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As we're settling into the start of 2021, I wanted to take a moment to say "thank you" to the Residents of Golden Beach for their continued support. This year I will be in my ninth term as Mayor of Golden Beach, and I couldn't be more proud to serve such a community of excellence. 2021 will also be a year that will be filled with exciting new projects in Town, from our new Civic Center complex to various capital improvement projects throughout Town, Golden Beach will be a hive of activity. Big things are happening!

While we look forward to a bright future, it is important to recognize the serious threat that still persists today. COVID-19 continues to be a real and present threat, and we cannot let our guards down. Information regarding testing and the vaccine rollout are contained in this issue. Let's maintain social distancing and proper precautions as we work to keep everyone safe. We can beat this.

You may have noticed screening going up around Tweddle Park as our Civic Center Project makes progress. At the end of last year we broke ground on the project, site clearing is taking place now, and ground work is beginning the 2nd week in February. Keep your eyes on Tweddle Park in the coming months as we see the project take shape; we expect construction to wrap by the end of 2022. Details are included in the "Project Update" section of this issue.

I would also like to take a moment to congratulate to Councilmembers Judy Lusskin and Jaime Mendal for running unopposed and joining our Town Council for another term. I would also like to thank the residents for their continued faith in me and for allowing me to serve as your Mayor.

I certainly miss gathering with the residents at our usual Town events. Hopefully we can resume our activities sometime this year. Continue to stay safe as we look forward brighter times ahead!

Your Mayor,
Glenn Singer



MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



DEAR RESIDENTS OF GOLDEN BEACH,

2020 was a year unlike any we had ever seen throughout the world for over 100 years. The COVID-19 Pandemic tested the very foundation by which we run our day-to-day operations, how we provide services to you the residents, and how we maintain the safety and well-being of all individuals that come to the Town of Golden Beach. Even with these unprecedented times there are still plenty of accomplishments of which we can be proud. Below are just few examples:

- We launched a very successful “Committed to Keeping You Safe” Campaign
- I was nominated and won the Florida League of Cities Excellence in Management Award, for excellence in city management. This is a very prestigious award. Only one City/Town Manager a year receives this accolade.
- The Town is moving forward on our Civic Center Master Plan. The construction contract was awarded to Gerrits Construction, Inc and we recently held our Groundbreaking ceremony in October.
- The Town issued an RFP for the Center Island Pump Station and finalized a loan agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection for a State Revolving Loan Agreement for the project.
- The Town entered into a contract with Southeastern Engineering Contractors, Inc. to raise all the water meter boxes to alleviate stagnant and standing water at various locations throughout Town where water meters are depressed.
- The Town continued work on the Canal Dredging Project after 4 years of studies. After having to redesign our scope twice, and pulling all of the necessary permits, Olin

Hydrographic Solutions, Inc. began dredging in August 2019. The canal maintenance dredging project was completed this fiscal year.

- Opened up the New Pickleball Court, that was received with very positive feedback from residents.
- Installed sanitizer stations throughout Town for the safety of all residents and guests.
- As part of its COVID-19 safety measures, the Town made available Personal Protective Equipment (such as gloves and masks) to all residents.
- Hand sanitizers were delivered to all of the homes, in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- The Town held periodic on-site complimentary COVID-19 testing to residents and employees.
- The Town implemented a mail delivery service for residents, to alleviate the delays caused by Federal Changes to US Postal mail service nationwide. Residents were able to leave the mail that needed to be picked up at Town Hall, so long as it was properly packaged with postage included, to ensure that their items were properly picked up and delivered by US Postal Service personnel.
- The Town began its AIA Landscaping Beautification Initiative. To date we have invested +/- \$47,000.00.
- The Town continued weekly beach sampling to test the Town’s waters for bacteria.
- The Town maintained its Tree City USA designation in recognition of its lush landscaping and ample open spaces

As we prepare for 2021 our First Priority will be re-affirming our Commitment to Keeping our Residents Safe.

Although in recent days there has been some progress on the COVID-19 fight, the reality is that we are still many months away from general population vaccination and the number of positive cases in Miami-Dade and Broward County are very daunting. Even with these challenging times there will still be plenty to keep our staff focused on delivering the level of service and projects our Residents have come to expect of Golden Beach. Below are just few of our 2021 Goals:

1. The Town will continue to provide hand sanitizers and masks to our Residents, in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic
2. The Town will continue to hold periodic on-site complimentary COVID-19 testing to residents and employees
3. The Town will hold our Elections and Swearing-In Ceremonies (Strict COVID-19 Protocols to be followed)
4. The Town will begin the actual Construction of the New Civic Center
5. The Town will begin the installation of the New Center Island Storm Water Pump station
6. The Town will Install Two (2) Bus Stations on A-1-A
7. The Town will Issue an RFP for Fiber to the Homes
8. The Town will Issue an RFP for Enhanced Security Throughout Town
9. The Town will Issue an RFP for Furniture and Equipment for the new Civic Center
10. The Town will begin engaging our Residents on the Design and Programing Needs for our existing Town Hall
11. The BRAB Changes will be considered by the Town Council, after workshopped with the BRAB Members
12. Our Residents Services Department has some exciting

and innovative programing scheduled for our Residents (keep an eye out in the Magazine for more details)

13. Our Police will undergo refresher training and team building exercises
14. The Fountains at the Strand will finally undergo a face-lift
15. Our Public Works Team will have quarterly “deep cleaning” of our right-of-ways

These are just a few of the many exciting projects that we will be working on this coming year.

We have also been extremely successful in securing over \$170,000 in COVID-19 related expenses reimbursements and \$120,000 in Code Violation Collections.

In March I will begin my 14th Year as your Town Manager and I hope that through these years the one thing that remains evident is My Commitment to evolving each year; I believe that we owe it to our Residents never to become complacent. This approach to Leading our Team is what has contributed to our joint-success. I look forward to the challenges 2021 will bring and to solving them Together.

Thank you!

Alexander Diaz
Town Manager
Town of Golden Beach

POLICE BEAT



2021 is already underway, leaving behind a very challenging 2020. I hope everyone has a healthy and prosperous start to the year. By now we have become familiarized with the different CDC mandates for COVID-19. These directives and/or instructions are in place to keep everyone safe; by the same token, the Golden Beach Police Departments is also doing it's part to keep everyone safe by doing routine checks to the construction sites, and common areas around the Town. As I reflect on the past year, unfortunately, many of the preplanned events had to be cancelled because of the pandemic. Still, the Police Department maintained its stage of alertness and proactive demeanor.

With COVID-19 changing how we live our daily lives, it's important to be aware that criminals have also adapted their approach to the changing times. We have seen a rise in computer-related crimes or "cybercrimes". Trends like working remotely, Internet of Things (IoT), bring-your-own-device (BYOD) and cloud initiatives have given hackers new ways to infiltrate by exponentially expanding the attack surface. Technologies like artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) have given these hackers new tools to distribute malware, vector in on high-end targets, and reach bigger and more diverse audiences. And as these technologies evolve, cybercriminals are becoming increasingly stealth, sophisticated and evasive. Understanding all the basic elements of cyber security is the first step to meeting those threats. Cyber security is the practice of ensuring the integrity, confidentiality and availability (ICA) of information. It represents the ability to defend against and recover from accidents like hard drive failures or power outages, and from attacks by hackers.



Sergeant Julio Soca recently graduated from the Southern Police Institute - Command Staff training class



TYPES OF CYBER THREATS

Common cyber threats fall under three general categories:

- Attacks on confidentiality, which is stealing, or rather copying, a target's personal information. This can compromise your own identity (Identity Theft), credit card information or stealing bitcoin wallets.
- Attack, sabotage or destroy information or the integrity of computer systems, and the people who rely on them.
- Attack on availability: Preventing a target from accessing their data is most frequently seen today in the form of ransomware and denial-of-service attacks. Ransomware encrypts a target's data and demands a ransom to decrypt it.

If you become a victim of Identity theft or any other Cybercrime, even if it is done outside the Town of Golden Beach, we can still complete the police report and forward it to the investigative law enforcement agency.

STAY HEALTHY

Unfortunately, it is flu season again. We all must do our part to maintain the health of ourselves and those around us. In the workplace, illness can spread quickly.

Please follow these additional tips to help prevent spreading germs:

- Get vaccinated for seasonal flu as recommended. This is the single best way to prevent seasonal flu.
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
 - Clean your hands. Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. Use soap and warm water, and make sure to wash for at least 20 seconds.
 - Remember to cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may help prevent those around you from getting sick.
 - Use face masks when around others.
 - Stay home when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.
 - Practice other good health habits. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.
- Be safe, stay well!

Thank You

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COVID-19 Updates

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VACCINATIONS

While vaccine rollouts nationwide have given hope for a return to the more “normal” life we remember before COVID-19, it’s important to remember we are not out of the woods yet. As of press time, the vaccine has only been made available to certain demographics (including first responders and those who are of advanced age). If you have not received your vaccine and are curious about when you may be able to be eligible for vaccination, please visit the following resources for more information:

Register for Florida’s Statewide Preregistration for COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments:
myvaccine.fl.gov

Register for COVID-19 Vaccine Updates:
<https://vaccines.nomihealth.com/mdc>

Additional Resources can be found at:
<https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/vaccine/home.page>

Miami-Dade County – Where to get a COVID-19 Test
https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/testing-locations.page?utm_source=Single%20Town%20News%20Article&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=COVID-19%20vaccines

For individuals who are disabled or homebound, the County also offers at-home testing.
Please visit the link provided below. https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/homebound-testing.page?utm_source=Single+Town+News+Article&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=COVID-19+vaccines

If you have begun vaccination treatment, please note that currently there is no single-dose vaccine for COVID-19. It’s important to keep in mind, if you are not fully vaccinated that it is still possible to contract and/or spread COVID-19. Please follow all instructions given to you by the vaccinator.

GOLDEN BEACH SELECTED AS VACCINE SITE

The Town of Golden Beach has applied and has been selected to be a Point of Administration (POA) Site for the vaccine against COVID-19.

This means, once the vaccine becomes available to the General Population, the Town of Golden Beach will be allowed to administer the vaccine against COVID-19 to Residents using a team of medical professionals.

Golden Beach is only the THIRD municipality in Florida to receive this impactful agreement, which will help assure Golden Beach residents get access to the vaccine when it becomes available.

The Town will provide more information as it becomes available.

TESTING

To help minimize the stresses during these difficult times, the Town has offered free COVID-19 testing events to Residents throughout the pandemic. The Town will continue to provide these services, if you have not done so already be sure to register for the Town’s eBlast program to receive the latest notifications of upcoming testing. If you do not currently receive the Town’s emails and would like to register, please send an email to Michael Glidden, Director of Resident Services at mglidden@goldenbeach.us.

Town Hall has also has a limited number of at-home COVID-19 testing kits. Due to Health & Safety concerns kits WILL NOT be distributed to walk-ins, Residents must contact Town Hall in advance to coordinate a delivery.

EVENTS

Due to COVID-19 being a dangerous and highly contagious virus, the Town has indefinitely suspended larger gatherings in its parks and public spaces. Venues like the Beach Pavilion will not be available for reservation until further notice. The Town does not foresee its public spaces reopening before Summer 2021. In the wake of COVID-19, the Town has also had to reimagine its social programming. We are excited to be able to present offerings that align with social distancing protocols, including ZOOM-based events like our Painting socials and outdoor events like our Tennis Clinics. Check out our event calendar in this issue for more upcoming activities in Town!

NEED SUPPLIES?

We’ve got you covered. If you have a high-risk member in your household who needs a face mask, hand sanitizer or gloves, please contact the Gatehouse at The Strand: 305-935-0940.

COVID-19: Vaccine Questions

IS THERE A CHANCE I COULD CONTRACT COVID-19 BY GETTING THE VACCINE?

No. The COVID-19 vaccines currently being developed in the U.S. don’t use the live virus that causes COVID-19.

It is important to note that after receiving the COVID-19 vaccine it will take a few weeks for your body to build immunity. As a result, it is possible that you could become infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 just before or after being vaccinated.

ONCE I GET VACCINATED CAN I STOP WEARING A MASK, SOCIAL DISTANCING AND WASHING MY HANDS?

The answer is no. Health officials say the answer to all three questions is no. They also said it is unknown if people who have had the vaccine can still carry and transmit the virus to others.

IF I’VE ALREADY HAD COVID-19 SHOULD I GET VACCINATED?

Yes. It is unknown how long an immune response garnered from infection lasts. Health officials say they are seeing evidence of reinfection, so you should consider getting vaccinated even if you have already had COVID-19.

WHERE CAN I GET RELIABLE INFORMATION ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

For current and reliable information visit websites of reputable health resources including the Center for Disease Control (CDC) or the Florida Department of Health.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/>

<https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/covid-19-vaccines-in-florida/>

(sources: CDC.gov, Florida Department of Health)

AROUND TOWN

Some exciting things are brewing around town.
Here's a quick breakdown of some things to expect

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2021

February is Black History Month

Thursday, February 18 – Tennis Clinic**

Tweddle Park - 7PM-8:30PM

Sunday, February 21 - Swearing In Event

at Beach Pavilion** - 11AM

Tuesday, February 23 - Bulky Waste Pickup

MARCH 2021

Thursday, March 4 – Tennis Clinic**

Tweddle Park - 7PM-8:30PM

Tuesday, March 9 - Building Regulatory Meeting* 6PM

Tuesday, March 16 - Town Council Meeting* 7PM

Thursday, March 18 – Tennis Clinic**

Tweddle Park - 7PM-8:30PM

Tuesday, March 23 - Bulky Waste Pickup

**Due to health and safety concerns as a result of the ongoing pandemic, Town Council, board and advisory committee meetings are being held virtually until further notice. Visit www.goldenbeach.us for information.*

***Limited Availability RSVP only event, contact Town Hall for details*

Tennis Clinics Return!



The Town is happy to announce the return of its Tennis Clinic programming. To allow for Social Distancing protocols, class sizes are restricted. To help offset class size restrictions we will offer Tennis Clinic events more frequently in order to accommodate as many interested participants as possible.

Pardon our Dust.

Groundbreaking for the new Civic Center Complex is starting soon. The following areas of Tweddle Park will be closed for the duration of construction:

- Basketball Courts
- Dog Parks
- Sand Volleyball Court

Be sure to visit our other Tweddle Park amenities:

- Tennis Courts
- Pickleball Court
- Playground

We apologize for any inconvenience.

Zoom Painting: Show off your Artistic Flair!



Painters of all skill levels have been logging on to create their own masterpieces as part of the Town's virtual painting classes. Via the ZOOM meeting platform, Residents have been able to safely partake in a new virtual version of the Town's Painting Social events. Joining in the fun is easy! Once Residents have registered and RSVP'd for the event, the Town will have painting kits delivered to their homes, complete with canvas, paint, brushes and log-in information.

If you are interested in joining one of our upcoming events, please contact Jisel Krepp of the Resident Services Department at jkrepp@goldenbeach.us for RSVP information. Please check out our events calendar in this issue for date and time information.

Waste-to-Energy

Important information about your trash (and recycling)

Golden Beach does not want you to separate your garbage and recycling. While this may seem like a strange statement, hear us out. The Town has converted to a Waste-To-Energy program when it comes to waste management. We have discussed this process in previous issues of the Golden Beach Magazine. Additional information on the process is included below.

The Following information regarding Waste-To-Energy is provided courtesy of the US Energy Administration:

Source: <https://www.eia.gov/energyexplained/biomass/waste-to-energy.php>

Waste-to-energy plants make steam and electricity

Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) is usually burned at special waste-to-energy plants that use the heat from the fire to make steam for generating electricity or to heat buildings. In 2019, 67 U.S. power plants generated about 13 billion kilowatt hours of electricity from burning nearly 25 million tons of combustible MSW. Biomass materials accounted for about 63% of the weight of the combustible MSW and for about 47% of the electricity

generated. The remainder of the combustible MSW was non-biomass combustible material, mainly plastics. Many large landfills also generate electricity by using the methane gas that is produced from decomposing biomass in landfills.

Waste-to-energy is a waste management option

Producing electricity is only one reason to burn MSW. Burning waste also reduces the amount of material that would probably be buried in landfills.

Waste-to-energy plants reduce 2,000 pounds of garbage to ash weighing about 300 pounds to 600 pounds, and they reduce the volume of waste by about 87%.

Waste-to-energy around the world

Many countries use waste-to-energy plants to capture the energy in MSW. The use of waste-to-energy plants in some European countries and in Japan is relatively high, in part because those countries have little open space for landfills.

Town Staff Thanks Residents for Generous Donations

Town Staff would like to extend thanks to all the Residents who donated to the Town’s Employee Lunch Fund this year. Your generosity allows for Town staff to enjoy monthly luncheons and is greatly appreciated! A very special thank you goes to Cathie Kessler for being the resident liaison for the fund again this year.

Employee Holiday Donations 2020

Name	Address	Name	Address
Ezratti	South Island Drive	Girardin	Ocean Boulevard
Groll	South Island Drive	Myers	Ocean Boulevard
Whitebook	Ocean Boulevard	Newman	Ocean Boulevard
Trapana	Ocean Boulevard	Willinger	Golden Beach Drive
Addicott	Golden Beach Drive	Sandler	Ocean Boulevard
Carmona	Ocean Boulevard	Sasson	Golden Beach Drive
Wexler	North Parkway	Sasson	South Island Drive
Fleischman	Golden Beach Drive	Porges	Center Island Drive
Banner	North Island Drive	Masciatti	South Parkway
Benhamou	Golden Beach Drive	Kaplan	Ocean Boulevard
Cicale	South Island Drive	Weber	Ocean Boulevard
Mendal	Golden Beach Drive	Eidelstein	Golden Beach Drive
Martinez	Ocean Boulevard	Meyers	Ocean Boulevard
DiPietro	Ocean Boulevard	Bianco	Golden Beach Drive
Gilson	Ocean Boulevard	Herrick	Ocean Boulevard
Snyder	Center Island Drive	Herrera	Ocean Boulevard
Kassal	Center Island Drive	Velocci	Center Island Drive
Eskenazi	Golden Beach Drive	Abramowitz	Ocean Boulevard
Nelson	Golden Beach Drive	Rose	North Island Drive
Rodriguez	Ocean Boulevard	Bromberg	Golden Beach Drive
Bravo	Golden Beach Drive	Mendal	Golden Beach Drive
Brief	Center Island Drive	Fernandez	Golden Beach Drive
Gibb	North Parkway	Zinn	Golden Beach Drive
Feinman	Ocean Boulevard	Franco	South Island Drive
Medina	North Island Drive	Murciano	Center Island Drive
Lekach	Ocean Boulevard	Sredni	Ocean Boulevard
Malina/Young	Golden Beach Drive	Leff	Terracina Avenue
Walasek	Golden Beach Drive	Kamhazi	Terracina Avenue
Garcia	North Parkway	Tobin	Ocean Boulevard
Olemberg	Golden Beach Drive	Schwartz	South Island Drive
Cohan	Golden Beach Drive	Marcus	Golden Beach Drive
Dagan	South Island Drive	Drozdow	Golden Beach Drive
Kotler	North Island Drive	Allen	Golden Beach Drive
Croituru	Golden Beach Drive	Sprechman	North Island Drive
Sredni	North Island Drive	Hollo	North Island Drive
Young	Center Island Drive	Wurman	Ocean Boulevard
Newman	Golden Beach Drive	Shchegol	Golden Beach Drive
Friedlander	North Parkway	Minski/	Golden Beach Drive
Labzin	Massini Avenue	Tenenbaum	Golden Beach Drive
Levy	Ocean Boulevard	Block	South Island Drive
Schneider	South Parkway	Rub	North Island Drive
Goldfarb	Golden Beach Drive	Rubin	Ocean Boulevard
Ruben	South Parkway	Hanna	Golden Beach Drive
Stiberman	South Island Drive	535	
Extrakt	South Island Drive	Ocean LLC	Ocean Boulevard
Almonte	Golden Beach Drive	Badell/Grau	Ocean Boulevard
Mimoun	North Island Drive	Willis	Golden Beach Drive
Huppert	Golden Beach Drive	Grosskopf	South Island Drive
Matalon/		Kessler	Golden Beach Drive
Abadi	North Island Drive	Bernstein	Golden Beach Drive

Renting out your Property in Golden Beach?

If you are renting out a property in Town, be sure you have registered your renters with Town Hall.

Every year on January 1st, renters must be re-registered with the Town. The Transient Living Application is available through the Town’s Code Enforcement Department or by accessing the Town’s website www.goldenbeach.us. A check for \$300.00 must accompany the completed application. Unregistered renters leave owners open to code citations and fines. Having registered tenants keeps our community a safer and better place for everyone to live. Please be sure to follow all correct avenues should you plan on renting your home. If you need further assistance you may contact the Code Enforcement Department at Town Hall at 305-932-0744.

Keep in mind, Air BNB and similar short-term rentals are strictly prohibited per code.

Name	Address	Name	Address
Halliwell	Center Island Drive	Ioannou	North Island Drive
Friedman	Golden Beach Drive	Cohen	Ocean Boulevard
Elenson	South Parkway	Fischer	Golden Beach Drive
Almosny	South Parkway	Long	Terracina Avenue
Klinger	North Island Drive	Lior	Ocean Boulevard
Toledano	Golden Beach Drive	Lindenfeld	Golden Beach Drive
Benenson	South Parkway	Gonzalez	Ocean Boulevard
Macken	Ocean Boulevad	Singer	North Island Drive
Halfen	Golden Beach Drive	Fishbein	Golden Beach Drive
Israel	Ocean Boulevard	Peisach	Terracina Avenue
Lencovski	South Island Drive	Sonn	South Parkway
Friedman	Golden Beach Drive	Behar	Golden Beach Drive
Slochowski	Golden Beach Drive	Lusskin	Golden Beach Drive
Eilemberg	Golden Beach Drive	Hernandez	Center Island Drive
Rubin	Ocean Boulevard	Elrad	Ocean Boulevard
Krestow	Ocean Boulevard	Iglesias	South Island Drive
Maloney	Ocean Boulevard	Khalifeh	North Island Drive
Rotter	Center Island Drive	Ventura	Golden Beach Drive
Pila	South Island Drive	Yagudaev	Golden Beach Drive
Levy/Behar	Ocean Boulevard	Bermingham	Golden Beach Drive
Goldstein	Golden Beach Drive	Ghitis	Golden Beach Drive
Kay	North Parkway	Keindl	Golden Beach Drive
Lasry	Ocean Boulevard	Berkman	North Island Drive
Berndt/		Tartell	North Island Drive
Mathur	South Island Drive	Ginsburg	South Parkway
Levy	Terracina Avenue	Visnick/	
Benayoun	Golden Beach Drive	Ftaiha	Golden Beach Drive
Rimes	South Island Drive	McHugh	Ocean Boulevard
Amaral	Center Island Drive	Alvarez	Golden Beach Drive
Grabois	Ocean Boulevard	Cassuto	Golden Beach Drive
Kassin	South Island Drive	Ohev-Zion	Ocean Boulevard
Newberg	Golden Beach Drive	German	Golden Beach Drive
Mesa	Ocean Boulevard		
Honowitz	Golden Beach Drive		

GBYLG: Helping Out!

Golden Beach Youth Leadership Group member Sydney Bianco is working to help improve lives of those in need. She is also involved with Achieve MIAMI, a non-profit organization that partners with educators, students, and schools to bridge disparities, provide meaningful educational experiences, and demonstrate the power of students learning with and from each other. You may recall another GBYLG/Achieve MIAMI member, Olivia Kessler, spearheaded a successful book drive in Town.

Speaking about the project, Sydney said “At Achieve, we partner with low-income schools and help the participating families in any way possible, whether it is reading to the children or providing them with food. We understand that this virus (COVID-19) has been straining on many of the families and we want to find any way to ease the situation. Over the past few months, we have held several food distribution events. One problem we have identified is that there are many families with infants and toddlers. Our current goal is to collect baby supplies, such as diapers, wipes, baby food, formula, clothes, etc. as we know many of the families cannot afford these things.”

If you would like to donate to the project, please contact the Resident Services Department at Town Hall at (305)932-0744.



▲ Achieve MIAMI continues to make communities better; images shown here were taken before and during the COVID-19 pandemic.

GBYLG: Zooming into Action

The Golden Beach Youth Leadership Group (GBYLG) will begin to meet via ZOOM. Details will be announced through the group’s eBlast messaging.

The Golden Beach Youth Leadership is looking for even more members to join in the fun and service. Are you a Golden Beach resident aged 10 to 18 years old? Are you looking for a way to get involved and help the community around you, all while meeting other kids with similar interests? If so consider joining the Golden Beach Youth Leadership Group. The group meets several times a year to discuss and plan events. As a group, members

participate in community service activities including Beach Clean Ups and Fundraisers. It is an excellent way to earn Community Service hours for school as well as have a great time and make friends. If you’re interested in joining the Golden Beach Youth Leadership Group please contact mglidden@goldenbeach.us to be added to the group contact list, or for more information you may contact Golden Beach Councilmember and Golden Beach Youth Leadership Group Advisor Judy Lusskin at (305)986-4377.

COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT

Congrats to our Council

BY MICHAEL GLIDDEN

The Town would like to recognize Mayor Glenn Singer, Councilmember Judy Lusskin and Councilmember Jaime Mendal on their uncontested re-elections. The lack of opposition to their continued roles on the Town Council shows a level of trust from those that they serve, that they are doing a good job in helping guide the Town and will continue to do so.

Alongside their fellow Councilmembers Kenneth Bernstein and Bernard Einstein, these capable officials have diligently and dutifully worked to improve the community that they serve. As Residents of Golden Beach themselves, they understand and appreciate what a special place our Town is. They listen to feedback from their neighbors, and make informed decisions to shape a community that is better for all.

During their tenure on the Council, Mayor Singer and Councilmembers have had an accomplished history with the Town.

Some major initiatives the Administration has taken during recent years include:

Overseeing the Civic Center Complex Master Plan, including financing, oversight of bids and contracts.

This project will mark a major turning point in Golden Beach, providing the community with a state-of-the-art government hub and community center. The new complex will be the new home of Town Hall as well as a community gathering venue with indoor and outdoor event spaces.

Commissioning and executing an A1A Corridor Study.

In an effort to elevate the Town's "curb appeal" along its major thoroughfare, the Council has pursued landscaping improvements to Ocean Boulevard. The new landscaping plans will help unify the overall aesthetic, giving a more polished impression. The Council also oversees the Town-wide annual landscape maintenance contract.



Overseeing the Town's Canal Maintenance Program and all related services agreements. To ease safe navigation through the Town's waterways, the Council oversaw an extensive canal maintenance initiative. The program included dredging of silt deposits and the clearing of debris that had accumulated over time.

Overseeing Safety and Security Initiatives. The Council continues to focus on Security and Safety of Homes, Residents and Shared Spaces in Town. The Council works directly with the Town Manager and Golden Beach Police Department, to assure safety and security protocols are being met.



Forwarding the Town's Center Island Pump Station Project. In an effort to address rising tides and flooding concerns on one of the lowest lying points of Town, the Council has implemented plans for a new pump station at Center Island.

Overseeing the Town's COVID-19 response. The Council has continued to meet virtually throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, discussing Town business and action plans for how to protect the safety of all who live and work in Golden Beach. Through Executive Orders, the Mayor provided instructions on topics including: restricted access to Town by non-residents during the onset of the pandemic; construction site safety protocols; and setting the parameters of how Town-related business would be conducted during an unprecedented scenario where meeting in person is not possible.

Hearing and approving Resolutions and Ordinances related to policymaking, administration, purchasing and other legislative acts. The Town Council serves as the decision-making hub on various levels, working with the Town Manager and Town Administration.

Oversaw the Town's 90th Anniversary Calendar of Events (2019). In 2019, Golden Beach celebrated the 90th Anniversary of its incorporation. The Town Council oversaw the schedule of events, and selected how such a momentous occasion would be recognized by the Community. The week-long festivities included an elegant wine social at the Beach Pavilion and a colossal street fair party that stretched across Tweddle Park and the surrounding areas.

Approving the \$60,000 curbs and gutters replacement program. In an effort to keep streets clean



and dry, as well as maintain the high level of infrastructure standards in Town, the Council approved a large-scale project to replace the Town's curbs and gutters.

Redesign of the Fountains at The Strand entrance of Town. Flanking The Strand Gatehouse, two new gleaming water features were installed as part of a reimagining of the central entrance into Town.

Heard and Approved Proposal for Renovations and enhancements at the Beach Pavilion. Often the backdrop of Town events like New Year's Eve or even a family-friendly place to spend a sunny Saturday, the Beach Pavilion is a hive of activity in Golden Beach. The Town Council oversaw the capital improvement project that included resurfacing and restoration of the Pavilion structure, along with upgraded bathroom facilities and added amenities. The results made the Beach Pavilion an even more appealing destination for Residents.

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COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT



Oversee Annual Audits of the Town's Finances.

Annually the Council reviews the Audit of the Town's finances, assuring that funds are properly allocated and any possible waste is avoided.

Developed and Executed a Town-wide Street Lighting Program. As a safety initiative, and an aesthetic improvement, the Council worked with Florida Power and Light (FPL) to execute a full renovation of the Town's street lighting.

Oversaw the project to install an automated transponder-based entry gate system at the Strand and exit gate at Terracina. For safety and security, the Council elected to add an additional level of protection for those wishing to access the interior of Town. Vehicles entering at The Strand would either need a vehicle transponder (available only to vehicles registered by Town Hall) or the drivers would need to push a button for access (before the gate arm lifts, a photo is taken of the vehicle operator).

Oversaw the construction of a Police Gym using monies from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF). The Police Gym helps to figuratively and literally strengthen the Town's police force, and encourages healthy habits.

Upgrading of Park Equipment, playground and exercise equipment. Tweddle Park received upgrades to the playground areas, including new play equipment and



a new sun shading structure. Additional improvements were also made to the strength training and exercise areas adjacent to the picnic structure.

Authorized a New closed-circuit television program. To assist the Police Department in monitoring the Town, the Council approved a CCTV system.

Protecting Private Property Designation. To remind anyone traversing Town along the beach, The Council approved installing No Trespassing signs at the north and south ends of Town, and reminders of where Private Property rights extend.

Installed Pedestrian Access Gates. In an effort to limit foot traffic into Town, the Council installed pedestrian gates protected with passcode access. The pedestrian gates were erected at access points along A1A and alongside the North and South Gates.

Approved by Resolution the refinancing of the Town's General Obligation Bond. The Town Council approved the refinancing of the Town's General Obligation Bond which lowered the Town's debt-service by almost \$1.5 Million.

We look forward to their continued service to the Town. More information on the Town Council's current initiatives including the new Civic Center Complex, the Center Island Pump Station and Town-Wide Fiber Internet Project are also covered in this issue.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

The Town is inviting residents to join us at the 2021 Swearing-In Ceremony. We will be honoring Mayor Singer on his ninth term. Councilmember Judy Lusskin on her fifth term. And Councilmember Jaime Mendal on his second term.

The event will be held Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 11AM at the Beach Pavilion. Refreshments will be served. Social distancing protocols will be in place for the safety of those attending and this is an RSVP only event. To RSVP please contact Jisel Krepp of the Resident Services Department at jkrepp@goldenbeach.us.

Please note the beach will be closed all day Sunday, February 21 in preparation for the event.



Heard and Approved Proposal for Complete

Renovation and Redesign of Police Gatehouse. The project included a remodeling of The Strand Gatehouse, which serves as the first point of contact for those entering Town from Ocean Boulevard. The Gatehouse also houses the Police Substation and is where officers are dispatched when service calls are made. Several designs options were considered to best suit the needs and current aesthetics of the community.



Center Island Pump Station Information

The Center Island Pump Station (CIPS) will serve to alleviate flooding and preserve the existing roadway infrastructure on the Town's Center Island Drive (where the Police Boat Dock and Vessel is located), as well as preserve the recently installed Town wide infrastructure in preparation for sea level rise, which is vital to the health, safety and welfare of the community.

The proposed project consists of the installation of a duplex stormwater pumping station and associated pertinent works by modifying the existing drainage system at the project location per the engineering plans and technical specifications. Roadwork and landscaping work are also part of the project at the proposed pump station site. The entire Center Island paved area will undergo milling and resurfacing up to the bridge. The Construction activity shall be performed within the limits of the Town of Golden Beach's right-of-ways.

In an effort to bring down costs for the project, the Town applied to purchase materials for the project using its tax exempt status. Purchasing materials tax free brought in a savings of \$30,000.00.

Work is expected to commence soon with project completion anticipated mid-July 2021.

Bus Shelters on A1A

The Town continues its upgrades to A1A with two new bus shelters. The new bus shelters will provide an attractive redesign to the Town's existing bus stops and will feature modern styling.

Fiber Internet

The Town continues to research internet service options. The Mayor and Town Manager are meeting with service providers to discuss potential options. Town Manager Alexander Diaz reported at the January 2021 Town Council Meeting via Zoom that there has been a slight shift in approach in regards to the project. Instead of limiting possibilities by requesting bids for one specified service option, the Town will instead detail the intents and desired results to providers, and the providers will propose solutions that meet those needs best. The Town will make minimum requirements (service must be Fiber or 5G, speed of service, etc.). Requests for proposals will also include Wi-Fi access in the Town's parks and options to improve the Town's existing CCTV network. This new approach is not expected to delay the project, and will help the Town get a more "tailored" service package.



Moving Trucks and Deliveries: New Protocols in Effect

To protect the safety and quality-of-life of all Residents, the Town will require that residents inform the Gatehouse of any anticipated Large Delivery Trucks or Moving Vans.

The Gatehouse will begin stopping vans and asking their intended destination, and may call Residents to confirm a delivery is expected. This policy applies only to large delivery trucks and moving vans.

Please note: Moving and Large Deliveries ARE NOT allowed on Weekends, unless Prior Approval has been given by the Town Manager.

Reminder to Homeowners who are renting out their properties: Transient Living forms must be updated every January 1st. If you have not completed and submitted your current Transient Living form, please do so immediately. Be sure to include a Copy of Lease, Proof of Ownership and check for \$300.00. Got questions? Please contact Town Hall at (305)932-0744.

January/February 2021

Civic Center: We Need Your Input

With ground broken on the new Civic Center complex, the Town is looking to residents to help fine tune the plans for its new amenity offerings. The new complex will feature a clubhouse area and Town is welcoming suggestions for what would help make that area most effective. The area is set to include a gym, but what types of equipment/facilities would you most like to see included? Should we consider more treadmills versus stationary bikes? Are free weights more your thing than weight machines? Let us know so we can tailor our facility to your needs.

Please send your suggestions to mglidden@goldenbeach.us.

Important information regarding the Town's Code of Ordinances for proper procedure of Garbage and Trash Collection.

A reminder to all residents that the Town's Code requires Residents NOT to place garbage cans in front of their homes. Garbage containers must remain on private property (example: next to home/garage), the Public Works Department will collect, empty and return Garbage Cans to where they are stored. Failure to follow the Town's Code may result in Code Citations and/or fines. For your convenience, the section of the Code pertaining to this topic is included below.

ARTICLE II. - COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL[2]

Sec. 26-31. - General responsibilities of residents; containers generally.

(a)It shall be the responsibility of every resident and/or Owner of every residence in the Town to provide Garbage storage through use of approved Garbage Cans, in sufficient size and quantity for pick up service, twice weekly.

(b)All Garbage Cans or trash containers shall be kept on private property and shall not extend into any required front yard setback; on corner lots it shall not extend into side yard setback facing Streets and such area shall be accessible to the Garbage collector and secured from disturbance from animals.

(c)The Town Manager has the authority to approve the capacity of the receptacles and the frequency of collection service unless otherwise specified by adopted code requirements.

(Code 1989, § 12.02(1)–(3))

Questions? Please contact the Code Enforcement Department at Town Hall at (305) 932-0744.



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/>

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON THE EAST SIDE OF OCEAN BOULEVARD

Sea Turtle nesting season runs through 10/31. Florida State Statutes require residents living on the east side of Ocean Boulevard to comply with restrictions regarding lighting that may disrupt sea turtles' nesting process.

Artificial lights (meaning the light emanating from any human-made device) includes porch lights, security lights, and even indoor lighting that spills out of windows and glass doors. These forms of light can disorient and deter sea turtles from coming ashore to lay their eggs. The same lights can also cause hatchlings to lose their way. Be sure your home is equipped with turtle-safe lighting and close window shades at night to keep interior light indoors.

Violating Turtle Safety regulations can result in costly civil citations. Should you have any questions as to how to comply with these important regulations please visit the Florida Department of Environmental Protection website at www.dep.state.fl.us.

For more information, the full Code of Ordinances may be viewed online at municode.com or contact the Code Enforcement Department at Town Hall at (305)932-0744.



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