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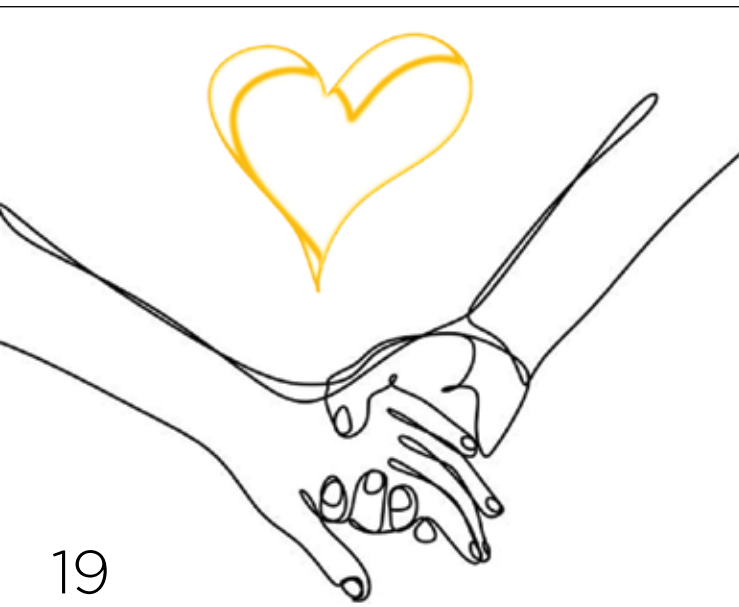
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SUMMER IS HERE and we can all feel the heat. As we slowly return to pre-COVID activities, remember to take appropriate precautions anytime you are outdoors. Be mindful of pedestrian and bicycle traffic and drive carefully, especially at night.

If you are traveling this summer and will be away for any extended period of time, please stop by the Police Substation at the Gatehouse or Town Hall to fill out a House Check form so that the police can keep an additional watch on your property while you are away. Please make sure you secure your property before leaving.

Hurricane season began on June 1st. We encourage everyone to be proactive rather than reactive. Secure your homes and check for leaks now. It is best to make sure you have disaster kits and emergency supplies which should include flashlights, batteries, garbage bags, non-perishable food items, water, and more. Do not forget to have a first aid kit on hand, and secure your boats and watercraft to prevent damage or loss.

The Town acknowledges that residents have been having issues with their internet service for some time. Over the past 12 months, the Town Administration and the Town Council have been researching high speed fiber and internet options. Golden Beach has a reputation for treating residents phenomenally and providing amazing amenities. We only want the best for our residents. We have chosen Hotwire Communications for the new Town-wide High Speed Fiber and Internet Project. Golden Beach will be one of the first cities nationwide to offer up to 10 gigs up and 10 gigs down to our residents. We will provide a minimum of 1 gig to each household with the ability to upgrade to up to 10 gigs. We are excited about our new business partnership with Hotwire Communications. The proposed fiber optic installation



Mayor Singer and the Council listen to presentations during the recent Fiber Internet Workshop.

should resolve all of our internet issues, and we are diligently seeking ways to finance this project.

If you have noticed, actual work on the new Civic Center Complex has begun. We are very excited about this new project. Lissett Rovira is our Project Director. All inquiries can be directed to her at Town Hall, extension 242. We expect to be completed with construction in 24 months barring any unforeseen circumstances.

The staff at Town Hall is always available by phone should you have any questions or concerns. Feel free to contact staff during regular business hours at (305) 932-0744. After hours you can always reach the Substation at (305) 935-0940.

Above all else, enjoy your summer!

Your Mayor,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Singer'.

Mayor Glenn Singer

LETTER FROM TOWN MANAGER



DEAR RESIDENTS OF GOLDEN BEACH,

The Town has worked over the last 18 months to bring this project forward for consideration. This pioneering move to provide a managed in-home WiFi system and a

dedicated fiber network with minimum speeds of 1 Gig Symmetrical is a first for any City in the nation. As a society, we have become more and more dependent on the need for access to the internet; data today is critical to our way of living.

We are excited at the prospect of providing fiber-optic internet with a managed Wi-Fi system, with minimum speeds of 1 Gig Symmetrical to all of the resident homes. The Mayor, staff and I have been working with multiple communication's companies to find the best fit for the Town's needs. We are confident after several months of meetings and company tours, that we have found the scope of services that will place our Town at the forefront of the latest technology available by partnering with Hotwire Communications, Ltd.

I want to emphasize that this decision was not made lightly. It comes after several months of discussions and direction on how to move forward with this project to best serve the needs of the Town. The process of vetting the selected companies (Hotwire, Bluestream, and Atlantic Broadband) began in February with a series of Zoom meetings. Later that month, the Mayor, Manager, Chief and staff visited the Hotwire Technology Center (HTC) colocation and Data Center in Ft. Lauderdale. We were guided through their secure areas to demonstrate their protocols and methods of service. The tour was impressive, and gave us confidence in Hotwires ability to deliver on the technology and services they are proposing.

The second contender Bluestream, has also shown their capabilities and desire to become partners with the Town. Similarly, they proposed the technology, bandwidth and redundancy that we require. With some differences between methods of installing infrastructure, Bluestream was also competitive with their pricing and service level agreement.

The third contender Atlantic Broadband, provided competitive pricing, however, they do not have the capabilities to deliver the bandwidth we require or that was offered by the other companies. In addition, many residents of the Town have expressed that they have experience unreliable connectivity and customer service that is lacking in the ability to solve problems in a timely manner. Thus, the decision was made not to move forward with this company.

It was understood by all companies that our Town requires 'turn-key' installations and maintenance. The Wi-Fi coverage must be provided to cover the entire interior of the home with a 'mesh' network. Each home will have approximately 6,000 S.F. of Wi-Fi coverage (additional coverage beyond what the Town will provide, can be added for an additional fee). This will be a managed network that if for any reason connection is lost, the selected company will be liable for solving the issue and/or replacing equipment as needed. Residents will also be offered a pre-negotiated rate for additional services that include: Video, Phone, Home Security, and Home Automation.

At the Fiber Options Workshop, held on May 11, 2021, the Council was asked three questions. The response to these questions would be the guiding principles for the Administration in moving forward with determining the best Fiber Solutions package for the residents.

1. Whether or not the Town Council wishes to provide Fiber and WIFI to services to the homes?

The Answer: Yes

2. The Cost is approximately \$50 per month per home (\$600 annually). Does Council agree to charge the residents that amount?

The Answer: Yes



Town Manager Alexander Diaz and Golden Beach Police Officers have been on-site, assisting with the Surfside Condominium Collapse efforts

3. Should the answer to numbers 1 and 2 be yes, who does the Council authorize the Mayor and Town Manager to negotiate with for contract consideration at a future meeting?

The Answer: Hotwire Communications, Ltd.

At that workshop the Council determined that Hotwire had the greatest ability to deliver on their proposal. Through the vetting process, we have discovered that Hotwire is in fact the only company that owns, and has a direct connection to their data center. The contender leases their connection from another company (ie. Bluestream from Crowncastle) and uses third-party suppliers for their additional services. Hotwire has a complete suite of services that are all managed in-house including: 1000mps/1000mps Fiber internet & Wi-Fi 6 technology, Network security and monitoring, CCTV, Access Controls, Voice-Over IP, Phone, and Video.

Within the agreement, Hotwire stipulates that they will install a 100% Fiber optic/GPON network "Backbone" throughout the community in order to provide bulk and retail telecommunications services to all homes, commercial locations, parks, and the beach.

The Town has structured a non-bulk relationship that provides our residents with very competitive video, phone and security services at bulk rates.

The Town will be providing each home with minimum download and upload speeds of 1 Gig, and a managed Wi-Fi system for an initial rate of \$44.99 per home/per month.

The Town will also enter into a security relationship with Hotwire where the Town's current CCTV, Gate Access System and buildout of our security and access control of the new Civic Center will be assumed by Hotwire at a deeply discounted and highly competitive rate of \$10 per home/per month. Residents will be asked to fund both of these costs through an annual assessment.

So, what is next? By approving Resolution 2750.21 at the Town Council Meeting held on June 15, 2021, the Council has accepted the terms and proposal, acknowledging the agreement, and gives authority for the Mayor and I to finish putting together an agreement that will best serve, and meet the needs of the residents of Golden Beach. At the August Town Council Meeting, the Council will be provided with a series of resolutions on how to fund this project over the next ten years. The Administration has already begun working with a consultant to prepare the necessary documents to bring the assessment proposal before the Council for approval in August, part of which includes commissioning an assessment study, which will provide a clear implementation report for funding both fees.

We look forward to rolling out these exciting new services as soon as possible, and we will keep the Town updated on additional progress in the coming weeks.

Thank you,

Alexander Diaz, Town Manager

POLICE BEAT



WE HAVE REACHED THE MID-YEAR POINT

of 2021, and time is flying by. The summer days are hot, children are out of school and it's the time of year families typically go on vacation. If you plan to leave Town, remember

to let the Golden Beach Police Department know so we can initiate a Watch Order for your residence during your absence. Watch Orders allow officers to check the exterior of your house to make sure that it is secure. When calling the station to request a Watch Order let us know who will be allowed to be at the residence both short term and long term, including house staff and/or family members. While home security systems have been proven to deter burglars, they are not guaranteed to stop an intruder in their tracks. Since there is no one sure-fire way to keep your home from danger or damage once it has been selected as a target, the best course of action is to take preventative measures to ensure your home is not singled out. Fortunately for all Golden Beach residents, we have many preventative security measures in place that discourage would-be criminals. Some of those measures include: physical walls that restrict access into the Town; the imposing visual deterrent of The Strand Gatehouse; seventy-six (76) surveillance cameras around the Town, and two license plate reader cameras that allow us to know who is passing along A1A, know if someone driving through Golden Beach has a suspended driver's license, and know who has an open arrest warrant. Above all, Golden Beach has a dedicated and committed Police Department that is constantly performing area checks around Town and actively stopping suspicious vehicles and/or persons.

Here are 12 ways you can discourage criminals from singling out your home or property.

Lighting is everything

The first and most important deterrent is bright lighting. When criminals are casing potential target locations, they



PAW PATROL: Officer Robin Weiner cozies up with handsome pup, Alejandro

look for dark places that look empty and are difficult to see at dusk or in the dark. A well-lit yard allows your home to be visible to neighbors and people passing by.

Avoid an empty appearance

It is important to keep your home from looking unoccupied. As well as leaving a light on inside, you should also leave a TV on or turn on the radio while you plan to be away. Giving the impression that there is movement inside is a great way to deter burglars and other criminals.

We also recommend that you have a plan for your mail if you plan on being away from home for an extended period. If it becomes visible or obvious that you have not collected packages or newspapers, your house might become an easy target. Leaving packages on your

doorstep will also entice porch pirates or package thieves who are up to no good.

Do not showcase valuables

Another thing that you need to consider is the visibility or accessibility of your expensive or large items. This is especially important to remember when tidying up the yard. Often, expensive items such as a new grill, a parked riding mower, or a nice car that is parked visibly near the home will attract burglars. If they see that there is something expensive in the yard or near the home, they will assume that high-ticket items can be found inside as well.

Keep your keys with you

A lot of people think that keeping a hidden key is a safe and handy way to prevent getting locked out in an emergency. Unfortunately, this is not such a great idea. The reality is that criminals are aware of this practice and will often search for a hidden key before attempting another way into your home. It is also common for burglars to watch the activity around the homes they are casing. If they are scoping out your home, they may notice the key and exactly where you have placed it.



Keeping Waterways Safe: Marine Patrol strategy meeting

Make entry difficult

This might seem like a no-brainer, but there are a lot of small details that can make your house appear to be an easy target. Factors can include thin or poorly secured windows, doors with flimsy locks, or easily opened garage doors. However, these issues can easily be fixed. Sturdy windows with visibly locked latches are encouraged, as are new doorknobs and deadbolts, smart locks, and secured garage doors. Walk your property with a critical eye, if an entry looks like an easy access point, it probably is.

Cover your windows

Closing your blinds and curtains is important as well. You'll need to make sure potential intruders do not have a clear view into your house that could expose any of your belongings or hint at the fact that you are away. If a criminal has no incentive to break into your house, he or she will likely choose a different target.

Eliminate blind spots

A lot of people fail to consider how important it is to keep their house visible from the road and the yards of neighbors. If a burglar can easily hide from view of passers-by, whether behind bushes, fences, or other obstacles, he or she may feel confident about targeting your home. If, however, there is nowhere for a burglar to hide, they will be less likely to hang around.

Unruly trees and shrubs are common items that can create blind spots or hiding areas. So we suggest keeping your trees and bushes trimmed to eliminate the blind spots they might create.

Beef up your doors

Thick and imposing doors can also be a great deterrent. If you have strike plates on your doors and your doors look like they are a challenge to break through, burglars will have less confidence about the speed with which they can enter your home. If it appears that it would take a long time to enter your home, they will likely not want to spend extra time breaking in and risk being spotted.

POLICE BEAT

Keep your yard free of “tools” burglars may use to gain access

Having objects such as ladders, trees, or large appliances near the house can be an invitation for burglars to climb to a high window or the roof to find a better point of entry. They can also provide cover behind which a potential intruder could hide. It's a good idea to keep tall items locked away and to trim trees in a way that would make them difficult to climb. You should also rid your yard of objects such as large rocks or other heavy items that could easily be thrown into windows.

Keep your garage closed

You might be surprised at how often people leave their garage doors cracked open, unlocked, or raised. Always make sure there is no possible way for an intruder to enter your garage. If your garage is left in a compromised state, it is easy for an intruder to enter it and close the door, remaining hidden while he or she figures out a way to break in. Even if a burglar finds it difficult to enter your home from the garage, you risk having tools or other expensive items being stolen when your garage is left unprotected.

Make a plan

Although these deterrents are proven to work well in keeping potential burglars from entering your home, it is always a good idea to meet with your trusted neighbors before leaving your home for an extended period. Be sure to have a plan ready if they do notice suspicious activities around the neighborhood. Ask them to call authorities first, then notify you. Prevention is always better than dealing with the aftermath of a home break-in.

Be smart when storing valuables

Another important aspect of your planning should include the safe-keeping of the valuables in the home. The days of hiding things in the floorboards are over. The best way to keep jewelry, guns, cash, and other valuables safe is to keep them in a large safe that is bolted to the ground or into the wall.

Golden Beach Police Department Marine Patrol Operation Stats

May 2021

- 2 Bench Warrant/Arrests Made
- 17 Citations Given
- 19 Warnings Issued
- 18 Vessels Inspected



Police Happenings

On Sunday, May 23, 2021, the Golden Beach Police Department hosted a multi-jurisdictional Marine Patrol enforcement operation inside our waterways. The goal of the operation was to promote recreational water safety guidelines while operating vessels, to check for the required safety equipment, and to promote uniformity of laws relating to water safety. The operation was a success and many residents and neighbors praised the effectiveness of the campaign. The following Police Departments also assisted with the operation and we would like to acknowledge their efforts.

- Aventura Police Department
- Bal Harbor Police Department
- North Miami Beach Police Department
- Sunny Isles Beach Police Department
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Rudy Herbello

Rudy Herbello
Chief of Police

AROUND TOWN

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

Calendar of Events

JULY 2021

- Sunday, July 4** – Hot Dogs on the Beach- Beach Pavilion – 12PM
- Monday, July 5** – Independence Day (Observed) (Town Hall Closed)
- Sunday, July 11** – Food Truck: Stix on Wheels (Corn Dogs)-- – Beach Pavilion – 12PM
- Tuesday, July 13** – Building Regulatory Advisory Board Meeting (CANCELLED)
- Friday, July 16** – Kids Tennis Clinic** Tweddle Park – 9AM
- Saturday, July 24** – Food Truck: SweetBlendz (Acai Bowls)-- – Beach Pavilion – 12PM
- Tuesday, July 27** – Bulky Waste Pickup

AUGUST 2021

- Sunday, August 8** – Food Truck: HipPops (Frozen Desserts)-- – Beach Pavilion – 12PM
- Saturday, August 21** – Food Truck: Cuban Guys (Sandwiches & Burgers)-- – Beach Pavilion – 12PM
- Tuesday, August 24** – Bulky Waste Pickup
- Tuesday, August 31** – Town Council Meeting - 6PM

***RSVP required*

~Supplies are Limited

--Supplies are Limited and Food Vouchers are Required, contact Town Hall for details



COMING SOON: Concealed Weapons Permit Course

The Town is sponsoring a Concealed Weapons certification course Saturday, October 2, 2021 9:00AM

- Course will cover how to safely handle a weapon and will include range time.
- Course is FREE of charge to Golden Beach Residents at this Town-sponsored event.
- Space is limited, RSVP today to reserve your spot.
- For additional information, questions or to RSVP please contact Sheila Pirrone of the Golden Beach Police Department at spirrone@goldenbeach.us



GBYLG: A Recipe for Fun!

On May 16th, the Golden Beach Youth Leadership Group (GBYLG) hosted its first cooking class over the Zoom virtual meeting platform. GBYLG President Alana Friedlander and Vice-President Olivia Kessler taught a step-by-step process for making a delicious Italian-themed dinner. The three course meal included a caprese salad appetizer, a tasty homemade pizza, and a delicious tiramisu dessert. In case you missed the live broadcast,

you can still tune in and cook along with the GBYLC by visiting www.goldenbeach.us and checking out the Town videos section at the bottom of the main page of the website.

If you would like more information about the Golden Beach Youth Leadership Group please contact Vice Mayor Judy Lusskin at (305) 986-4377.

Iguanas: Unwelcomed Visitors

By Michael Glidden

Iguanas have become a common sight in South Florida, they can be seen sunning on seawalls or scuttling across lawns. These animals are non-native to Florida and are considered an invasive species. Iguanas can damage landscape plants and gardens, leave droppings in yards and pools, and cause damage to property by digging holes and burrows. Needless to say, they can be an unwelcomed visitor. So what can be done?

Consider using some of these Deterrent Methods:

- Iguanas follow food sources, keep them away by limiting food options
- Iguanas will eat leftover pet food. Feed pets indoors or clear uneaten food right away.
- If you dine alfresco, be sure to thoroughly clean up food areas afterwards.

- Avoid planting plants that iguanas eat. Iguanas love to eat what we eat. Fruits like mangos and melons, and garden vegetables are favorites of iguanas. But they also eat Hibiscus, Orchids, and Roses. Some plants that iguanas do not eat include: crotons, citrus plants, and plants with thick, tough or waxy leaves that are difficult for the iguana to digest.

Iguanas don't like to be bothered:

- Do you remember those days of tanning by the pool and your little brother decided to spray you with a hose? It's not fun. The same goes for iguanas. If you see them sunning on your property, give them a bit of a spray with cold water from your garden hose. Before long they'll get the hint and find someplace else to hang out.



- Too busy to keep an eye out for sunning iguanas? Consider installing a "water scarecrow" or a motion-sensor sprinkler to monitor areas that iguanas frequent. When an iguana enters the area it will receive an unwelcomed wetting which it will definitely want to steer clear of.

Keep in mind, as with all wildlife, iguanas are protected by anti-cruelty laws, and inhumane treatment of them is punishable by law.

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation (FWC) recommends hiring a nuisance wildlife trapper for interested property owners who may find it difficult to perform trapping or human euthanasia on their own. A list of trappers can be found at MyFWC.com. Type "trappers by county" in the search box and click on the search result that says "Nuisance Wildlife Trappers."

For questions, contact the Florida FWC Commission (South Region) at (561) 625-5122.

CrimeWatch: Don't be a Victim of Mail Theft

Residents have reported packages being stolen in Town. Take some simple precautions to help assure your deliveries don't end up in the wrong hands.

Check your Mail Regularly: The longer your packages are left on your porch or near a mailbox the more likely a potential thief may take it.

Use Tracking Information: Use tracking numbers and text/email notifications to stay on top of when items are expected.

Require Signature on Delivery: When a signature is required, packages will not be left unattended on a porch or by a mailbox. The safest way to make sure a package is received is to have someone in your household sign for it.

Keep an Eye Out for Suspicious Activity:

If you see anyone tampering with mail or mailboxes, report it to The Strand Gatehouse immediately at (305) 935-0940.

Stealing mail is a Federal crime. Anyone stealing mail is committing a felony. Charges for mail theft can result in up to five years in Federal prison and fines of up to \$250,000.



AROUND TOWN

SAVE THE DATES: Summer Food Trucks Return!



Join us for the return of our Summer food truck events. We'll be serving up FREE tasty treats in July & August. Vendor information and participation details will be included on the Town website. Due to increased demand, residents must redeem a voucher ticket for each date in order to collect food. Voucher booklets will be mailed to homes the week of July 1st. Food will not be given without a voucher ticket. Mark your calendars for the dates below, and stop by and grab yourself a snack!

Don't forget to come early, as supplies are limited! Each event is limited to 200 servings and service concludes once the budget for that day has been exhausted.

Sunday, July 4 – Hot Dogs on the Beach
(No Vouchers Required for this Event)

Sunday, July 11 – Food Truck: Stix on Wheels
(Corn Dogs)

Saturday, July 24 – Food Truck: SweetBlendz
(Acai Bowls)

Sunday, August 8 – Food Truck: HipPops
(Frozen Desserts)

Saturday, August 21 – Food Truck: Cuban Guys
(Sandwiches & Burgers)



Expanded Bulky Waste Collection Services

The Town will be offering Bulky Waste pick up services to Residents upon request on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Fees may apply depending on size of load.

All items will need to be placed curbside. Public Works employees will not enter homes to remove or retrieve items.

Restrictions may apply for hazardous, flammable or other excluded materials.

For details or to schedule a pick-up contact the Golden Beach Public Works Department at (305)932-0744, extension 235.

Kids Tennis Clinic Event!*

Calling all kids! Looking for a way to have fun with other Golden Beach youth while improving your tennis skills? Join us for a special Kids Tennis Clinic event, Friday, July 16 at 9AM. Space is limited, RSVP now by contacting Jisel Krepp at jkrepp@goldenbeach.us.

***PLEASE NOTE: TENNIS COURTS ARE CLOSED FOR THESE EVENTS. TOWN STAFF RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ASK ANYONE USING THE COURTS TO LEAVE DURING A SCHEDULED CLINIC TIME.**



Pine Crest School Families: Looking for Carpooling Opportunities to the Aventura Mall Bus Stop?

If your children attend Pine Crest School and you are looking for other families in Golden Beach to share carpooling duties to/from the Aventura Mall bus stop, please contact Deborah Apeloig at deborahapeloig@gmail.com.

Please note: The Town has reached out to Pine Crest School about the possibility of adding a bus stop within Golden Beach, including a proposed option at the Beach Pavilion. The school has responded that it currently has no plans of adding any additional bus stops, citing practicality and safety concerns.

Protect Your Property: Maintain your Backflow Preventer



Avoid leaks and costly water bills by assuring that your backflow preventer is maintained. These often-overlooked pieces of equipment are situated just outside of your water meter box and serve as a "shut off" point for the water lines leading to your home and property. They can be essential in troubleshooting water issues but must be maintained in working condition. Backflow preventers are the property owner's responsibility. Get into the habit of having your backflow preventer inspected for issues by a licensed plumber once every two years, if a leak strikes you'll be glad you did!

COMMUNITY PARTNERS



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PROJECT UPDATE

Civic Center Building

The project team has been working diligently over the past several months to navigate the new construction environment and the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. The contractor has been researching multiple options for the shell construction, and the cost of materials that have been greatly impacted by changes in the market. Despite these challenges, we have been making progress that will keep the project on target for completion in December of 2022. Currently, the project has entered construction phase. We anticipate underground work to begin over the next couple of weeks.



Center Island Pump Station

Since the beginning of 2021, the project team has been procuring the materials and equipment required to meet

the specifications of the project. The installation of all main structures that will house the pump is completed and the assembly of the pump mechanics has started. Site work has been carefully coordinated with the tide schedule; this allows the team to improve productivity. The project completion date is set for mid-July. The town engineers will be testing the pump once completion is near to confirm a vast improvement to our storm water system.

Fiber Optic Technology

The Town held a workshop meeting on May 11, 2021 where both companies being considered by the Town had the opportunity to present their offerings to the Council and residents. It was decided by the Council that Hotwire Communications would be the best option for the Town. Since then, the Town Attorney and the Hotwire team have been defining the contract language. The draft contract and supporting documents were presented to the Council at the June 15th Town Council meeting. The agenda item was approved. We anticipate that by August 1st, Hotwire will begin the mobilization phase and start laying fiber throughout the Town. Once the 'backbone' of the system is in-place, Hotwire will begin making appointments with residents to plan for custom installations within the homes.

Town-wide Security Upgrade

The Police Department has been working with the Town Manager and staff to expand upon the security assessment report recently submitted by the Chief of Police. We have identified locations where we will add cameras and new technology. We are excited to

include this project into the fiber optic upgrades that the Town will receive over the course of this year. With the proposed upgrades, the Town of Golden Beach is set to be one of the securest towns in the country.

Bus Shelters on A1A at Ravenna & Palermo Avenues

The project is underway and is scheduled for completion by mid-July. Currently, the site has been cleared of vegetation to accommodate the new bus shelters. The sites will be refreshed with new landscaping along A1A and furnished with beautifully designed bus shelters from Landscapeforms. The shelters will be self-sustaining, providing light powered by solar panels.



Residents Gather at the Beach Pavilion for the May 11th Fiber Internet Workshop

Miami-Dade Water & Sewer Force Main Replacement on Golden Beach Drive

This project is currently in the design phase with the engineers retained by Miami-Dade Water & Sewer. The force main has been in place for the past 18 years and is being upgraded from an 8" pipe to a 10" pipe. It will run the entire north to south span of Golden Beach Drive. We have been coordinating closely with the town's engineers and the project engineers to ensure that the materials and methods used to complete this project are in line with the town's standards of infrastructure construction. We do not have a completion date for the project; however, we have requested that all trades expedite their work to avoid any incidents related to failure of the force main.

RFP# 2021-001 Disaster Recovery Services

The request for proposal was issued and the pre-bid conference took place on April 7, 2021. All responses were due to the Town by April 27, 2021. The RFP included the Town's specifications for equipment, and manpower required to remove debris after a natural disaster. It was specified that the team must be located within the state of Florida to ensure an expedited clean-up within a 24-36 hour period. At the June 15th council meeting, the contract was approved.

Beach Shower Repair

The showers that are currently at the beach pavilion have had many maintenance issues and will be replaced with a beach tower shower. The proposed shower tower will be ADA compliant to be accessible to all our residents. It will include 2 shower heads and a foot spray. This project is scheduled for completion at the end of July.

Resetting of Pavers @ Crossings

Our Public Works department has been working with the vendor to determine the scope of the project. We believe that although most of the pavers will be reset, there are some locations that only need minor repairs. The team will be working over the next couple of weeks to establish a timeline and coordination of traffic patterns around the area of work.

Tweddle Park Outfall

The drainage well at Tweddle Park has had a significant loss (approx. 90%) in drainage capacity. This has caused the majority of the discharge to be diverted to the existing gravity outfall. In the best effort to reduce flooding at the tennis courts and adjacent areas, we believe the proposed repair to the gravity outfall will improve the rate of discharge. The work entails the replacement of existing fittings near 147 Golden Beach Drive with new fittings to improve the hydraulics of the existing stormwater gravity outfall, and includes the adjustment of the manhole opposite of this location with a new top slab with sealed lids to keep lids from surging. The Town Council approved the contract to perform the work at the June 15th meeting, awarding the project to Southeastern Engineering, Inc. The project schedule has not been set, however we anticipate that the repair should be complete by the end of 2021.

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