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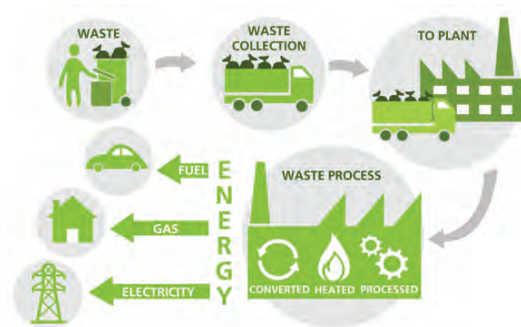
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Letter from your **MAYOR**

We are extremely excited about breaking ground on our new Civic Center Complex. I would like to thank everyone who took part in the ceremony. I am especially grateful to our visiting officials from our neighboring municipalities who joined us.

Our new Civic Center will be a state-of-the-art, environmentally friendly facility with the unique feature of being elevated over 30 feet above ground. We are constructing this building in preparation and anticipation of the climate and environmental challenges we shall see in our future. Our new facility will include a beautiful Town Chambers and an entertainment room for both the Town and the residents to conduct social events. It will house an emergency hurricane command center which will be able to withstand a Category 5 storm. This will be the first and only landfall team bunker in the State of Florida and will enable us to render immediate aid to our residents and neighboring communities following a storm.

Part of the Civic Center Complex includes converting our existing Town Hall into a state-of-the-art wellness center for our residents to use to stay healthy and safe. This is an all-inclusive Town project, one that the Ralston Brothers would be so proud of 91 years after they embarked on their dream to develop this area into a very special town. They knew that "if they build it, they will come". And that is exactly what took place.

This has been an extremely eventful year and as we approach the end of 2020, we'd like to reflect on how we managed through all of the uncertainty. I want to thank the Town Manager and the Staff for the amazing job they did in making sure our residents stayed safe. But we cannot afford to become complacent. Although restrictions have been lifted, COVID-19 is still a real and present threat. We are far from out of the woods. Please continue to follow guidelines regarding good hygiene, social distancing and wearing a mask when out in public.

As we also near the end of the 2020 hurricane season, we are so very grateful to have been spared any significant impact from the multitude of storms that have developed this year. The Town of Golden Beach remains a premier community in which to live, play and thrive. And we look forward to what is yet to come.

Your Mayor,

Mayor Glenn Singer

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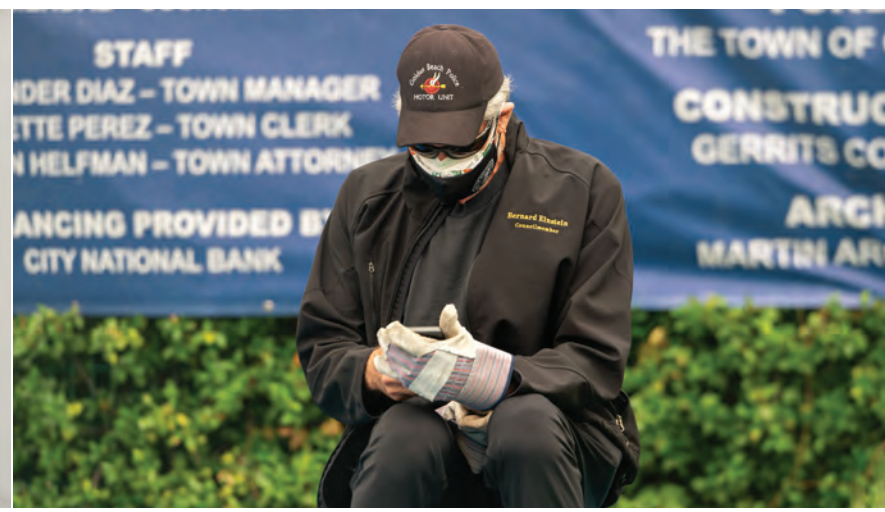
NEW CIVIC CENTER BREAKS GROUND

By Michael Glidden

Residents, local dignitaries and the media joined the Mayor, Town Council and staff for a special socially-distanced ceremony to commemorate the ground breaking of the new Civic Center project.

The Town of Golden Beach is excited to enter this new phase of the project. Expect to see big changes happening in the coming months as the Civic Center site begins to take shape!







COVID-19 UPDATES

By Michael Glidden

- As of press time, Miami-Dade County's curfew has been pushed back from 11PM-6AM to 12AM-6AM
- Unaccompanied guests are still NOT ALLOWED on the beach. Guests must be accompanied by their Golden Beach Resident host at all times. For example, if their host leaves to go pick-up supplies, the guest must leave with them.
- On Construction Sites: Masks and social distancing are still required. Please report sites that are not complying with these regulations. You can remain anonymous.
- Need to get tested for COVID-19 and not sure where to go? Please visit the Florida Department of Health website for information regarding testing sites near you. <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/testing-sites>
- Town Events: In an abundance of caution, the Town WILL NOT be facilitating in-person events until further notice. The Town has begun rolling out alternative social programming in response to social distancing parameters. Details of upcoming programming will continue to be posted on the Town's website.
- Playground: The Town has reopened the playground area at Tweddle Park, but wants Residents to know that the park is a play-at-your-own-risk area. High touch areas are considered especially dangerous when it comes to COVID-19 transmission. While the equipment is cleaned once daily, it is not staffed and therefore is not cleaned between use. The Town cannot guarantee the equipment is fully sanitized at all times.

BE SMART. STAY SAFE. PROTECT YOURSELF.

As restrictions ease and businesses reopen it's important to realize that the threat of COVID-19 is still here. Don't give up the fight or let your guard down.

Wear your face mask when around others.

Maintain social distancing to minimize risk of transmission.

Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly.



HAPPY
Boss
DAY

WHO'S THE BOSS?

By Michael Glidden

October marked National Boss's Day and Mayor Singer's birthday. The Town took a few moments to recognize Mayor Glenn Singer and Town Manager Alexander Diaz for all their hard work!

As we move towards the close of 2020, I would like to remind our residents that hurricane season is ongoing and will not end until November 30th. Also I would like to take this time to thank you, our residents for following all the COVID-19 mandates. The Golden Beach Police Department continues to monitor for compliance of these important guidelines. On construction sites in Town, we have observed some workers that are failing to follow the guidelines. The Golden Beach Police Department has cited, and will continue to cite, the site foreman with violations for non-compliance.

Even with the COVID-19 pandemic, the Golden Beach Police Department remains extremely committed to our yearly excellence goals, safety priorities, tactical training, community relations activities, and proactive enforcement. Our police department has consistently been recognized by other police agencies and private entities for our dedicated community service and expeditious police response. Our officers are trained law enforcement professionals which are always vigilant and engaged in the preservation of life and property.

As an example of our fortitude in police services; during the month of September 2020, the department recorded a total of 15 arrests, of which 14 were traffic related; we also issued 161 traffic citations and 166 warnings. The Marine Patrol issued 121 warnings, inspected 90 vessels and issued 19 citations. The Golden Beach Police Department detached detectives continue their proactive approach of seizing illegal forfeited assets and money. The purpose and



mission of asset forfeiture is to disrupt criminal activity by confiscating assets that potentially could have been beneficial to the individual or organization. Most of the money seized by this civil asset-forfeiture process returns to the law-enforcement agencies that seized it, providing funds for a variety of law-enforcement improvements including police vehicles, exercise equipment, and law enforcement grade equipment.

When it comes to community related events, I was invited to participate in the swearing in ceremony of officers at Biscayne Park's Police Department. We, as a progressive police department, network with many other South Florida police departments and assist each other through Mutual Aid Agreements. The department also participated in the Annual Childhood Cancer Awareness Event which is an initiative that serves to increase awareness, rally support, and improve childhood cancer survival rates in the United States. Additionally, on Saturday, October 10th, the Golden Beach Police Department hosted its annual Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles driver's license renewal initiative at Town Hall. Approximately 20 Golden Beach residents were able to conveniently renew their driver licenses at Town Hall instead of having to visit a DMV office.

Last but not least, the Golden Beach Police Department is presently going through a supervisor restructuring by adding the rank of Corporal. This addition will allow for more road patrol supervisors, will minimize the overtime usage, as well as maintain high morale. We are very fortunate to be working for such an incredible town and are grateful for the opportunity to serve you.

Your CHIEF OF POLICE,

Rudy Herbello

Police BEAT



"The Mayor, Town Council, and Town Administration proudly support the fine work and excellence of the Golden Beach Police Department"

Image 1: Swearing-in ceremony at Biscayne Park

Image 2 & 3: GBPD participates in annual Childhood Cancer Awareness Event

Image 4: The Golden Beach Police Department detached detectives seized \$525,720.00 in a single day.

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