

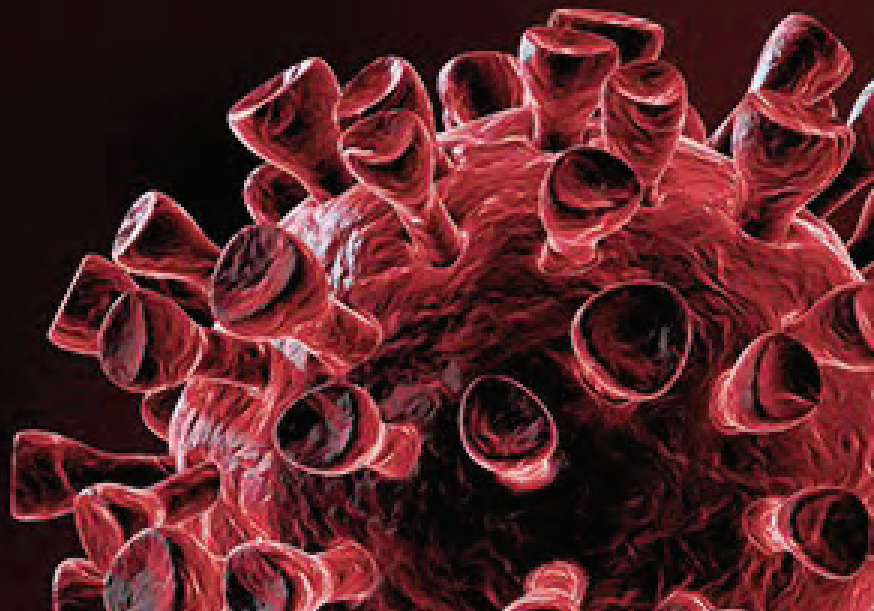
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Letter from your **MAYOR**

I'd like to thank all of our residents for their cooperation as we go through this season of quarantine during the COVID-19 pandemic. These are trying times and I am so proud of our residents for abiding by the stay at home order.

However, we are not out of the woods yet. Visitors and service providers are now allowed, but the Town is strongly encouraging anyone who enters Town to follow mask guidelines and to practice social distancing. Service providers are required to wear masks whether inside or outside of homes.

Construction has resumed inside Town. We have specific guidelines in place regarding construction sites. Please contact the Building and Zoning Department before proceeding with any construction projects.

There is a mandatory curfew from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am. This curfew will remain in place until the Miami-Dade County's "Safer at Home" order is lifted. Town Hall is open by appointment only. Please see our website or call Town Hall to schedule an appointment.

Please be advised that playgrounds, exercise equipment, restrooms, dog parks, and the Beach/Pavilion remain closed as we work to beat this virus. Per Miami-Dade County, the beaches will remain closed for now. The sacrifices we make will pay off.

I am very proud of our Town Manager Alexander Diaz and our Police Chief Rudy Herbello for their great leadership throughout this pandemic. Our police department has done an amazing job in keeping our residents safe and protecting our streets and beaches. I am also very proud of our Town staff who came in and/or worked from home during these trying times.

This pandemic is a "storm" that we have never experienced before. But just like all the other storms this Town has weathered, we will not only survive it but I have the utmost confidence that the Town of Golden Beach will continue to be the safe, family-friendly, thriving community that it has been since its inception in 1929. We will come through this. Together.

Your Mayor,

Mayor Glenn Singer

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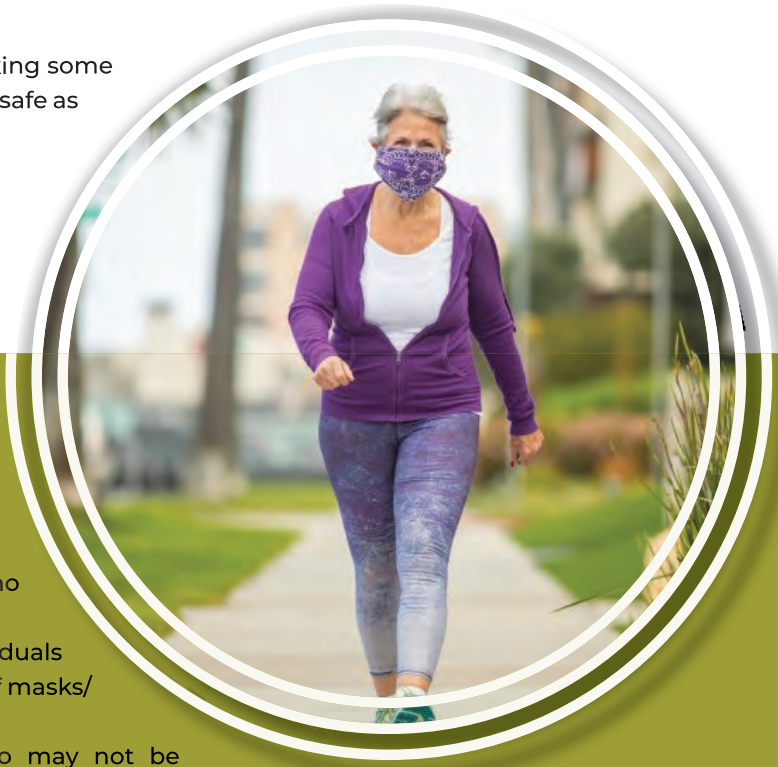
By Michael Glidden

In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Town is making some changes to keep Residents, staff and those visiting Town as safe as possible. Below are some of the new policies in place.

**CURFEW REMAINS IN EFFECT:
10PM -6AM**

MASK POLICY FOR RESIDENTS:

- Masks must be worn when meeting with individuals who do not live in your household or...
- ...a distance of 6 feet must be maintained between individuals
- Groups of 10 or more are still NOT allowed, regardless of masks/distancing
- Golden Beach Police Officers will stop anyone who may not be complying with regulations
- Masks must be worn when visiting Town Hall

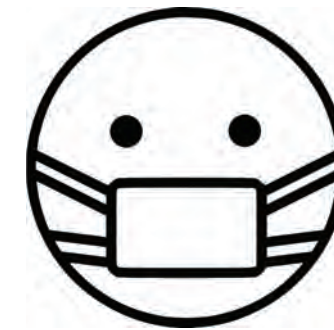


MASK POLICY FOR VISITORS/GUESTS:

- Service Providers MUST wear masks inside and outside of homes
- Personal guests MUST wear masks outside of homes (and inside at homeowner's discretion)
- Masks must be worn when visiting Town Hall
- Non-compliance will result in a \$500 civil violation

NOTICE

PER OFFICE OF GOLDEN BEACH MAYOR IN REFERENCE TO EXECUTIVE ORDER #3



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**FACE MASK
ALWAYS
INDOORS &
OUTDOORS**



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**\$500
FINE**

NO FACE MASK



Signs have been posted throughout Town letting service providers know that the Town is enforcing a blanket masks-on policy, whether they are providing service within homes or outside.

USING PARKS:

- Pedestrian gates remain locked indefinitely. If you would like to enter or exit the Town on foot, please use The Strand.
- Park hours are sunrise to sunset
- At Tweddle Park, the basketball court, tennis court and pickle ball court will be open for individual basketball shooting and for singles tennis and pickle ball playing (no more than two people per court) – the tot-lot and dog park will remain closed.
- Tennis Courts may be used between the hours of 7AM-7PM. Contact Marie at mtalley@goldenbeach.us to reserve a timeslot.
- The Beach and Beach Pavilion remain closed.
- No programming or organized sports or activities will be allowed.
- Other amenities that remain closed are restrooms, buildings, shelters, exercise equipment, and playgrounds.
- Social distancing and the use of face coverings while outside is still in place and will be enforced.

DOING BUSINESS:

Please Note: Golden Beach Town Hall building is not yet open to the public. If you would like to reach Town Hall, please call (305) 932-0744.

Starting May 11, 2020, the Building Department will be open Monday through Friday BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

To schedule an appointment with the Building Department:

1. Visit www.goldenbeach.us
2. Hover over the "GOVERNMENT" tab
3. Scroll over to "Building & Zoning"
4. and scroll to "New Permit and Contractor Registration Appointments"

The Public Works Department will resume bulky waste pickup BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

To schedule an appointment: Email Public Works Director Kirk McKoy at kmckoy@goldenbeach.us

Mayor Singer has signed Executive Order #3 which took effect at midnight on April 29, 2020. The Order details changes to policies in response to COVID-19. Executive Order #3 is included on page 7 of this issue.

Please note: Rules and Regulations are subject to change. If you have any questions, please contact Town Hall at (305)932-0744.



GOLDEN BEACH EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 3 EASING RESTRICTIONS OF SAFER AT HOME ORDER

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has issued Executive Order 21-20 opening and allowing the use of parks and recreational spaces in Miami-Dade County, while still maintaining certain restrictions in place; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Miami-Dade County's easing of restrictions, it is the intention of the Town of Golden Beach to also ease certain restrictions to allow for outdoor recreation which is important for the mental and physical health of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. Effective April 29th, 2020 residents only will be allowed to use the Town's 9 designated parks and open spaces between the hours of sunrise and sunset for passive use only.
2. For the purpose of this Executive Order, the definition of passive use is walking, jogging, and cycling.
3. Visitors and guests are required to wear a face mask at all times when outside of the home, except when in their backyard.
4. Anyone providing a service to a resident is required to have a mask on in and out of the home, which will be enforced.
5. All visitors coming in to Town Hall are required to wear a mask.
6. At Tweddle Park, the basketball court, tennis court and pickle ball court will be open for individual basketball shooting and for singles tennis and pickle ball playing (no more than two people per court) – the tot-lot and dog park will remain closed.
7. The Beach and Beach Pavilion remain closed.
8. No programming or organized sports or activities will be allowed.
9. Other amenities that remain closed are restrooms, buildings, shelters, exercise equipment, and playgrounds.
10. Social distancing and the use of face coverings while outside is still in place and will be enforced.
11. Boat fueling is allowed.
12. Starting May 4th, the following services will be allowed: all landscaping, house staff, pet grooming, car washing, all deliveries and home maintenance.
13. Starting May 6th, construction sites may have two people on site to prep the location for limited reopening.
14. Starting May 11th, construction will be allowed in Town with new rules in place.

Effective Date. This Emergency Executive Order shall become effective on April 29, 2020, at 12:00 a.m.

Your Mayor,

Mayor Glenn Singer

HOW TO SAFELY WEAR AND TAKE OFF A CLOTH FACE COVERING



WEAR YOUR FACE COVERING CORRECTLY

- Wash your hands before putting on your face covering
- Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
- Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face
- Make sure you can breathe easily
- Do not place a mask on a child younger than 2



USE THE FACE COVERING TO PROTECT OTHERS

- Wear a face covering to protect others in case you're infected but don't have symptoms
- Keep the covering on your face the entire time you're in public
- Don't put the covering around your neck or up on your forehead
- Don't touch the face covering, and, if you do, clean your hands

FOLLOW EVERYDAY HEALTH HABITS

- Stay at least 6 feet away from others
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Wash your hands often, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds each time
- Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available



TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTH FACE COVERING CAREFULLY, WHEN YOU'RE HOME

- Untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops
- Handle only by the ear loops or ties
- Fold outside corners together
- Place covering in the washing machine
- Wash your hands with soap and water



Cloth face coverings are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators, both of which should be saved for health care workers and other medical first responders.

For instructions on making a cloth face covering, see:

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

CLOTH FACE COVERING DO'S & DON'TS:



DO:



- ✓ Make sure you can breathe through it
- ✓ Wear it whenever going out in public
- ✓ Make sure it covers your nose and mouth
- ✓ Wash after using

DON'T:

- ✗ Use on children under age 2
- ✗ Use surgical masks or other personal protective equipment (PPE) intended for healthcare workers



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

DON'T DELAY CARE DURING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK



FloridaHealth.gov/COVID-19 • Florida Department of Health



Call 911, if you need help for a medical emergency or any emergency related to a health condition you have.

Don't delay care because of COVID-19. Emergency departments in Florida are prepared to help you. They have activated plans that allow normal operations while taking care of COVID-19 patients.



If you're 65 or older, or if you have any of the conditions below, taking care of your health during the COVID-19 outbreak is important.

- Chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
- Serious heart condition
- Severe obesity (body mass index of 40+)
- Diabetes
- Chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
- Liver disease
- Compromised immune system from: cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications

Protect your health during this outbreak:



- Stay in contact with your health care provider. Most medical practices in Florida are providing telehealth services.
- Keep taking your medications and don't make changes to your health management or treatment plans without talking to your health care provider first.
- Keep at least a 2-week supply of prescription and non-prescription medications. Talk to your health care provider, insurer and pharmacist about these extra supplies.
- Make sure your vaccines are up-to-date especially your flu and pneumonia vaccines.

Know the common COVID-19 symptoms:

- Fever
- Chills
- Headache
- Cough
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Muscle pain
- New loss of taste or smell
- Difficulty breathing

Know the COVID-19 emergency warning signs:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion or inability to arouse
- Bluish lips or face



I TESTED NEGATIVE FOR COVID-19. DOES THAT MEAN I'M IMMUNE?



MYTH: I tested **NEGATIVE**. That means I'm **IMMUNE**.

Just because someone tests **NEGATIVE** for COVID-19 does not mean they are immune and does not mean they can contract it in the future.

Testing negative just means that they are negative **AT THAT TIME**.

All Floridians must continue to follow precautionary guidelines from the CDC and the Florida Department of Health through the remainder of this event.



The Town of Golden Beach has partnered with local communities to offer testing for COVID-19.

To schedule an appointment, please visit:

www.covid33154.com

www.covidaventura.com

New appointments are added every 24-48 hours.

Please check for availability.

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n March 1, 2020, Florida became the third state in the United States with a documented COVID-19 case during this coronavirus pandemic.

Within two weeks, widespread closures of public schools, resorts, and theme parks had been announced throughout the state. On April 1, after a call with the President, Governor DeSantis issued a stay-at-home order for the entire state of Florida, which was to be in effect for 30 days. In an effort to keep Golden Beach residents safe, Mayor Singer initiated a "Safer at Home" Emergency Order. The order strongly urged residents to remain in their homes whenever possible.

During the COVID-19 outbreak the Golden Beach Police Department was not only equipped and ready for what would become a massive pandemic, but we also increased our presence to keep residents safe while they were staying home. We increased our minimum mandatory "on-duty" manpower per shift as we had to cover numerous details. Increasing our presence gave us additional police visibility both inside and outside of Town, increasing our ability to safely protect the residents of Golden Beach.

We would like to thank you, the residents, for complying with the mandates from Miami-Dade County and our Mayor; your cooperation has allowed us to serve you safely and efficiently.

Our Town Manager has been an integral supporter of our department and has been a major contributor in securing the necessary equipment for our officers. In addition, through our staff's constant networking with other police departments and private organizations, we have been able to acquire additional protective gear donations for our police department including face shields and masks.

I would also like to extend a special "thank you" to all the nurses and doctors, and say how grateful we are for the tireless efforts of all first responders.

And to all the children in town who have shown their support by waiving at us from a distance or sending us cards and notes of appreciation, your drawings and messages have brought a smile to our faces during these tough times.



I would like to take this opportunity to commend three of the finest officers of the Golden Beach Police Department; Sgt. Danny Avila, Officers James Camacho and David Guzman, who on March 7, 2020, immediately responded to a distress call at a home in Golden Beach where a man had collapsed to the ground. Upon their arrival they found the man unconscious and after checking for a pulse they began CPR until Miami Dade County Fire Rescue arrived. The man was taken to Aventura Hospital in serious condition but has since recovered. Through their efforts and determination, they were able to revive the victim. The family sent a message expressing their utmost gratitude to the officers for everything they did to give their loved one a second chance at life.

We all hope this pandemic will subside soon. If any resident needs assistance, do not hesitate to call the substation at (305) 935-0940.

Your CHIEF OF POLICE,

Rudy Herbello

"And to all the children in town who have shown their support by waiving at us from a distance or sending us cards and notes of appreciation, your drawing and messages have brought a smile to our faces during these tough times."



Police BEAT

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Image 1: A still shot from the Golden Beach COVID-19 Response commercial

Image 2: GBPD fleet parades through Town. We are here to protect and serve!

Image 3: Just a sampling of the Thank You notes the department has received during the pandemic

Image 4: Town Hall employees staffed a check-in tent during the COVID-19 outbreak, assuring only Residents were entering Town

Image 6: Checkpoints and barricades were put in place as security measures



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Around Town

Some exciting things are brewing around Town.

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



^ Don't Be "Alarmed"

You may have heard some commotion in the streets recently. The Golden Beach Police Fleet took to the streets with sirens sounding and lights aglow. It was their way of letting Residents know they are still here and ready for service. If you see officers out and would like to say "thank you" a simple wave and thumbs up is a safe way to show your appreciation!

Got Boxes? >

The Town is asking all residents to flatten cardboard boxes before disposing of them. We know that during the coronavirus outbreak, shopping online is a much better option than braving the stores, and we ask your assistance in making packaging as easy to dispose of as possible. The Town will be collecting boxes on recycling days.



< Your Tax Dollars at Work!

You may have noticed some significant activity on the north side of North Park recently. The Town is happy to announce that Southeastern Engineering recently completed stormwater repairs and upgrades in North Park, helping to ensure our residents receive optimum water service and assuring our infrastructure continues to perform at an optimum level.





Pickleball is > Here

“Pickleheads” rejoice! Grab your paddle and head on down to Tweddle Park, the Pickleball court is open and ready for play. Pickleball becomes the latest amenity offered by the Town to encourage a healthy and active lifestyle. So get out there and have a ball! Pickleball! Be sure to follow all guidelines if you plan on using the new pickleball court. More information is included below.



< Tennis & Pickleball Policy

The Town would like to thank Residents for their patience in waiting for the tennis courts to reopen. Now that courts have opened again for your enjoyment we have put new scheduling rules in place so that we may accommodate as many Residents as possible.

Please Note:

- In accordance with social distancing, courts are open for SINGLES play only
- Residents are allowed to reserve Tennis Courts for two 1-hour sessions per week. Residents are also allowed to reserve Pickleball Courts for two 1-hour sessions per week.
- To schedule an appointment, visit www.goldenbeach.us or call Town Hall
- Courts are open to Residents only, no professional coaching is allowed

∨ Get to Know your Representative



Hon. Joseph "Joe" Geller, Florida State Representative

Representative Geller was elected to the Florida House in 2014 and reelected in 2016 and 2018, representing Florida's District 100. He currently serves as Democratic Ranking Member on the Gaming Control Subcommittee and a member of the Appropriations Committee, Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, Judiciary Committee, and Rules Committee. He is a shareholder at Greenspoon Marder and focuses his practice on civil litigation, administrative law, election law, government relations, municipal law and land use and zoning. He has demonstrated a concern for the community by his active involvement in numerous organizations. He serves on several boards including the Advisory Board of the Women's Emergency Network, Holocaust Documentation and Education Center, Silver Knight Alumni Network and is an Honorary Board member for the Art and Culture Center/Hollywood. He's a past president of the American Jewish Congress, Southeast Region.

Source: Office of State Representative

Do you have a Town ID? ∨

For safety and to protect quality-of-life, certain areas of Town are for Residents only. This includes the Beach Pavilion & Tennis Courts. It is important Residents have proof of Golden Beach Residency if they plan on using any of these areas. **Town officials may ask for proof of identification from anyone who is using Town amenities.**

Proof of ID is also helpful for accessing Town in case of emergencies (i.e. security checkpoints, road closures, etc.).

Please note: If you have an official State of Florida ID that SHOWS A GOLDEN BEACH ADDRESS you do not need a separate Town ID.

Even with Social Distancing we have you covered:

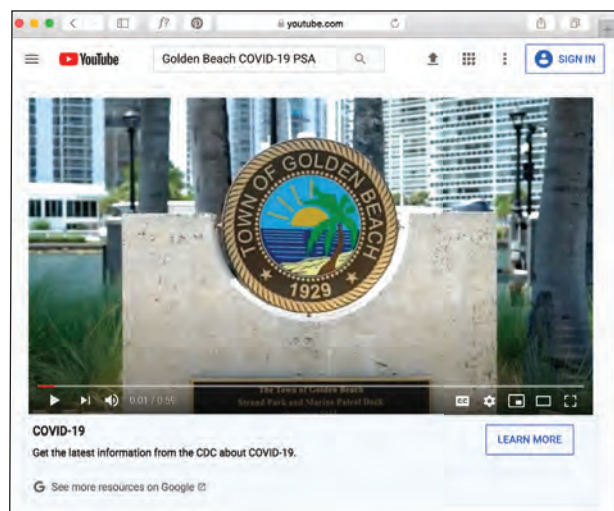
If you, or members of your household, do not have a Town ID please email mtalley@goldenbeach.us

Be sure to include the following information for each member of your household:

- Name
- Address
- A clear "portrait style" headshot

When your IDs are ready, we'll let you know and have them delivered to your home. How easy is that?!





< Watch Now: Golden Beach Responds to COVID-19

The Town released a video message regarding COVID-19 and its impact. The short informational video was posted to YouTube in mid-April and discusses the resilience of our community. To watch the video visit YouTube.com and search "Golden Beach COVID-19 PSA."

Cleaning House >

Thinking of cleaning up before hurricane season arrives? To help Residents tidy up, the Town will collect and dispose of bulky waste items and specialized hazardous items (including paints, solvents, etc.). This service will be BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, so please contact the Public Works Department at Town Hall for information before leaving anything curbside.



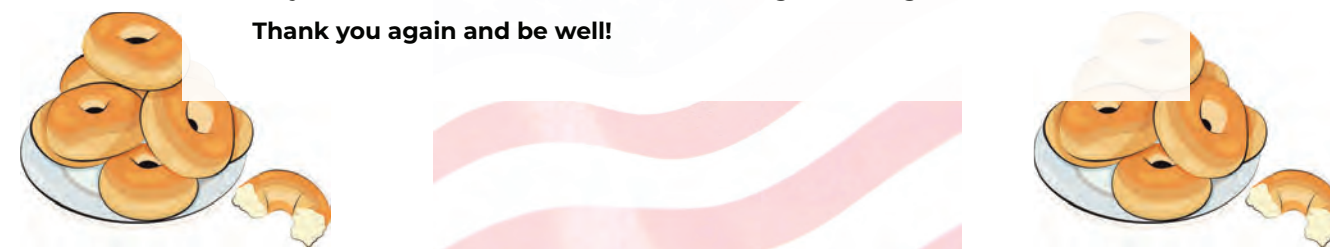
< Outstanding Balances

Please be aware, in the coming weeks the Town will be mailing notices to Residents who have outstanding balances with the Town. Residents who have requested specialized services, like additional mosquito abatement/treatment on their property, or residents who have remaining balances on Town projects, including utility undergrounding, will be receiving itemized statements shortly.



A Thank You and a Schmear √

We want to send a little "thank you" and token of appreciation to our Residents for being so cooperative and understanding during these recent tough times. As we continue to tackle COVID-19 together, enjoy breakfast on us. In lieu of a Memorial Day gathering this year, on Sunday, May 24th 2020, the Town will be delivering fresh bagels to each home! Thank you again and be well!



You can work from home... but follow these rules √



We understand that it can be difficult to get things done with closures and other issues that the COVID-19 outbreak has presented. Even something as important as continuing to work can be a struggle. Working from home is an option for some, but keep in mind that there are some restrictions as to how business can be done. The Town's Code of Ordinances prohibits businesses from being run out of homes, but what does this mean for people who have home offices?

Some Rules to keep in mind regarding Home Offices:

- Allowed:** Home offices can be used as personal work space for conducting business
- Allowed:** Working in your pajamas (it's not in the Code of Ordinances, but it can't hurt, right?)

- Not allowed:** Bringing customers to your home to buy goods or conduct services
- Not allowed:** Bringing employees/staff to your home for purposes of conducting business

Please note: the Town is actively working with internet service providers to help improve service in the area. For detailed information on the Town's policies regarding conducting business from home, please reference sections 1.02, 66-2, and 66-67 of the Town Code of Ordinances. If you have questions regarding the Town's business policies, please call Town Hall to speak with the Code Enforcement Department.

Census: Make Golden Beach Count

- The census is for **ALL members of your household**, any age including the smallest infants to elderly family members, and even live-in staff.
- By Federal Law your **citizenship status CANNOT & WILL NOT** be asked. There are no questions about your social security number in any part of the census.
- The census typically takes only **6 to 7 minutes** to complete.
- **Got a Smartphone?** For the first time ever you can fill out and submit your Census information online! No one will knock on your door and you don't need to fill out a form
- **Beware of data collectors.** The United States Census is a legitimate and official data collection effort that will help those who reside in the United States. Some unscrupulous companies or individuals may pose as a Census-style survey in hopes of collecting information for their own marketing purposes or even identity theft. Be sure documents have come from the United States Census Bureau and not a solicitor.
- **You Count!** An accurate number ensures Golden Beach will receive funding and representation. Your count equals **money and a voice for our community.**
- Responding to the census is even easier! To respond online now, visit <https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond.html>
- **EMERGENCY FUNDING FROM STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES IS BASED ON CENSUS RESULTS. YOUR RESPONSE DICTATES HOW MUCH RELIEF GOLDEN BEACH IS ENTITLED TO AFTER DISASTERS (SUCH AS HURRICANES OR THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC). IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE IN COMPLETING YOUR CENSUS, CONTACT TOWN HALL. MAKE GOLDEN BEACH COUNT.**



Mister Fix-It is Here to Help

Since quarantining has limited many of our daily outings to strolls around the neighborhood, the Town is asking Residents to let us know if there are areas around Town that might need some attention. The Mister Fix-It service provides Golden Beach residents with a direct contact for maintenance in the Town's public areas.* See a non-functional street light on Golden Beach Drive? Call Mister Fix-It. Or come across some sod that has been damaged in North Park? Call Mister Fix-It. Maybe there are broken pavers on South Parkway that need repair? Go ahead and call Mister Fix-It. Mister Fix-It can be easily reached through our Town website www.goldenbeach.us look for the Mister Fix-It button on the main page and give us all the details. You will receive confirmation shortly after submitting your request and a status update when work has been completed. Mister Fix-It is here and life just got a whole lot simpler.

Some examples of issues Mister Fix-It is standing by to help with:

- Maintenance Issues to Town Parks (including landscaping, walkways, lighting)
- Damage to Pavement in Town Roadways or Town Sidewalks
- Issues with Street Signage, Street Lights, Park Furniture and Exercise Equipment

*Mister Fix-It is here to help with public space Town issues. For issues with private property and residences please contact a professional contractor or service provider.

Hot Topic: Beaches remain closed, but why?

With the COVID-19 outbreak restrictions and closures have been put in place to help "flatten the curve" (decrease cases of the virus). Some of those restrictions have been lifted, while others still remain in place. We've heard from residents asking why the beach remains closed. Some studies show the virus does not thrive in humidity and sunlight, so why would a place with an abundance of both still be off limits? There are a couple of parts to the answer:

First, we must remind residents that the closure of the beaches has been mandated by Miami-Dade County. The Town can enforce restrictions that are more rigorous than the County, but the Town cannot create restrictions that are more lax than the County. The County's restrictions apply to all municipalities contained within its borders, and all municipalities must comply with those regulations.

Also, despite discussions of COVID-19's ability to survive under certain conditions, an overwhelming concern is the possibility of non-compliance with Social Distancing guidelines in an area that attracts many people. Protecting health and safety are top priorities as we navigate through this pandemic. Situations may change and we'll be sure to keep you updated.

Please note: When beaches reopen, certain restrictions may be in place, including but not limited to: restricted usage (limiting usage to walking, swimming, no congregating), restricted access to amenities (no beach chairs/furniture, no beach chess/checkers).

LOCK IT BEFORE YOU LEAVE IT:

Please be aware that our neighbors to the south in Golden Gates Estates have alerted us to an increase in crimes of opportunity.

Even though Golden Beach has not had any reported incidents, the Golden Beach Police Department has increased its presence as a preemptive measure, but we need your help. Be sure to take proactive measures to make sure you and your belongings are safe.

- Secure any valuables before parking, or take them with you. **Do not leave valuables** in plain sight.
- **Lock** your car.
- Park in a **high-visibility** area.
- **Never leave your keys** in your vehicle.
- Leaving **garage doors** open, even if you are home, can be an invitation for theft.
- Garage doors can also give easy access to the interior of your home and its contents.
- Consider installing **motion detecting lighting** around your home. Potential criminals tend to avoid areas where they can be seen.
- **Doorbell viewers** and other cameras can also give you a view of your property from the comfort of your home or when on the go.

Always report suspicious activities by calling 9-1-1 or the Strand Gatehouse at (305)935-0940.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION RE: WATERWAYS

WATERWAY RULES:

- ALL BEACHES REMAIN CLOSED
- Boats shall remain 50 feet apart at all times
- Gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited
- Rafting up or beaching of boats is prohibited
- Landings and anchoring at sandbars are prohibited

CAPACITY OF BOATS:

- **Boats less than 25 feet: 4 adults maximum, plus children 17 and under, maximum of 8 people on boat.**
- **Boats 25 – 36 feet: 6 adults maximum, plus children 17 and under, maximum of 10 people on boat.**
- **Boats greater than 36 feet: 8 adults maximum, plus children 17 and under, maximum of 10 people on boat.**
- No boat shall exceed the maximum persons capacity per "Maximum Capacity Label"

All rules are subject to change, and we will notify you if they do.

For additional information on other upcoming easements, please read Mayor Glenn Singer's Executive Order #3.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!
If you have questions or would like to report an issue:
Please contact The Strand Gatehouse at (305)935-0940

MOSQUITO SEASON RETURNS



As we move towards summer there is one certainty for South Florida, the resurgence of mosquitos. We know they can be pesky, invading outdoor get-togethers and occasionally sneaking their way into our homes, and we also know they have the potential to be dangerous. While we can't be sure exactly what this mosquito season will hold as far as their numbers and health risks, what we can do is prepare to be "bugged" by these hungry hunters.

Here are some precautions to take in order to keep you & your family from becoming mosquito meals:

- Discard any unused items that could be collecting water and creating a breeding ground for mosquitos. This includes everything from landscaping debris, recyclables, old tires, etc.
- Make sure your pets' water and food dishes are emptied and cleaned at least once a week. Don't forget about bird baths.
- Water can collect on boats and vehicles that are parked over time. When not in use, cover boats and parked vehicles with a tarp to prevent water from collecting inside. (Be sure these tarps are not contributing to your mosquito problem by checking the tarps for pooling water regularly.)
- Water can also pool in some plants; bromeliads and certain leafy plants can cup and collect water. Mosquitos can breed in very little amounts of standing water; don't forget to check these culprits for aiding and abetting mosquito populations. Mosquitos love moist, shady areas; overgrown landscaping is an ideal hideout for them. Be sure your landscaping is neat and trimmed to help keep mosquitos at bay.
- Over-watering your lawn and landscaping can welcome mosquitos. With oversaturation comes runoff, if water is not absorbed by the plants or soil it can create the perfect habitat for mosquitos to multiply. Leaky outdoor faucets can also contribute to unintentional puddling.
- Keep gutters clean; even if you can't see pooling water mosquitos will certainly find it.
- A neglected swimming pool is a serious problem. We know summer is the season for travel, whether for a quick getaway or to take off to cooler climes to escape the sticky Florida summers, but even if you're not planning on being home to swim anytime soon, it is still important to maintain your pool. Do not let your pool maintenance service lapse. An untreated pool is a haven for blood-sucking bugs to breed and swarm. Keep your pool clean; your neighbors will thank you.
- If you're spending time outdoors when mosquitos are active, particularly dawn and dusk, protect your skin. Wear long sleeves, pants, shoes and socks. Make sure that exposed areas of skin are covered with an effective mosquito repellent (look for DEET, IR3535, eucalyptus, oil of lemon and picaridin as an ingredient).

The Town will provide mosquito dunk tablets to Residents upon request. These can be used in areas of pooling or standing water. If you are interested in mosquito tablets please contact Town Hall at (305)932-0744.

For more information on what you can do to prevent mosquitos please visit:
miamidade.floridahealth.gov

HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE. CONDITIONS CAN CHANGE FAST.

BE INFORMED, STAY INFORMED.

The CodeRED service informs Residents during emergencies, including evacuations, road closures and other important notices. Notifications can be received via cell phone, land line, text messages, or email. The notices can be seen as a "Reverse 911," where instead of you calling emergency services, emergency services call you to warn of a critical situation.

Please contact Marie Talley at (305) 932-0744, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, or by email at mtalley@goldenbeach.us.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Hurricane season is upon us. From June 1st to November 30th means South Florida braces for the possibilities of some unwelcomed visitors. Thankfully we have seen little activity for the past few years. A smooth-sailing storm season is a luxury that we can't always depend upon. Living in South Florida we must prepare ourselves for all that the sub-tropics can dish out. It's not unusual for a sunny beach day to turn sour and soggy before you expect it. The same can be said for larger scale tropical storms and hurricanes. A storm can develop quickly so it is best to be prepared in advance. Don't be one of those ill-prepared folks lining up for supplies at Publix battling over that last case of bottled water just as a storm comes rolling in. Plan ahead and start now. Below you'll find an extensive list of things to consider as we enter storm season.

- Stock up on non-perishable food and water supplies in case of a power outage.
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- Make sure your trees and shrubbery are trimmed and dead limbs removed.
- Fuel and service family vehicles.
- Inspect and secure mobile home tie downs.
- Prepare to cover all window and door openings with shutters or other shielding materials such as plywood.
- Check batteries and stock up on canned food, first aid supplies, drinking water and medications.
- Bring lawn furniture and other loose, light-weight objects such as garbage cans and garden tools inside. They can become dangerous projectiles during high winds.
- If you have a boat, moor it securely or move it to a designated safe place.
- Golden Beach is an identified surge zone or area prone to flooding so you may want to move furniture to a higher floor.
- If you have to leave your home, remember to unplug your appliances, turn off the electricity and close the main water valve.
- When you leave your home make sure to lock it and take small valuables with you.
- Do not lower the water level in your swimming pool excessively, or it may pop out of the ground if there is flooding with the storm (softened ground can literally "float" a pool). If flooding is expected, you can lower the water level by up to a few feet, depending on the depth of the pool.
- Add extra chlorine to your pool to fight off contamination. (3 gallons of chlorine per 5,000 gallons of water). Some pool companies recommend that you give your pool a "shock treatment" before the storm hits. (Don't let anyone use the pool after adding the additional chlorine.)

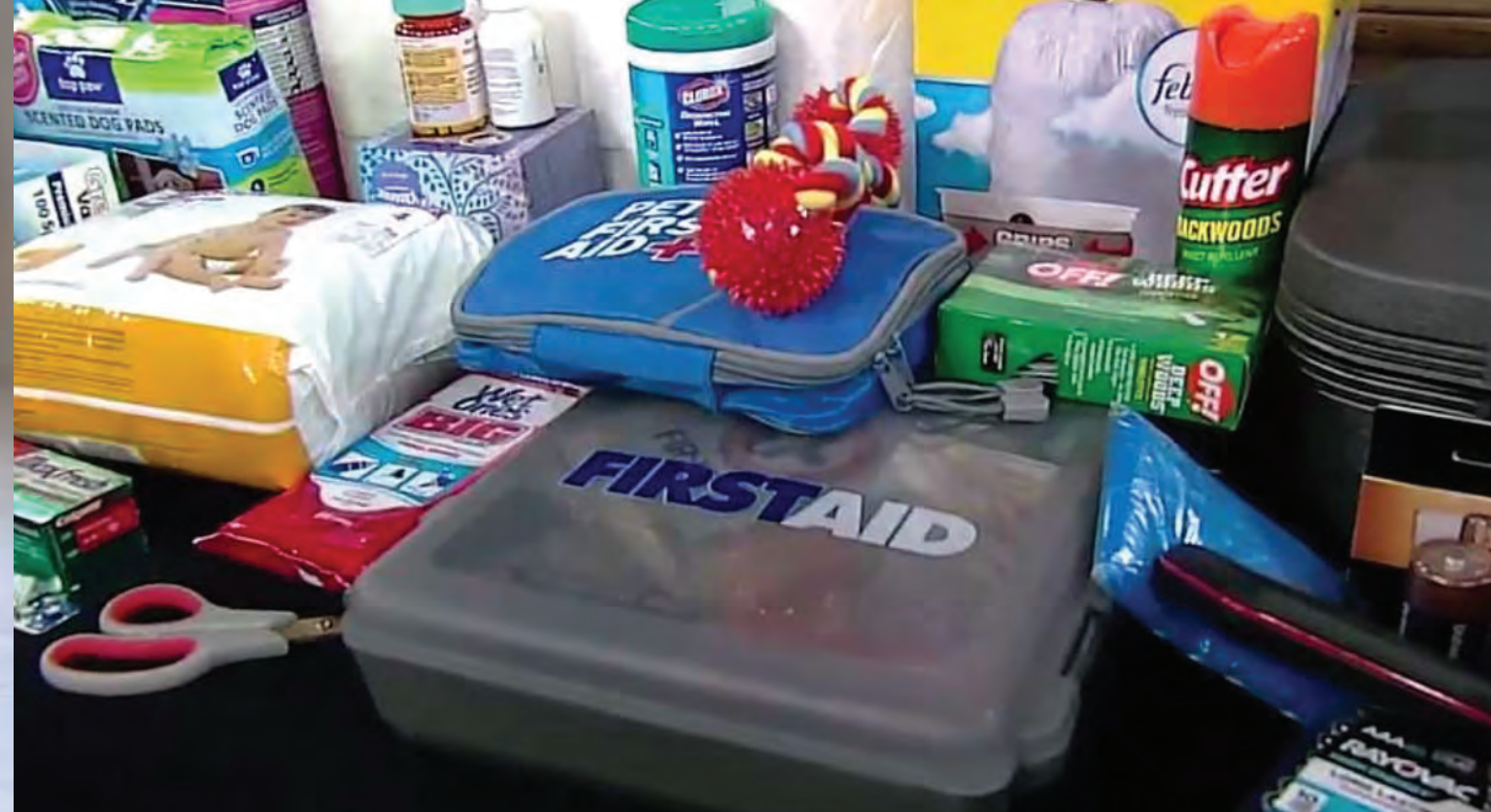
- Turn off electricity to all of the pool equipment at the breaker.
- Remove pumps from underground pits after all valves have been closed and the electricity has been shut off. Wrap any exposed pool equipment that you can't remove in plastic and secure it tightly with tape/rope.
- Don't throw patio furniture in the pool unless you are willing to have it damaged/bleached by chlorine.
- Secure anything that might tear loose or blow away, including garbage cans, grills, potted plants, garden tools, toys, signs, porch furniture, awnings.
- Check trees and shrubbery, and remove limbs that could damage your house or utility lines.
- Construction/ Work Sites
- In the event a hurricane watch or greater advisory is issued, it is the responsibility of the property owner and associated contractor of any on-going construction work to secure all areas of the site. This is mandatory per the Florida Building Code.
- Fasten down or remove all hazardous objects which include: construction shacks, temporary toilets, roofing tiles, building materials, trash, forms, unsecured structures, temporary electric poles, etc.

City Building Officials and Code Enforcement Officers will contact each site to ensure compliance with these regulations. However, it is still your responsibility to ensure all items are secure, etc.

Those failing to follow this procedure will be cited, fined and held legally responsible for any damage caused by failing to secure the above items.

BOATS

Damage caused by your boat during a hurricane is your responsibility, so have a plan in place to protect your boat. Bridges are locked down BEFORE an evacuation is ordered -- generally 24 hours before a storm hits, so you need to secure your boat and move it to a safe harbor long before the warning and evacuation.



- Keep fuel and water tanks filled.
- Be sure batteries are charged and bilge pumps are operational.
- If you plan to trailer your boat to the mainland, you must do so before an evacuation order is issued.
- Owners of large crafts that must remain in the water must secure their vessels in a predetermined anchorage or mooring area.
- Keep sufficient tie lines and chafing gear, anchors and anchor line, and any other equipment necessary to secure your boat in the water.
- Never stay aboard your boat in a hurricane.

PETS: BEFORE THE STORM

If a local shelter will not accept your pets, you must make your own arrangements to keep your pet safe during a storm.

If you are required to evacuate and are going to spend time in a shelter, it is important that you make plans for your pet well in advance. Some hotels will accept pets during an evacuation.

If you must evacuate to a shelter and leave pets behind, realize that pets may not survive or may be lost. There is no way to know how long it will be before you are permitted back to your home after a hurricane.

Frightened animals quickly slip out of open doors, broken windows, or other damaged areas of your home.

Emergency Management recommends that you make arrangements to evacuate yourself and your pet to a safe location. Friends and relatives in a safe location are your best choice, however, if they are unable to house both you and your pets, arrange shelter for your pets with a veterinarian or kennel near your evacuation location. It is important to do this so that you will be able to have as much contact with them as possible.

PETS: AFTER THE STORM

Walk your pets on a leash until they become reoriented to their home. Be careful of downed power lines and other debris. Do not allow pets to consume food or water which may have become contaminated. Be extremely careful using candles or oil lamps around pets. Never leave them unattended.

SUPPLIES: HAVE A TWO WEEK SUPPLY OF EACH ITEM FOR EVERY PERSON IN YOUR HOME.

WATER

- 2 1/2 gallons of water per person a day (1/2 gallon for drinking, 2 gallons for bathing)
- Store water in clean plastic containers

FOOD

Purchase foods that require no refrigeration and little preparation, such as:

- Ready-to-eat canned food
- Canned juices, milk, soup (if powdered, store extra water)
- Snacks: cookies, cereals, etc.
- Soft drinks, instant coffee, tea
- Lots of ice (you can freeze your water supply)

FOR BABY

- Formula, bottles, powdered milk, jarred baby foods
- Diapers, moist towelettes and special medications

PETS

- Newspapers or cat litter
- Moist canned foods (to preserve water)
- Plastic sheets to cover floor of pet's room



MEDICINE

- First aid kit
- Rubbing alcohol
- Aspirin, non-aspirin pain reliever, antacid
- Extra prescription medication (especially for heart problems and diabetes)
- Ask your physician how to store prescription medication

PERSONAL ITEMS

- Toilet paper, towels, soap, shampoo
- Personal and feminine hygiene products
- Denture needs, contact lenses and an extra pair of eyeglasses
- Sun protection, insect repellent

OTHER SUPPLIES

- Battery-operated radio, flashlights, non-electric can opener, extra batteries
- Charcoal, waterproof matches, extra propane gas for grills (Use grills outside only!)
- ABC-rated fire extinguisher in a small canister.
- Portable cooler
- Plenty of absorbent towels, plastic trash bags
- Wind-up or battery-operated clock
- Tarp or sheet plastic, duct tape, hammer and nails for temporary roof repairs
- Cleaning supplies such as chlorine bleach
- Aluminum foil, paper napkins and plates, plastic cups
- Can of spray paint (can be used to identify your home by insurance adjusters in case it's damaged.)
- At least one change of clothing per person, sturdy shoes, hat and work gloves

History teaches that a lack of hurricane awareness and preparation are common threads among all major hurricane disasters. The most important thing that you can do is to be informed and prepared.

STAY SMART AND STAY SAFE THIS HURRICANE SEASON!

DO YOU, OR SOMEONE IN YOUR HOME, NEED EMERGENCY EVACUATION ASSISTANCE?



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PROVIDES SERVICES TO ASSIST RESIDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN CASE OF EVACUATION.

EMERGENCY & EVACUATION ASSISTANCE

The Emergency & Evacuation Assistance Program (EEAP) provides evacuation support to residents who need specialized transportation assistance or whose medical needs prevent them from evacuating on their own.

Residents with disabilities or who need skilled nursing care, assistance with daily living or have life-saving medical equipment dependent on electricity should register with the EEAP.

This program is for individuals with functional and access needs who live alone or with families.

The program offers:

- Specialized transportation
- Safe shelter
- Medical monitoring
- Wellness checks

A caregiver or companion should accompany the evacuee throughout the emergency period to ensure the evacuee's needs are met in a timely manner.

The EEAP may be used for emergencies and hazardous events, such as:

- Hurricanes or tornadoes
- Chemical or Hazardous material releases (e.g., industrial accident or act of terrorism)
- Wildfires
- Widespread power outages
- Radiation releases (e.g., from a nuclear power plant incident or act of terrorism)

Residents who require evacuation assistance should register for the EEAP prior to an emergency to ensure help will be given when needed. It may also be utilized post-disaster to provide other assistance. Pre-registered residents will receive priority during an emergency.

Residents in nursing homes, assisted living facilities or group homes are not eligible for this program as these facilities are required by law to develop an emergency plan and make arrangements for their residents to evacuate to a similar facility.

To request a Hurricane Readiness Guide in an alternate format, such as Braille or large print, call 311 or send an email to eoc@miamidadegov

Contact the Miami-Dade County Office of Emergency Management support line at 305-513-7700 for more information.



Valentine's Day

By Michael Glidden

Before Social Distancing came along, Residents of all ages came out to celebrate Valentine's Day. It truly was a lovely garden-party-meets-block-party vibe with live music, games, and delicious food and drinks. While gatherings like this may not happen again in Town for a while, we look forward to a time when we may all get together again.



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REPORT CRIME – SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: **305.935.0940**

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