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# LETTER FROM YOUR MAYOR

**THESE CONTINUE TO BE CHALLENGING TIMES.** We have been able to maintain services following the guidelines handed down by the CDC and Miami-Dade County. But do not become complacent. COVID-19 is still a real and present threat and we must continue to follow social distancing, good hygiene, and mandatory masks guidelines to curb the spread of this virus.

Town Administration is being very proactive by taking the temperature of everyone who enters Town Hall every day. This includes employees as well. We are testing all employees every 2 weeks and we are encouraging everyone to get vaccinated. This is not a political issue but rather a health safety issue. Please be careful and wear mask whenever you are in a closed area. We will get through this if everyone does their part.

We are quickly approaching the peak of the Atlantic hurricane season. If we stay prepared, we don't have to get prepared. Visit our Town's website at [www.goldenbeach.us](http://www.goldenbeach.us) for updated information related to health and safety issues.

We have signed a 10 year contract with Hotwire Communications for high speed internet and Wi-Fi for our residents, our parks, beach and Town Hall. We are very excited about this project which should be operational in about 12 months.

It is budget time and I, along with Town Administration and Council have been working on the 2021-2022 operating budget for the Town. Currently our total assessed values for 2021 are \$1.195-billion and our total operating budget is \$19.4-million (\$11.6-million General Operating



Budget). I am very pleased to report that we have been able to keep the Town's millage rate unchanged for the past seven (7) years straight. That is the result of the hard work of our staff.

In spite of the challenges we have faced over the last several months, I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer. I want to thank you for all the support throughout the years. I wish you all a wonderful start to the fall season and I look forward to all of the great things to come as we move in to the final months of 2021!

Your Mayor,

Mayor Glenn Singer





## AS THE SUMMER STARTS TO FADE AWAY

and the new school year

begins, we still need to be mindful that the hurricane season doesn't end until November 30th. Having said that, preparedness and readiness are the key factors to safeguarding ourselves. It's also important for residents to follow the safety tips below:

- ◆ Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts
- ◆ Make sure that your trees and shrubbery are trimmed and dead limbs removed
- ◆ Stock up on non-perishable food and water supplies in case of a power outage
- ◆ In the event of a storm, monitor the weather channels/news and watch for advisories from the Town's CodeRed emergency notification service
- ◆ Bring lawn furniture and other loose, light weight objects such as garbage cans and garden tools inside
- ◆ If you have a boat, moor it securely or move it to a designated safe place
- ◆ Fasten down or remove all hazardous objects which include: construction shacks, temporary toilets, roofing tiles, building materials, trash, unsecured structures, temporary electric poles, etc.
- ◆ Turn off electricity to all of the pool equipment at the breaker
- ◆ Have a plan in case there is a mandatory evacuation



It goes without saying that the Champlain Towers building collapse in Surfside was incredibly tragic. From day one on June 24th through July 17th, the Golden Beach Police Department deployed personnel to assist Miami Dade County and Surfside Police Department in their rescue and recovery efforts, where more than 80 rescue and fire trucks units from all over the State responded to the scene. Additionally, two FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Task Force teams were activated. They were the Urban Search and Rescue Florida Task Force 1, based in the Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue, and the Urban Search and Rescue Florida Task Force 2, based in the City of Miami Fire-Rescue Department. Another three teams, one from Ohio and two from Virginia, were placed on standby. Members of Hatzalah of South Florida, a Jewish faith-based ambulance service, was authorized to transport patients. They were among the first to respond, and set up an onsite triage station.

Moreover, Israel not only sent the Israeli Home Front Command search and rescue team to assist in the rescue efforts, but also offered clothes, medication, food, water, and other aid to the victims of the collapse.

The men and women of the Golden Beach Police Department represent the Town of Golden Beach with pride. It doesn't matter if it is at a fixed post directing traffic or a major incident. We do it meticulously, and appreciate when we receive letters of commendations because of our job performance. Therefore, I would like to thank Mrs. Lindsay Hiner, Mrs. Tania Murciano and the Surfside Chief of Police, Julio Yero, for their letters of acknowledgement, commending our officers.

Last but not least, I want to remind residents there is a Concealed Firearm Permit training course, sponsored by the Golden Beach Police Department, scheduled for Saturday, October 2nd, 2021. The training class will be given by Menocal International. To register for the class and/or to get additional information, please call Mrs. Sheila Staiger or Ms. Marie Talley at (305) 936-2444 or email Mrs. Staiger at [ssaiger@goldenbeach.us](mailto:ssaiger@goldenbeach.us)

Thank you,

Rudy Herbello  
Chief of Police  
Golden Beach Police Department



**We are happy to serve you and appreciate your feedback.**

**Below is a letter that we received from a satisfied resident. Thank you!**

Mr. Rudy Herbello  
Chief of Police

Good afternoon,

My name is Tania Murciano, resident (of Golden Beach). Last Tuesday June 22nd, I went to pick up my paddle boards from the floating dock. To my surprise, the full dock with both paddle boards had disappeared. I immediately called the police station and officer Camacho collected all the necessary details to file a police report. I was not too optimistic that the paddle boards and the dock would ever be recovered. On Saturday afternoon, officer Leila called me with the news that the dock had floated away and a friendly neighbor stored it in her backyard until the owner was found.

Just minutes later Cpl. Alex Victores (Badge 5078) and Ofc. Daniel Larreta (Badge 5080) towed my floating dock and paddle boards with the police boat. Although it was a very hot summer afternoon, they helped secure the dock with ropes and cables and did not leave my house until they felt it was safely attached. They went above and beyond their duties of just bringing the dock to my house.

I feel very lucky to live in a neighborhood where the residents are willing to help and the police department is vested in the safety and well being of its residents.

Please send my gratitude to Cpl. Alex Victores and Ofc. Daniel Larrea.

Warm Regards,  
Tania Murciano



## FOOD TRUCKS:

Golden Beach Residents know how to play it cool during the hottest months of the year, by enjoying tasty treats on the beach at our summer food truck events. From fresh fruit acai bowls, crispy crunchy corn dogs and sandwiches, to chilly refreshing popsicles there were plenty of ways to titillate your taste buds. Check out some of our other exciting upcoming Town events in this issue's Calendar section



Heading to the

# BEACH?



To protect the Quality-of-Life experience for all Residents, the Town would like to remind Residents of key rules of using the Beach and Beach Pavilion area of Town.

### Keep in Mind....

- All users of the Beach Park must be Residents of the Town and must have identification (driver's license or Town ID) in order to verify proof of residence. Going forward, the Town will be strictly enforcing proof of residence with valid ID. Anyone without ID may be asked to leave.

### Having Guests?

- A maximum of eight (8) guests are allowed per household.
- Residents MUST accompany their guests at the Beach Pavilion on weekends (Friday through Sunday). Unaccompanied guests will be asked to leave the beach.
- Residents' unaccompanied guests are allowed to use the beach and Beach Pavilion Monday through Thursday, however Beach Attendants will utilize the Resident database to contact residents and confirm the status of unaccompanied persons using the beach area daily. You may also call the Police Substation at (305) 935-0940 to announce your guests in advance and have them placed on the daily list.

### Using the Beach Area....

- Use of the Town's equipment or furniture, including chairs, lounges, and chickee huts are on a first come, first serve basis only. Residents and their guests are allowed to use one lounge/sit up chair per person for a maximum of 8 chairs per household. The Town does not allow reserving of beach chairs or any beach lounge areas. Items left behind on unattended chairs are subject to removal.
- Maximum two (2) umbrellas per household.
- Each resident household may only use one (1) chickee hut at any given time to allow others access to huts.
- Animals are not allowed on the Town's beach.\*  
*\*unless the Town is hosting a pet-friendly event*
- No smoking or vaping on the beach or surrounding recreational areas.
- Alcoholic beverages and glass bottles are not allowed at the beach.
- No littering is permitted at the beach area. Please pick up after yourself.



Doing Good: Golden Beach hosts a Blood Drive

In June, the Town hosted a mobile donation center for the OneBlood organization. When the OneBlood bus pulled up at the Beach Pavilion, donors were ready and eager to donate. The Blood Drive was well-received with 11 donors donating enough blood to help up to 33 patients! OneBlood and the Town of Golden Beach commend our compassionate Residents for helping to make a difference, thank you!



It Comes Back

Bacterial blooms, beach closures, and that general skeezy feeling you get when you wonder why the water is unsafe to swim in; none of these things bring a smile to any South Floridian's face. Often time's people are quick to point the finger, thinking it must be septic tank leaching or a sewer pipe that's burst, but they fail to realize that they may be contributing to the issue themselves. If you own a boat, and you've ever offloaded your toilet into a waterway instead of a pump out station, you may want to reconsider ever doing that again. It comes back. As vast and open as our waterways may appear, a seemingly forgivable dump can have nasty consequences. Bacteria loves South Florida's sultry summer water temperatures just as much as we do, and it provides them a perfect breeding ground to reproduce and run wild. Do the right thing when it comes to offloading your boat, visit a local pump out station to safely empty your nautical waste, your neighbors and our beaches will thank you!



Sample Tax Bill 2021-2022

To give Residents an idea of what comparable taxes will be for the 2021-2022 year, we have included an example for an example of a tax bill for a Golden Beach property. Keep in mind, your values may change based on your individual assessed value, but millage rates will be the same for all properties in Town. To use this template to see how your property compares please visit [www.goldenbeach.us](http://www.goldenbeach.us).


Keep in Mind....

Only the values highlighted in yellow go to Golden Beach. All other totals go to their respective designations across Miami-Dade County.

Portions of the Budget go to fund all of the Town's Departments, here is a sample of how some of those departments are funded: Public Safety 33.06%, Public



Works 13.03%, Roads & Streets 6.64% and Recreation 7.51% for all other Departments and additional information please consult the Town's Annual Budget Report.

					If NO budget change is Adopted		If PROPOSED Budget Change is Adopted	
Taxing Authority		Last Year	Tentative Millage	Assessed Values	Tentative Budget		Town Council Approved Millage	Town Council Approved Budget
Miami-Dade County Wide		\$ 4,975.44	4.4757	\$ 1,054,120.00	\$ 4,717.92		4.6669	\$ 4,919.47
Fire Rescue		\$ 2,580.74	2.3118	\$ 1,054,120.00	\$ 2,436.91		2.4207	\$ 2,551.71
Library		\$ 302.78	0.2725	\$ 1,054,120.00	\$ 287.25		0.2840	\$ 299.37
Public Schools-State Law		\$ 4,198.35	3.7506	\$ 1,054,120.00	\$ 3,953.58		3.8310	\$ 4,038.33
Public Schools-Local Board		\$ 2,396.62	2.1053	\$ 1,054,120.00	\$ 2,219.24		2.2480	\$ 2,369.66
Voted School Operating		\$ 799.58	0.7500	\$ 1,054,120.00	\$ 790.59		0.7500	\$ 790.59
Golden Beach		\$ 8,285.83	7.6344	\$ 1,054,120.00	\$ 8,047.57		8.1363	\$ 8,576.64
SFWM District		\$ 117.59	0.1061	\$ 1,054,120.00	\$ 111.84		0.1103	\$ 116.27
Everglades CP		\$ 40.51	0.0365	\$ 1,054,120.00	\$ 38.48		0.0380	\$ 40.06
Okeechobee Basin		\$ 127.08	0.1146	\$ 1,054,120.00	\$ 120.80		0.1192	\$ 125.65
F.I.N.D		\$ 34.12	0.0306	\$ 1,054,120.00	\$ 32.26		0.0320	\$ 33.73
Childrens Trust		\$ 480.50	0.4320	\$ 1,054,120.00	\$ 455.38		0.5000	\$ 527.06
Voter Approved								
County		\$ 509.60	0.5075	\$ 1,054,120.00	\$ 534.97		0.5075	\$ 534.97
School		\$ 205.76	0.1800	\$ 1,054,120.00	\$ 189.74		0.1800	\$ 189.74
Golden Beach		\$ 669.52	0.2637	\$ 1,054,120.00	\$ 277.97		0.2637	\$ 277.97
Total		\$ 25,724.02	Last Year		\$ 24,214.51		Proposed	\$ 25,391.22
		Over All Tax Bill Difference						
		\$ (332.80)						
		Golden Beach Last year vs. This year						
		\$ 290.81						
		\$ designated for Miami-Dade County use						
		\$ 16,536.61						
		\$ designated for Golden Beach use:						
		\$ 8,854.61						



## Golden Beach Cares:

### *A Concert for Surfside*

In the wake of the tragedy of the Surfside Condominium Collapse came resounding support. The Town of Golden Beach collaborated with residents acclaimed musicians Sean, Lauren and David Carpenter to create a benefit concert for those affected by the collapse. The Carpenters graciously welcomed their Golden Beach neighbors into their home for a night of



beautiful music and a show of solidarity. Thousands of dollars were raised at the event; if you would like to donate please visit [supportsurfside.org](https://supportsurfside.org).



## Changes to Service: Atlantic Broadband

Atlantic Broadband (ABB) recently announced changes to its service, here are some notable points:

- Effective 7/13/21, installation fees changed to \$79 flat fee regardless of number of products or services added, the previous fee was \$50 per line of service.
- Effective 7/13/21, the late fee changed from \$6.00 to \$10.00, for any monthly customers who are delinquent.
- Effective 7/31/21, ABB no longer carries Fusion. This change will affect video customers who subscribe to Family+ or MoreTV video tiers.
- Effective 4/1/21, ABB no longer carries Reelz or Fuse Channels on MoreTV or Family+ TV tiers in the Miami-area market.

Changes were announced on all customers billing statements at least 30 days prior to changes taking effect.

**For questions, comments and concerns, please contact Atlantic Broadband customer service at (833) 625-1219.**





# CODE NEWS

## EMERGENCY AIR CONDITIONING REPAIR PERMITS

Work performed within Town requires proper work permits, whether it be new construction or repairs, but we know losing your air conditioning can be an aggravating and uncomfortable experience. Even with emergency repairs we ask that you follow these simple requirements to make sure your repairs comply with the Town's safety standards and regulations.

### When you need to make an emergency A/C repair:

Call the Town Building & Permitting Department and explain your situation at (305) 932-0744 x237.

The Building Department will contact the Chief Mechanical Inspector and request permission for the repairs to be granted.

If the Chief Mechanical Inspector approves the work, residents have 24 hours to submit a permit to perform the job.

Any work performed without the proper permitting in hand leaves the owner exposed to possible code violations for work without permits, resulting in fines.

Be sure to follow proper avenues while performing repairs on your home and Stay Cool!



## Sign Up Now: Concealed Weapons Permit Course

The Town is hosting a Concealed Weapons certification course on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at 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-hosted 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](mailto:spirrone@goldenbeach.us)



## Golden Beach Cares.

The Golden Beach Youth Leadership Group (GBYLG) and the Town of Golden Beach are asking residents to consider donating to the victims & families of the **Surfside Champlain Tower Condominium Collapse.**

To make a donation, please visit **[supportsurfside.org](https://supportsurfside.org)**



## SEPTEMBER 2021

Monday, September 6 - Labor Day - Town Hall Closed  
(Please Note: Construction is not allowed on Labor Day)

Monday, September 13 - First Budget Hearing & Town Council Meeting\* - 6PM

Tuesday, September 14 - Building Advisory Board Meeting\* - 6PM

Monday, September 27 - Final Budget Hearing & Town Council Meeting\* - 6PM

Tuesday, September 28 - Bulky Waste Pickup

\*PLEASE NOTE: Due to health and safety concerns as a result of the ongoing pandemic, The Town has made adjustments to how meetings are presented. The Town Council and Administration will hold a physical Town Council meeting this month, with very limited and socially distanced options for Residents to join physically due to spatial restrictions.

The Town STRONGLY encourages Residents to continue to participate via the ZOOM virtual platform. Meeting log-in information will be posted at [www.goldenbeach.us](http://www.goldenbeach.us).



# PROJECT UPDATE

By Lissett Rovira

## Civic Center Building

Currently, the project has entered construction phase. We are performing a 28-day testing period on structural foundation components as required. During this period, the construction of underground utilities are well underway and inspections will begin soon. The project team is working behind the scenes to coordinate long lead-time items and direct purchases to generate project savings.

## Center Island Pump Station

The pump structures and mechanics have been installed. Our town engineers have been testing the pump and performing inspections. Currently, we are installing all electrical components and coordinating efforts with FPL to expedite this phase. The site is in final grading and the installation of landscaping is set to begin in the upcoming weeks.

## Fiber Optic Technology

The town has executed a contract with Hotwire communications to provide the best fiber-optic connection to every resident. In addition, the town will be upgrading the security and access control gates throughout town. We are coordinating design and permitting requirements. We feel that this project is very important to the everyday life of our residents. We are excited to implement this project in the upcoming months.

## Town-wide Security Upgrade

The police department has been working with the 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 bus shelters have been underway and are near completion. The creation of the shelters concrete pad has been poured and cured. The installation of the new water connection to provide irrigation to the proposed landscape is complete. The install of the irrigation system and new fencing is currently underway.

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

The Town negotiated with the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD) for the Town's Forcemain Replacement on Golden Beach Drive. Not only is WASD covering the costs of the forcemain replacement, they are also installing brand new asphalt, pavers and geo-grid on Golden Beach Drive from Navona Avenue to Terracina Drive – a savings to the Town of an estimated \$1.2-million.

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. The town recently attended a design update meeting with the project engineers to confirm that we are all on the same page. The project is in review with Miami-Dade. We do not have a completion date for the project.

## RFP# 2021-001 Disaster Recovery Services

The RFP included the towns specifications for equipment and manpower required to remove debris after a natural disaster. It is specified that the team must be located within the state of Florida to ensure an expedited clean-up within a 24-36 hour period.

## Beach Shower Repair

The newly installed shower tower is ADA compliant and accessible to all our residents. It includes (2) shower heads and a foot spray.



*Piling drilling for the new Civic Center began in July.*

## Beach Pavilion Fan Replacement

The town prides itself on the maintenance and upkeep of all its facilities. We have recently processed and order to replace the existing fans at the pavilion with fans that are better suited for the environment we have. We anticipate delivery in the next couple weeks with installation shortly after.

## Tweddle Park Outfall

The work entails the replacement of existing fittings near 147 Golden Beach Drive with new fittings to improve the hydraulics of the existing storm water 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 surcharging. The town council approved the contract with Southeastern Engineering Contractors at the June 15th meeting. The project schedule has not been set however, we anticipate that the repair should be complete by the end of 2021.

## Resilience Team Update

In mid-June, the town held a workshop with all consulting engineers to initiate the creation of the Town Resilience Team. The team has been tasked with identifying problems relating to sea level rise and tidal flooding. In addition, propose solutions and prioritization of items by level of threat to the town. The town staff is working to submit for FDEP grant funding to support the restoration of infrastructure that is currently performing below the design standard. We hope that with the support of our town engineers, we will create a holistic approach to the environmental challenges we have now, and are set to face in the future.

*Have questions about Town projects? Contact Lissett Rovira, Director of Capital Improvement Projects at [lrrovira@goldenbeach.us](mailto:lrrovira@goldenbeach.us)*



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FIRE (NON-EMERGENCY): 786.331.5000

TOWN HALL: 305.932.0744

MAYOR GLENN SINGER: 305.932.0744    [GSINGER@GOLDENBEACH.US](mailto:GSINGER@GOLDENBEACH.US)

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HOME CHEMICAL COLLECTION CENTER: WEST MIAMI-DADE LOCATION: 305.468.5900

POLICE ADMINISTRATION: 305.936.2444

NORTH MIAMI BEACH WATER DEPARTMENT  
(WATER SERVICES PROVIDER FOR GOLDEN BEACH): 305.948.2960

NORTH MIAMI BEACH AFTER HOURS/  
EMERGENCY WATER SERVICE: 305.652.6460

MIAMI-DADE WATER & SEWER (EMERGENCY): 305.274.9272

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CALL BEFORE YOU DIG: 811

GATE HOUSE: 305.935.0940    TECO GAS: 305.940.0139

## COVID-19 Resources

**Find a COVID-19 vaccination site near you at:**

<https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/vaccine/vaccine-locator.page>

**Find a COVID-19 testing site near you at:**

<https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/testing-sites>

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