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Letter from the **MAYOR**



I am happy to announce that in September, the Town Council and I approved an \$11,583,700 budget for 2020. I'd like to thank the Town Manager and all of the Department Directors for their hard work in helping to put this budget together.

In addition to maintaining the high level of service we provide to our residents, this budget will enable us to finalize our canal maintenance project, our road resurfacing projects, and fully develop the Civic Center Complex Master Plan. We will also be adding a pickle ball court to our recreational facilities.

It is projected that we will complete the paving of the streets in the coming weeks.

We are making progress on the New Town Hall and our priority this year will be finalizing the documents so we can issue the Request for Proposals and select a responsible organization to design and build the elements outlined in the design criteria of the Civic Center Complex Master Plan.

We are aware of the unusual amount of flooding throughout the Town. The term King Tide is used to identify the phenomenon that creates sunny-day flooding because of the position of the moon. King Tide is not a scientific term, nor is it used in a scientific context. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the recent flooding we experienced was a foot higher than predicted. The Town is committed to addressing the issue and to reviewing our pump stations and our outfall flaps on all of the islands.

To all of our Jewish residents, I wish you a Happy Jewish New Year and a Happy Yom Kippur. For all of us, as the end of 2019 quickly approaches, let us reflect on all that we have accomplished and look forward in anticipation of what the next year will bring.

Your Mayor,

Mayor Glenn Singer

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Town Hall to get a new home

By Michael Glidden

The Town Administration has been working tirelessly to solidify a Civic Center Complex Master Plan that will offer functionality, durability and amenities meeting the needs and wants of our Residents. Town Manager Alexander Diaz spoke at the September 26th Town Council Meeting, reiterating the tenets of the new Town Hall that were set forth when the project was first announced.

- To pay for the project without raising taxes
- To keep the scale of the project appropriate to our community
- To assure a new amenity or amenities to Residents
- To repurpose the existing Town Hall building

Following a year and a half of designing the Town has begun to unveil preliminary visions of what may be in store. **The Town will request bids for the project as a “design build” construction.** Mr. Diaz explained that with a “design build” project “(the Town) sets forth the basic elements we want in terms of programming (and) use.” The architects’ duty is to propose a concept that meets all of those design criteria elements (For example: square footage requirements, considering how many staff members must be accommodated, method of construction, parking quantities, etc.). Additional criteria that will be considered include: Is the team insured and bondable? Do they have at least five years’ experience in the field? What are the quality levels and abilities of their design team?

The responding teams will be required to submit designs including floor plans, site plans and costs. “Design build” construction projects limit the feedback that clients can give in shaping designs, but offers the cost benefits that the client (the Town) is not being responsible for often costly change-orders. Instead that responsibility being handled by the design team. The Town is also protected from having “corners cut,” as the minimum specifics of the build-out are laid out prior to going into construction, and can be used to compare against what is delivered. Designers will provide indicative floor plans which they will be required to adhere to, meaning if there are cost overages, they cannot make other alterations to compensate (shrinking lobby spaces, removing bathrooms). As part of the “design build” process the team must honor those minimum specifications. The Town will consider some fixtures and finishes as part of this process, but those selections will address critical elements including compliance with ADA and OSHA regulations (decisions such as brand names or model numbers will not be part of these considerations). Some essential features stipulated as part of the design criteria include:

- Vehicular Access to A1A
- Traffic flow for the complex to enter through Terracina Avenue and exit onto A1A
- Positioning of the mass of the complex away from neighboring properties
- Keeping existing Tennis Courts (which will be maintained and protected during construction)
- Maintaining the historic façade of the existing Town Hall building
- A safe-room bunker for Police and Essential Staff to safely reside in during storms/emergency events

The Town Council will appoint a selection committee that will be tasked with ranking the respondents’ packages, with a minimum of three packages necessary in order to move forward with the review process. Each respondent will be required to make an oral presentation to delineate their design. Residents will be allowed to attend these presentations, but feedback will not be allowed during these presentations.

Once the submissions have been ranked, the Mayor, Town Manager and Architectural Engineer Lissett Rovira-Topacioglu will make a recommendation for the proposal they feel most fits the scope of the project. They will judge which proposal seems the most responsive to the design criteria set forth by the Town. The Town Council will be able to refine the design. Upon commencement of construction, the selected architect team must provide progress plans at the 30%, 60% and 90% phases of completion. Submissions for the 60% and 90% phases will show information regarding finishes and aesthetics.



Golden BEACH Calendar of Events 2019

OCTOBER

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 – BUILDING REGULATORY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING – TOWN HALL – 6PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14 – DOGGIE DAY ON BEACH - 4PM-6PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 – TEA PARTY IN SOUTH PARK – 4PM

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 - BUILDING REGULATORY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING – TOWN HALL – 6PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 - MINI-BOOTCAMP** – TOWN HALL PARK – 4PM-6PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 - HOT DOGS ON THE BEACH – BEACH PAVILION – 12PM

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

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Summer vibes in Golden Beach means Food Trucks and long, relaxing days at the beach.

Residents showed up to one last bite of Summer as our Food Truck program drove off into the sunset.

A Toy Story Halloween

By Michael Glidden

Whether you're a Buzz or Bo Peep, a Woody or an alien, Golden Beach is calling all "toys" to our Toy Story Halloween Party! North Park will be transformed into our haunted toy shop. There will be lots of fun, rides, music, amazing food and even a contest for best costumes! Join us on Thursday, October 31, starting at 5PM in North Park!



LOCATION: The Halloween party is currently scheduled to be in North Park, from 5-8PM on Thursday, October 31. Please be aware that we are keeping an eye on weather and King Tides. Depending on conditions the location may be moved. The final decision will be made on Tuesday, October 29. We will alert Residents of any changes.

GUESTS: Guests of Residents are allowed to attend and there is no RSVP for this party.

DRIVING: No guests will be allowed to drive north on Golden Beach Drive after 4PM on 10/3.

Only cars with a Golden Beach decal or drivers with a license showing an address north of The Strand will be allowed to travel north of The Strand on Golden Beach Drive. Golden Beach Residents who DO NOT live north of The Strand WILL NOT be allowed to travel north on Golden Beach Drive. Residents who have a special need may contact the Golden Beach substation at (305)935-0940.

PARKING: Specifics of parking instructions/restrictions will be announced closer to event date.

SAFETY: Security is our highest priority, please be aware the Golden Beach Police Department is using various methods to keep attendees safe; the specifics of those details will not be released to the public. We ask that you respect and follow ALL instructions provided by the Police Department.

*Important
Information
for the Town's
'A Toy Story
Halloween
Party'*

F*all is here and I would like to welcome back all of our residents that have been traveling.* As we move towards the close of 2019, our priorities stay unchanged. Our focus remains on public safety and/or the protection of properties. The Golden Beach Police Department has consistently been recognized by other police agencies and private entities for our excellent community service and expeditious police response. Our officers are trained to be vigilant, proactive and engaged. This approach has paid off as our crime rate has seen a remarkable decrease (from -66.7% to -80%). In recognition of this achievement, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the men and women of the Golden Beach Police Department including our Community Service Aides (CSAs) who support our efforts in keeping our community informed and safe.

Another nod to our professionalism and quality service is the Department’s recent recognition by the Florida Commission for Law Enforcement Agencies (CFA) for successfully passing the CFA On-Site Assessment, which was completed on August 1st, 2019. Passing the on-site assessment and being re-accredited symbolizes excellence, proficiency and competency. It assures our residents, local and state leaders of the quality of service delivered by our agency.

Staff members of the Golden Beach Police Department attended the 2019 Police Chief’s Gala benefiting the “Do the Right Thing” program. The “Do the Right Thing” Program recognizes and rewards school-age youth for their positive behavior, actions and good deeds. As a service to our residents, on Saturday, October 5th 2019, the Golden Beach Police Department in tandem with the Department of Highway and Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) hosted our annual drivers license renewal event. As a result of the event over thirty Golden Beach residents were able to conveniently renew their drivers licenses at Town Hall instead of visiting their local DMV



Your CHIEF OF POLICE,
Rudy Herbello

Golden Beach Police Numbers at a Glance

Event	9/2018	9/2019	Difference
Misdemeanor Arrests	16	18	+2
Felony Arrests	4	5	+1
Traffic Arrests	87	220	+133
Criminal Citations	95	233	+138
Speeding Violations	372	432	+60
Parking Citations	37	49	+12





1. CSAs distributing important numbers magnets to Residents 2. Drivers License Renewal Event at Town Hall 3. GBPD attends the Do the Right Thing Gala

Around Town

Some exciting things are brewing around Town.

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



< Ocean Boulevard Mailboxes

As part of streamlining the look of the Town's most traveled thoroughfare, mailboxes on Ocean Boulevard will be transitioned to the style used throughout Town. The new boxes will be installed in the coming months.

Heads Up >

We know it's close to Halloween but decapitated palm trees are too spooky even for us. The medjool palm trees on A1A that have "lost their tops" will soon be replaced with healthy new ones.



Your Tax Dollars at Work:

New Roof Over Our Heads

Town Hall and the accompanying Annex Building recently received necessary repairs to their roofs. With discussions of the new Civic Center/Town Hall facilities underway, both the existing Town Hall and Annex Building will be repurposed to house amenities for Residents.

Clearing the Way

Miami-Dade County Environmental Resources Management has approved the Town's permits to perform dredging in the intracoastal waterways. Work is expected to be underway soon with completion occurring by end of year



∨ Does your property have ground saturation?



There can be multiple culprits for water entering and lingering on your property: issues with elevations, faulty seawalls, or other unknown sources. This water can cause damage to your home's foundation, landscaping and even create a perfect breeding ground for mosquitos.

Pooling water affects more than the home from which it originates. Water can travel from one property into neighboring properties and into the Town's public areas before making its way into our drainage system. That excess water can overburden our system and create additional flooding in streets and other common areas throughout Town.

The Town has begun issuing warnings to homes that have issues with pooling. If you have questions on how you can improve standing water issues on your property please contact the Building & Zoning Department at Town Hall.

Attention > Pet Owners:

Dogs in the dog park MUST be accompanied by their owner inside the enclosed area. Any owner of dogs left in the play area unaccompanied will be subject to citations and may be banned from using the facility in the future.



< Beach Renourishment:

In order to protect private designation of beach-front properties, Beach Renourishment is an owner responsibility. However, the Town will not charge permit fees for owners who are looking to replenish sand on their beach. Also, the Town will facilitate delivery of sand for those owners. The Town is looking to identify shoreline stabilization remedies and will update Residents with progress.



< Road Work Continues:

The Town's milling and paving project continues to progress. King Tides and wet weather have delayed portions of the project. Milling of Golden Beach Drive was completed in its entirety to guarantee our scheduled slot with the paving company, and not cause additional delays. Please be sure to continue driving mindfully as surfaces are uneven.

∨ Want Updates on the Civic Center project?

Stay tuned to www.goldenbeach.us! We are creating a special section on the main page of the website dedicated to all things related to the new Civic Center discussion.





From A1A to “A-1-Yay”: Ocean Boulevard gets a Facelift

Residents of Ocean Boulevard rejoice, the Town has set its sights on A1A for its latest beautification initiative. The Town hopes to get an early jump on spring cleaning by tidying up the right-of-way areas along the length of Ocean Boulevard. The improvements will be provided free of charge, with the Town providing plants and covering the costs of removal and planting services. The initiative will help give a more cohesive unified look to the A1A corridor utilizing Florida native plants and landscaping that thrives yet does not require intensive upkeep.

Guidance on the project has been provided by the Town’s Landscape Architect Kathy O’Leary Richards of O’Leary Richards Design Associates, Inc. A study of the proposed upgrades to each property is available now. If you live on Ocean Boulevard and would like to see what suggestions are being made for the area in front of your home please contact Director of Resident Services, Michael Glidden at mglidden@goldenbeach.us or (305)932-0744 x245.



Town Continues to Address Water

Pump Station for Center Island

In hopes of alleviating flooding, the Town Council approved the design and engineering for the Center Island Pump Station. The plans have been sent off to the State for permitting. The pump will cycle water, pushing it out until tides recede. The pump will be constructed where the dock currently stands. The Town has also requested financing from the State to offset costs for the project. Town Manager Alexander Diaz and the Town’s Finance Director Maria Camacho will visit Tallahassee to negotiate funding details. Construction is expected to begin after the first of the year with completion of the project following soon after.

Tennis Anyone?

The Town is also tackling water issues in Tweddle Park. New drains have been installed between the tennis courts and the new area designated for the pickle ball courts. This will keep water from pooling and spoiling your game; dry tennis courts, what’s not to “love” about that?

North Park sees Repairs

Work has been underway to repair force drains in North Park to help prevent soggy sod.

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