestled on the ocean. It would be a respite from the hustle and bustle that would be attractive to city dwellers from up north who had grown tired of congestion and longed for the jubilation that ocean side living could afford. Their community would be strictly residential. No businesses, no noisy nightclubs or hotels with throngs of tourists clattering and clamoring about. Little did they know that 90 years later the Town continues to build and improve on their vision. The Mayor, Town Council and Town Administration have an unwavering dedication to enriching their community. In the past decade the Town has undergone a massive \$44-million Capital Improvement Project, and upgrades have been made to secure the Town's standing as a premier community in which to live in.

The Ralston brothers would undoubtedly be proud of the way their coastal dream town has evolved and grown, meeting the ever-increasing expectations of modernity while holding onto their original vision of a tranquil enclave of Oceanside splendor.

At the forefront of how we govern is maintaining our capital projects, aesthetic appeal of our open spaces and parks, and the quality of life for our residents and employees. We should be vigilant on how future revenues will be used to off-set the demands on our services.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Mayor and members of the Town Council for your selfless dedication to the Town and continued support of my administration.

A municipal budget cannot be put together without a lot of assistance from the Department Directors, their staff and their efforts to think anew about ways to improve the delivery of services. I am very proud of the efforts of our employees to continue to offer the highest quality of services. I am fortunate to be a part of a team that is committed to excellence and exemplary public service of the highest ethical standard.

In particular, I would like to thank our Town Clerk Lissette Perez and Finance Director Maria Camacho for their efforts in completing this year's Operating and Capital budget.

I have always been inspired and impressed with the Town Council's dedication and our shared love for the Town of Golden Beach. I have also been extremely humbled by the continued support they and our residents have shown to our Administration; Thank you!

By now I think we have all come to learn that Golden Beach has always been, and continues to be my priority! Thank you for allowing me the honor of serving you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alex B.

Alexander Diaz
Town Manager



Golden BEACH

Calendar of Events 2019



SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 – MINI-BOOTCAMP*, TOWN HALL PARK – 4PM-6PM
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 – FOOD TRUCK AT THE BEACH PAVILION: I D MAC N CHEESE – 12PM
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 – FIRST BUDGET HEARING & REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN HALL – 7PM
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 – DOGGIE DAY ON THE BEACH AT BEACH PAVILION – 4PM-6PM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21– FOOD TRUCK AT THE BEACH PAVILION:
SWEETBLENDZ (ACAI BOWLS) – 12PM
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 – BULKY WASTE PICKUP
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 – SHRED DAY, PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE AT TOWN HALL – 9AM-2PM
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 – MINI-BOOTCAMP*, TOWN HALL PARK – 4PM-6PM
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 – FINAL BUDGET HEARING & SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN HALL – 7PM
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 – MOVIE NIGHT, SOUTH PARK – 7PM
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 – FOOD TRUCK AT THE BEACH PAVILION: DON MOFONGO
(PUERTO RICAN/DOMINICAN FOOD – 12PM

*LIMITED AVAILABILITY RSVP ONLY EVENT, CONTACT TOWN HALL FOR DETAILS

OCTOBER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019- DMV LICENSE RENEWAL EVENT, TOWN HALL - 10AM-2PM
(DETAILS ON PAGE 26)
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9 – MINI-BOOTCAMP** – TOWN HALL PARK – 4PM-6PM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 – YOGA MORNING** – BEACH PAVILION – 8AM
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14 – COLUMBUS DAY - TOWN HALL CLOSED
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15 – REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – TOWN HALL – 7PM
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 – 5K RACE – TOWN HALL - 7AM
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 –BULKY WASTE PICKUP
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 – MINI-BOOTCAMP** – TOWN HALL PARK – 4PM-6PM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 – HALLOWEEN EVENT – NORTH PARK – 5PM

NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 - MINI-BOOTCAMP** – TOWN HALL PARK – 4PM-6PM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11 – VETERANS DAY EVENT – BEACH PAVILION - 5PM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11 – VETERANS DAY - TOWN HALL CLOSED
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14 – DOGGIE DAY ON BEACH - 4PM-6PM
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 – YOGA MORNING** – BEACH PAVILION – 8AM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 – REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – TOWN HALL – 7PM
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 - MINI-BOOTCAMP** – TOWN HALL PARK – 4PM-6PM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 –BULKY WASTE PICKUP
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 – THANKSGIVING DAY* - TOWN HALL CLOSED
*PLEASE NOTE CONSTRUCTION IS NOT ALLOWED
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29 – TOWN HALL CLOSED

DECEMBER

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 - MINI-BOOTCAMP** – TOWN HALL PARK – 4PM-6PM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 – BONFIRE AND S'MORES – BEACH PAVILION – 5-7PM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17 –BULKY WASTE PICKUP (SPECIAL DATE)
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE* – TOWN HALL CLOSED
*PLEASE NOTE CONSTRUCTION IS NOT ALLOWED
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY* – TOWN HALL CLOSED
*PLEASE NOTE CONSTRUCTION IS NOT ALLOWED
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 – NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY – BEACH PAVILION – 9PM-1AM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 – NEW YEAR'S EVE* – TOWN HALL CLOSED
*PLEASE NOTE CONSTRUCTION IS NOT ALLOWED

WE LOVE



FOOD TRUCKS!

By Michael Glidden

Summer Food Trucks are in full swing, if you haven't joined us already be sure not to miss out.

We are serving FREE food truck snacks at the Beach Pavilion on one weekend day a week for the months of August and September. Due to an increased demand, residents must redeem a voucher ticket for each date in order to collect food. The Town mailed out food truck voucher booklets in late July, please contact Town Hall if you have not received your vouchers. Food will not be given without a voucher ticket.

Check out the list of all our vendors and don't forget to come early, as supplies are limited! Each event is limited to 200 servings and service concludes once the budget for that day has been exhausted. **All family members must be present in order to collect food, no "to-go" orders are permitted.**

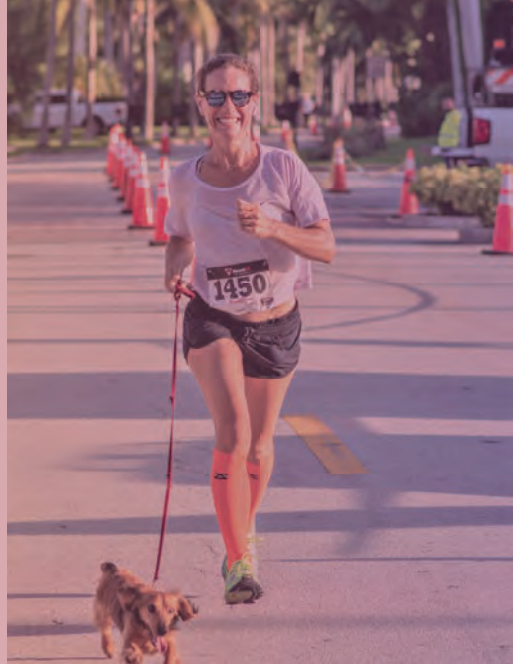
I ♥ Mac & Cheese (Macaroni and Cheese) // Sunday September 15

SweetBlendZ (Desserts) // Saturday September 21

Don Mofongo (Puerto Rican/Dominican) // Sunday September 29

COMING SOON: Golden Beach 5K!

By Michael Glidden



Lace up your sneakers and join us for the Town of Golden Beach 5K run/walk. On Sunday, October 20th at 7:00AM runners and walkers alike will take to the streets for a good cause. The proceeds raised from the event will benefit Best Buddies Florida, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-on-one friendships, integrated employment, and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

This year the course begins at Town Hall before heading north on Ocean Boulevard (A1A) and circling back to Town Hall via the Town's scenic streets and parkways.

We'll have plenty of food, fun and music to get you going; bring your family for a morning of fun!

Would you or your business like to be a sponsor for this event? Join other local businesses in supporting a good cause!

Gold Sponsor Level \$500

- Company Name or Logo placed on race t-shirt worn by runners
- Banner or merchandise prominently displayed at race (provided by sponsor)
- Prominent recognition in Town of Golden Beach Magazine (full page) \$1000 Value
- Prominent recognition on Town of Golden Beach local channel
- Booth/Table space on race day (If you don't have a table our Public Works team will provide you with a table and chairs)
- 8 Free Registrations

Silver Sponsor Level \$300

- Company Name or Logo placed on race t-shirt worn by runners
- Banner or merchandise prominently displayed at race (provided by sponsor)
- Prominent recognition in Town of Golden Beach Magazine (half page) \$500 Value
- Booth/Table space on race day (If you don't have a table our Public Works team will provide you with a table and chairs)
- 4 Free Registrations

Bronze Sponsor Level \$100

- Company Name or Logo placed on race t-shirt worn by runners
- Banner or merchandise prominently displayed at race (provided by sponsor)
- Booth/Table space on race day (If you don't have a table our Public Works team will provide you with a table and chairs)
- 2 Free Registrations

Contact Destiny at sabujarour@goldenbeach.us for details.

Visit www.goldenbeach.us now for registration and additional information.



Join



the Fun!

By Michael Glidden



This year the Town tested a series of social programming events and we'd like to know your feedback.

What would you like to see again? What are we missing? Are there ways we can make existing events even better? Your feedback matters!

Below are a list of the Town's Social Events, to let us know how you feel send an email to Director of Resident Services Michael Glidden at mglidden@goldenbeach.us, or call (305)932-0744 x245.

☐ Food Trucks on the Beach

☐ Painting & Wine Social

☐ Movie Night

☐ Yoga Mornings

☐ Youth Summer Events

☐ Doggie Day on the Beach

☐ Mini-Bootcamp

☐ Tennis Clinic

☐ Youth Spring/Winter Break Events

As it is the time of the year when our kids are heading back to school, our department saw students off on the first day back to classes again this year with special

treats and school supplies. Aside from pencils and pens and a positive attitude, there is also something important that every student should keep in mind when going back to school: safety. I would like to remind residents that it is extremely important for us to discuss safety with our children. We must stress to them the importance of not traveling anywhere alone. It's been proven that the buddy system works. It is also important to discuss how to safely navigate traffic situations. Children can often overlook caution in pursuit of the adventures that await them and their bicycles. It is critical to develop safe and defensive cyclist skills, instill the importance of wearing the proper protective gear, and have your children learn and abide by the rules of the road; many accidents can often be avoided by using precaution.

The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Immunization Program is urging parents to check their children's immunization records to see if they are due for any vaccines. Children entering Kindergarten and 7th grade are normally due for a vaccine and need to meet the requirements for school entry. If your child is due for a vaccine, please visit your child's healthcare provider or a health department clinic. The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County provides free back-to-school immunizations to children between the ages of 2 months through 18 years of age. If you need additional information, please contact the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Immunization Program at 786-845-0550.

In the coming months, our police department will be working once again with the Department of Motor Vehicles in order to host the Florida Driver License Renewal day (FLOW) event. This event conveniently allows residents to renew their driver's license in Town, instead of having to make an appointment at the Florida Department of Drivers License's sites. We will advise residents once the date has been decided for this year's event.

After a vigorous and in depth on-site assessment by the Florida Commission for Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA), I would like to extend congratulations to the entire police force, especially our Accreditation Manager Judith Jerome for passing the assessment. You might ask why it is so important for our police department to be accredited by CFA?

- Accreditation is a desirable award that symbolizes professionalism, excellence, and competence. It shows everyone that we are true professionals in the field of law enforcement.
- It assures our residents, local and state leaders of the quality of service delivered by our agency. It also increases confidence in our policies and practices as well.
- It assures that our police department is trained and functioning according to established procedures.
- It strengthens the agency's defense against lawsuits.

I would also like to recognize three police employees for an excellent job. First is Lt. Leila Perez who just completed a six month Mid-Management Police Training at the University of Louisville. She became the third staff member to complete the prestigious professional training. Second is Officer Jose Manuel Arguelles who completed the police academy and is presently assigned to the Operations Division, patrolling the streets of Golden Beach. Finally, CSA Brandon Jackson who completed the Public Service Aide Academy at the Doral Police Station.

Your CHIEF OF POLICE,

Rudy Herbello



Police BEAT



1. GBPD delivers 'Back to School' supplies and goodies 2. Lieutenant Leila Perez graduates from the Southern Police Institute 3-5. Community Service Aide Brandon Jackson graduates from the Public Service Aide Academy 6-8. Officer Jose Manuel Arguelles graduates from the Police Academy 9. One of the Department's "Police Meet & Greet" events held this summer



Town Offers Monthly Bulky Waste Pick-Up

By Michael Glidden

The Town offers a monthly bulky waste pick-up service. The designated day for pick-up will be the FOURTH Tuesday of every month (holidays excluded, check the Town Calendar for any possible changes to the regular pick-up schedule). This is a curbside service. Residents may leave items including furniture, cardboard boxes and other oversized household waste items for collection. No landscaping debris, construction debris (including toilets, sinks, etc), glass, paint or other hazardous materials will be accepted. Oversized items must be broken down in order to be picked up by the Town. Please note: for pick-up of appliances including refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc. Residents must contact the Public Works Department and pay a collection fee BEFORE putting items out. If you have any questions please contact Public Works Director Kirk McKoy at (305) 932-0744, extension 235 or kmckoy@goldenbeach.us.

**Information on the
Town's upcoming Shred Day
included on Page 25!**

Around Town

Some exciting things are brewing around Town.

Here's a quick breakdown of some things to expect:

Don't Be a Victim: Secure your Boat >

Recently Golden Beach and neighboring cities have been experiencing a sudden surge of GPS thefts from boats. The Golden Beach Police Department is working diligently to solve this matter and make arrests.

For Residents along our intracoastal waterways, we are asking that they keep the lights on in the rear of their property as an additional security measure. Please report any loss of belongings or suspicious activity immediately to the Substation.

We need your help! If you see anything at all that raises your suspicion, call the Substation at (305) 935-0940.



Texting & Driving: Put it Down!

A new Florida law signed by Governor Ron De Santis makes texting and driving a primary offense. If officers see you texting on your phone while the vehicle is in motion they can now pull you over and issue a ticket. Texting and driving while in a school zone or construction zone comes with additional penalties. Offenders will also receive points on their drivers licenses and be responsible for applicable court fees.

Stay safe, keep your eyes on the road, don't text and drive!



< South Island Draining

From time to time, you may notice water pooling on South Island. Please note that South Island does not have a pump station, therefore it depends on gravity for its drainage. Pooling water will subside on its own over time. Water seen on South Island is fresh water from passing showers or storms, and dissipates quickly, so it poses little threat to property or health. The Town does advise Residents to use caution any time there is flooding anywhere in Town.

Resident Perks: Shred Day >

The Town will be holding its "Shred Day" again on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 from 9AM to 2PM. Any Residents who wish to dispose of personal documents may bring them to the Public Works Department at Town Hall, where they will be collected and hauled off to be incinerated. For more information please contact Resident Services Director Michael Glidden at Town Hall.



Are you a University of Miami sports fan?

Golden Beach Resident Richard Newberg is looking for fellow UM fans to join a University of Miami Game Viewing Club. For more information, please contact Mr. Newberg at crunch1999@aol.com or 305-788-8888.

(Please note: this is a Resident to Resident sponsored initiative and is not affiliated with the Town)



Need to Renew Your License?

Looking for a simple way to renew or update your license? The department of Motor Vehicles will have their Florida Licensing On Wheels (FLOW) truck at Town Hall on Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM.

Appointments are required and space is limited. Contact Sheila Pirrone at 305-936-2444 for more information and to reserve your spot. Proof of identification is REQUIRED.

Please visit www.GatherGoGet.com for a full list of necessary documents.



Pickleball is coming!

So what is "pickleball" you may ask? It's a fast-paced mix of tennis, racquetball and ping pong. Pickleball is fun for all ages and abilities. You may have seen this trend creeping up in your social media recently and we're excited to be able to offer it as yet another amenity here in Town. Stay tuned for more details!

EBlast: Stay in the Loop via Email

For important updates in between issues of the Town Magazine be sure to sign up for the Town's email blast. We'll keep you updated on important dates, events or deadlines coming up, as well as other pertinent information. We know you're busy and don't always have time to read up on everything going on in Town, so we'll keep it simple, straightforward and informative. Don't miss another notice, sign up today. E-mail the Resident Services Department at mglidden@goldenbeach.us for inquiries.

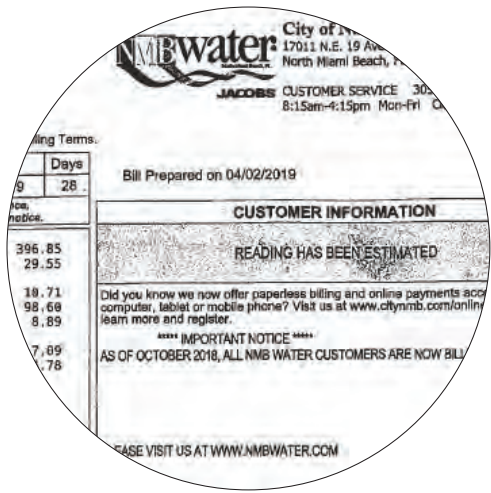


Water Billing

Some important updates on water service in Golden Beach: North Miami Beach Water will return to QUARTERLY billing beginning October 1, 2019.

Representatives from NMB Water will be at the September 26, 2019 Council Meeting to speak to Residents about water service and answer questions.

If you are experiencing issues with your water bills, the Town asks that you contact the Resident Services Department. Contact Resident Services Director Michael Glidden at mglidden@goldenbeach.us or call 305-932-0744 x245.



Around Town



Iguanas: What Can be Done?

We know iguanas have become more prevalent in Town, lurking on rooftops, crashing pool parties and nibbling on anything they shouldn't be. This invasive species has run rampant all over South Florida, so much so that the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission (FFWC) recently publically announced their stance on managing these critters. On their website myfwc.com FFWC explains that *"Green iguanas are not protected in Florida except by anti-cruelty laws and can be humanely killed on private property year-round with landowner permission. The FFWC encourages removal of green iguanas from private properties by landowners. Members of the public may also remove and kill iguanas from 22 FWC managed public lands without a license or permit under Executive Order 17-11. Captured iguanas cannot be relocated and released at other locations in Florida. Homeowners that trap iguanas on their property may be able to obtain euthanasia services from local exotic veterinarians, humane societies or animal control offices depending on the location and availability of services. If you are not capable of safely removing iguanas from your property, please seek assistance from a professional nuisance wildlife trapper."*

GIVE UNWANTED GUESTS A REASON TO LOOK ELSEWHERE

Watch what you plant.

Iguanas often set up camp where snacking is easiest. Avoid using decorative plants that iguanas find tasty. Some of their favorites include:

- Orchids
- Hibiscus
- Roses
- Purple Heart Plants
- Impatiens
- Nasturiums

They also enjoy eating some of our favorites too:

- Mangos
- Lettuce
- Kale
- Broccoli
- Squash
- Melon

Consider using plants that don't tempt iguanas:

- Citrus
- Crotons
- Thick or waxy leaved plants (iguanas prefer delicate, tender, new growth foliage)
- Knock out other food sources

Just like feral cats and raccoons, iguanas are also known to explore left over pet food. If you feed your pets outdoors be sure to clear the leftovers to avoid attracting other animals.

Don't give them a leg to stand on

You may have spotted an iguana gazing down on you from your roof and wondered just how it got up there. Inspect your property for branches or palm fronds that hang over your roof. Iguanas are known to climb to avoid detection.



Trim branches back from your roofline to prevent iguanas from having their own private rooftop sun deck.

Let them know they're not welcome

Have you ever had someone splash you while you were sunning poolside? Not cool. Well, iguanas feel the same way. If you spot iguanas basking in your yard try spraying them with some water from your garden hose. They'll likely look for another host with better hospitality.

Please note, the Town currently has an iguana eradication program, which consists of technicians humanely exterminating iguanas using high powered air rifles which kill the iguanas instantly. The Town's service covers common areas, including parks, bridges and other areas that iguanas may congregate. This is a generalized service to offset the iguana population, but should not be seen as a "cure-all" solution. As per Chapter 14 of the Town's Code of Ordinances, Residents are responsible for addressing wildlife on their own property, the Town may assist with periodic site visits, but Residents who have a localized critical infestation are strongly encouraged to enter into their own contract with a licensed extermination company.

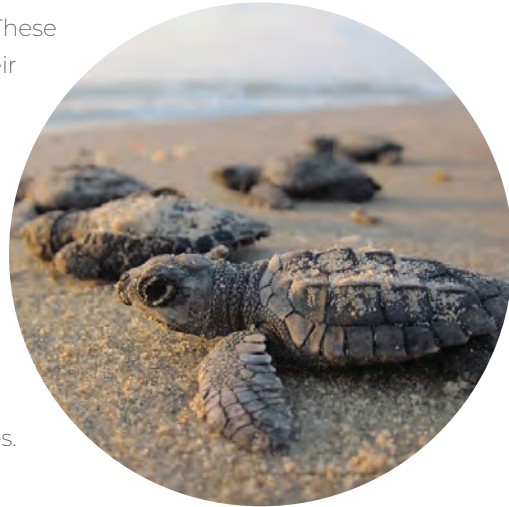
We also understand that Residents may be interested in learning more about how they may handle iguanas on their property, from deterring them from entering their property, to methods of removal and extermination. Join us at the September 26th Town Council Meeting, where we will have representatives from Blue Iguana informing Residents on their role in iguana control.

Do Not Disturb: Turtle Season

Sea Turtles are protected by the U.S. Endangered Species Act of 1973. These special animals choose our shores as their nesting habitat. Give them their space and do not disturb them during this important process. Penalties for disturbing sea turtle nests include hefty fines and/or prison time.

To report someone disturbing a Sea Turtle nest or an injured, dead or harassed Sea Turtle, call Wildlife Alert 888-404-FWCC (888-404-3922) or report it online at myfwc.com. Cellular phone users can also call *FWC or #FWC, or send a text to Tip@MyFWC.com.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife website contains other pertinent information on this and other issues regarding Sea Turtles and other protected species. Please visit:
<https://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/wildlife/sea-turtle>



Make sure the Town “Nose” if there’s a Problem



Unpleasant odors in the neighborhood can be a signal that something is not quite right. Whether it's a malfunctioning pump station, a stagnant sewer, or a possible leak, it's important to let us know if you've noticed a smell outdoors that seems out of place. Contact Michael Glidden, Director of the Resident Services Department via email at MGlidden@goldenbeach.us or call (305) 932-0744 ext. 245 with information regarding unusual odors; be sure to include the address and any other important details (the frequency or times of day the odors have been detected or any circumstances where the odors seem to intensify) so we can help correct the issue.



Paving & Utilities Notice

The Town will be milling and resurfacing Golden Beach Drive and is asking all Residents who are planning to install any utilities (gas, cable, internet, etc.) to do so BEFORE the project commences. Pavement will not be allowed to be disturbed for 2 years after the project is finished.

If you are planning any upcoming installations, please contact Town Hall immediately. All applications, permits, approvals and work must be completed by Friday, September 13, 2019 in anticipation of the start of the paving.

IT ALL COMES BACK



Bacterial blooms, beach closures, and that general skeezy feeling you get when you wonder why the water is unsafe to swim in; none of these things bring a smile to any South Floridian's face. Often time's people are quick to point the finger, thinking it must be septic tank leaching or a sewer pipe that's burst, but they fail to realize that they may be contributing to the issue themselves. If you own a boat, and you've ever offloaded your toilet into a waterway instead of a pump out station, you may want to reconsider ever doing that again. It comes back. As vast and open as our waterways may appear, a seemingly forgivable dump can have nasty consequences. Bacteria loves South Florida's sultry summer water temperatures just as much as we do, and it provides them a perfect breeding ground to reproduce and run wild. Do the right thing when it comes to offloading your boat, visit a local pump out station to safely empty your nautical waste, your neighbors and our beaches will thank you!



Health Advisory

Hepatitis A is caused by a contagious virus that infects the liver, and can lead to serious liver problems. There is a vaccine that prevents the virus.

The virus spreads through the feces (poop) of people who have the virus. If a person with the virus doesn't wash his or her hands after going to the bathroom, feces can transfer to objects, food, drinks or drugs. When these things are shared, other people can unknowingly swallow the virus. If a person who has the virus comes in close contact with others—like during sex—the virus can also spread.

People at risk are:

- In direct contact with someone who has hepatitis A.
- Homeless or in unstable housing.
- Injection or non-injection drug users.
- Travelers to countries where hepatitis A is common.
- Household members or caregivers of a recent adoptee from countries where hepatitis A is common.

The vaccine and handwashing can stop the spread. Talk to your health care provider or call your county health department (CHD) about the vaccine. Your CHD may have free or low-cost vaccine available. Wash your hands after you use the bathroom—alcohol-based hand sanitizers do not kill hepatitis A germs. Use soap and warm, running water and wash for at least 20 seconds.

Contact your county health department for a free or low-cost vaccine, or call the hepatitis A information line, Mon.–Fri., 8 a.m.–5 p.m., toll free: 1-844-CALL-DOH (844-225-5364). Or visit <http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/vaccine-preventable-disease/hepatitis-a/index.html>

Email: HepA@flhealth.gov

Feral Cats: What to Do & How You Can Help

Feral cats are an essential part of beach communities as they are natural hunters whose mere presence serves to control populations of rodents and other vermin.

WE STRONGLY ASK THAT YOU NOT FEED THE FERAL CATS; FEEDING CAN RESULT IN FINES.

Feeding cats inhibits their desire to hunt and can cause an increase in numbers of the pests they would normally prey upon.

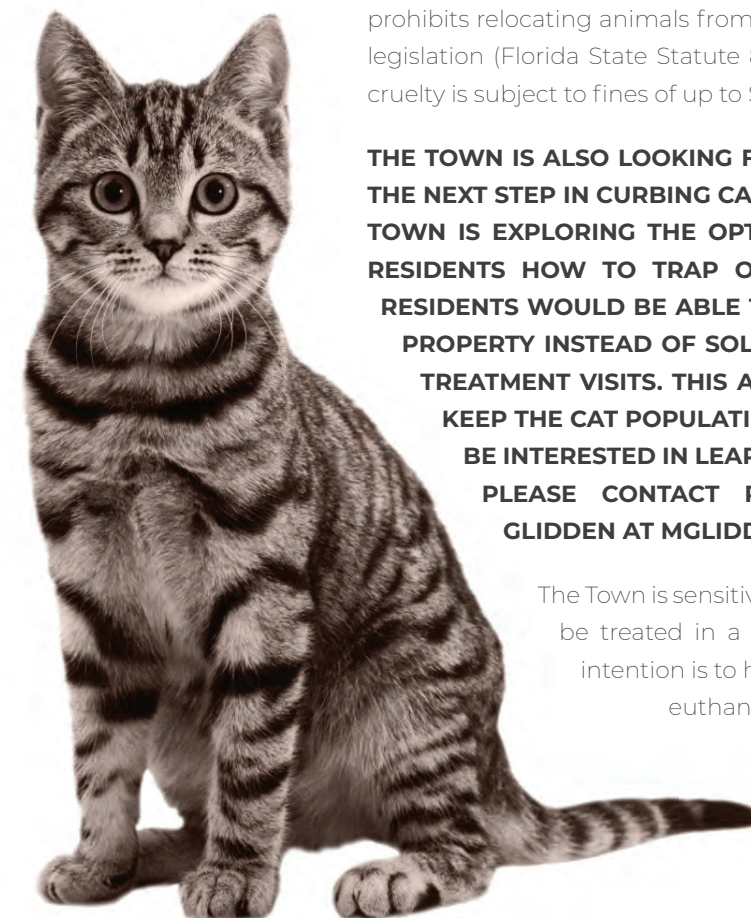
Feral cats are not domesticated and can be aggressive and unpredictable if they feel cornered or threatened.

The Town's feral cat initiative involves humanely trapping, treating, neutering and returning the cats, as long as they are healthy. This initiative helps create a cat population that is appropriate for a community our size.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

If you are a homeowner who has noticed feral cats congregating on your property and would be willing to have live traps set up around the outside of your home, please reach out to the Resident Services Department.

Please be aware that the treated animals are returned to the area they were collected; Florida State Law prohibits relocating animals from their native habitat under its cruelty to animals legislation (Florida State Statute 828.12 and 828.13). Anyone convicted of animal cruelty is subject to fines of up to \$5,000 and/or up to 5 years in prison.




THE TOWN IS ALSO LOOKING FOR RESIDENTS WHO ARE WILLING TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN CURBING CAT POPULATIONS. AS AN ADDED EFFORT, THE TOWN IS EXPLORING THE OPTION OF OBTAINING TRAPS AND TEACHING RESIDENTS HOW TO TRAP ON THEIR OWN PROPERTY. PARTICIPATING RESIDENTS WOULD BE ABLE TO CONSISTENTLY MONITOR CATS ON THEIR PROPERTY INSTEAD OF SOLELY RELYING ON THE TOWN'S THIRD-PARTY TREATMENT VISITS. THIS ADDED DOUBLING-DOWN MEASURE WOULD KEEP THE CAT POPULATION IN CHECK. IF YOU FEEL THAT YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THIS TYPE OF PROGRAM PLEASE CONTACT RESIDENT SERVICES DIRECTOR MICHAEL GLIDDEN AT MGLIDDEN@GOLDENBEACH.US.

The Town is sensitive to the concerns of residents that these animals be treated in a humane manner and we assure you that the intention is to help all of the animals that are healthy and not to euthanize unless completely necessary. The Town is also open to suggestions and recommendations as we look to humanely control the Town's cat population.

SAMPLE TAX BILL FOR

2018-2019

				
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 continued to tentatively approve keeping the Towns Combined Millage at 8.4				
Taxing Authority	Last Year	Tentative Millage	Assessed Values	Tentative Budget
Miami-Dade County Wide	\$ 20,907.46	4.6669	\$ 4,616,013.00	\$ 21,542.47
Fire Rescue	\$ 10,844.60	2.4207	\$ 4,616,013.00	\$ 11,173.98
Library	\$ 1,272.30	0.2840	\$ 4,616,013.00	\$ 1,310.95
Public Schools-State Law	\$ 19,173.05	4.5260	\$ 4,616,013.00	\$ 20,892.07
Public Schools-Local Board	\$ 10,127.12	2.2480	\$ 4,616,013.00	\$ 10,376.80
Golden Beach	\$ 33,509.99	7.4800	\$ 4,616,013.00	\$ 34,527.78
SFWM District	\$ 541.63	0.1209	\$ 4,616,013.00	\$ 558.08
Everglades CP	\$ 186.81	0.0417	\$ 4,616,013.00	\$ 192.49
Okeechobee Basin	\$ 586.87	0.1310	\$ 4,616,013.00	\$ 604.70
F.I.N.D	\$ 143.36	0.0320	\$ 4,616,013.00	\$ 147.71
Childrens Trust	\$ 1,977.90	0.4415	\$ 4,616,013.00	\$ 2,037.97
Voter Approved				
County	\$ 2,080.49	0.4644	\$ 4,616,013.00	\$ 2,143.68
School	\$ 1,031.63	0.2290	\$ 4,616,013.00	\$ 1,057.07
Golden Beach	\$ 4,121.55	0.9200	\$ 4,616,013.00	\$ 4,246.73
Total	\$106,504.76			\$110,812.47

Over All Difference
\$ 5,097.05


Golden Beach
Last year vs. This year
\$ 1,470.16

1. Enter Last Years Total in the areas shaded lightblue.

2. Enter Assessed Values in the areas shaded light green. Caution; make sure to enter the right values as the school assessed values are not the same as the other taxing authorities.

\$ designated for Miami-Dade County use \$ 72,827.30

\$ designated for Golden Beach use: \$ 38,774.51



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.



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