



A YEAR IN REVIEW

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:

- 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 Manager 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 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

2021 IS A TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION YEAR

If you are interested in more information on running for a position on the Golden Beach town council, please visit www.goldenbeach.us and click on the "2021 Elections Information" button on the main page. We have also included an Election information overview below.

ELECTIONS INFORMATION

- The filing fee for candidates is \$50.00
- The general election for Council and the office of Mayor will be held on Tuesday, February 16th, 2021.
- The election is for the Mayor's seat and two council seats
- The Mayor is elected for a term of two years. Council members are elected for a term of four years.
- Candidates for the office of Mayor will qualify and run for election in a group separate and apart from the office of Council.
- Any qualified elector of the Town may be nominated for Mayor or Council member by petition signed by 50 qualified electors
- The qualifying petitions and filing fee is filed with the Town Clerk during the period beginning 12:00 noon on the 50th day prior to the day of election ending on the 45th day prior to the election unless the date falls on a legal holiday, Saturday or Sunday, in which event the qualifying period will be extended to the next regular work day ending at 12:00 noon. This year the qualifying period begins on Monday, December 28th, 2020 at 12:00 noon and ends on Monday, January 4th, 2021 at 12:00 noon.
- When the nominating petition is filed with the Clerk, the Clerk will determine the sufficiency of the petition and hand deliver the petition to the office of the Dade County Registrar who shall verify the number of valid signatures within five days.
- To vote you must be a registered voter with Miami Dade County and have lived in Town for more than 45 days to be able to vote in a Town election.
- The candidate for office of Council receiving the highest number of votes cast will serve as Vice Mayor. The Vice Mayor position rotates on an annual bases.

If you are interested in running for a position on the Golden Beach Town Council please contact the Town's Clerk's office at 305.932.0744 or via email at lperez@goldenbeach.us. Qualifying handbooks are available online at www.goldenbeach.us or through the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall.

MAYOR GLENN SINGER



Mayor Glenn Singer has been serving as Mayor since February 15, 2005.

He has placed the successful growth and development of his community among his highest priorities. Attracted by the Town of Golden Beach's beauty, aesthetics, security, prized oceanfront location and exclusive family atmosphere, Mayor Singer moved his family to the Town in 1997. Driven by his desire to help the Town accomplish its well-defined vision for the future, he quickly immersed himself in serving his community as an involved citizen. He was first elected as a Council Member and after four years was elected to his current position as Mayor.

Mayor Singer brings a multi-faceted history of success to his position. After graduating from Florida State University he spent six years practicing as a Certified Public Accountant. In 1990, recognizing massive demand for the outsourcing of payroll and employee benefits, he and his partners established the Florida-based National Business Solutions, a successful professional employer organization. In addition to his duties as Mayor, he is an active investor, lending his expertise to a number of businesses at various stages of growth in a variety of industries including real estate, technology and fitness.

Mayor Singer's many accomplishments throughout his administration, includes the implementation of a Marine Patrol, the establishment of the Town's canine park, overseeing the Town's purchase of two vacant lots that were subsequently earmarked for green space, renovation of the Town's Police Substation and the Town's historic Beach Pavilion. Both renovation projects were completed on time and were within the established budgets. The Town also replaced two of its three bridges which access the interior islands which make up part of the beauty that is Golden Beach.

Mayor Singer had a vision of what Golden Beach should look like and how it should function as a Town, and first brought his vision to the Town Council in 2006. On November 6, 2007 under his efficient leadership and vision the voters of the Town of Golden Beach overwhelmingly approved a General Obligation Bond Referendum for 14.5 million dollars. The Town also completed a 25 million dollar Capital Improvement Project to enhance its streetscaping on Ocean Boulevard and Golden Beach Drive, the undergrounding of its utilities, the completion of its stormwater management system and the replacement of its water distribution system. According to Mayor Singer the time was right to implement the Capital Improvement Program and the right team was in place to make it happen. Current projects include canal maintenance and a new Town Hall. He is proud and excited to be leading the Town of Golden Beach into its Golden Future.



VICE MAYOR BERNARD EINSTEIN

Vice Mayor Bernard Einstein has spent many years working for the Town, having first been elected to the Town Council in February 1999. He has also served on the Town's General Employees' Pension Board.

He has been a resident of the Town since 1994, where he has resided with his wife, Kathie. They are the proud parents of a son and a daughter. Mr. Einstein has been a practicing member of the Florida Bar since 1978 and specializes in real estate transactions, title insurance, wills, trusts, and estates.



COUNCILMEMBER JUDY LUSSKIN

Councilmember Judy Lusskin has resided in the Town of Golden Beach for over 25 years. She has served on the Town Council for the past 15 years – currently entering her fourth term as a Councilmember. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Education and Speech from Long Island University in New York. Councilmember Lusskin was Program Director for the Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center for 15 years, where she supervised over 100 staff and initiated an extensive employment orientation program.

Councilmember Lusskin has been extremely active in the Town of Golden Beach. Councilmember Lusskin founded the Golden Beach Youth Leadership Group, co-chaired the Town's 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee, is a previous chairperson and active member of the Town's Recreation Committee, and additionally has served on the Beautification and the Securities and Public Safety Committees. Councilmember Lusskin directs and leads the Town's annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day Programs. Councilmember Lusskin is the Town's representative for the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, and she also serves on the Vice Provost Council of Florida International University (FIU).

Councilmember Lusskin has her private pilot's certificate and when she is not busy with her political obligations, she can be found navigating the sunny skies of Florida.

Always feel free to call her at 305-932-0744 with any questions or comments.



COUNCILMEMBER JAIME MENDAL

Jaime Mendal is a 16 year resident of the Town of Golden Beach, having moved here with his family at the age of 12. Elected in February 2017, Mr. Mendal is believed to be the youngest councilmember in Golden Beach history.

After graduating from Tufts University in 2012 with a degree in International Relations, Mr. Mendal joined his family's business in the pet industry. In his role, he oversaw the manufacturing facilities in Central and South America for the world's largest, vertically integrated rawhide dog treat company.

In 2016, Mr. Mendal branched off to start Crafted Kibble. Crafted Kibble is an online subscription-based, pet nutrition product delivery platform. The company produces pre-portioned and pre-packaged high-quality customized kibble based on an individual dog's unique nutritional needs. Through proprietary dietary and portioning algorithms, Crafted Kibble strives to improve the wellness of the U.S. pet population and enhance the bond between the family and their pet.

Mr. Mendal is eager to put the skills he has learned in the private sector to work on behalf of the residents of Golden Beach. He looks forward to working with the other members of the Town Council as well as with Town staff.



COUNCILMEMBER KENNETH R. BERNSTEIN

Councilmember Kenneth R. Bernstein has served on the council for the Town of Golden Beach since 2007. Mr. Bernstein is a member of the Florida Bar and a Certified Public Accountant (inactive) in the State of Florida. A native Floridian, he earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Miami (1992), and a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Florida (1987).


An active member of the South Florida community, Mr. Bernstein has been involved in numerous charitable and civic activities in Miami-Dade County including serving as: a Board Member for Aventura Hospital; a Board of Director for the Aventura Jewish Center; a committee member of South Florida East Coast Coalition; on fundraising committees for United Way; and a member of the Dade Advisory Board of Extra Helpings and Daily Bread Food Bank.

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