

The cover of Golden Beach Magazine features a group of four people—two men and two women—smiling and posing on a green carpet. The man on the far left is wearing a white suit and holding a white torch. The woman next to him is wearing a leopard print dress. The woman next to her is wearing a black and white patterned blazer. The man on the far right is wearing a dark suit and holding a white torch. In the background, there are large, illuminated sculptures of figures, possibly representing the Golden Gate Bridge and the Transamerica Pyramid, with green and blue lights. The title 'Golden BEACH MAGAZINE' is written in a large, elegant script font at the top left.

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LETTER FROM YOUR MAYOR

DEAR RESIDENTS OF GOLDEN BEACH,

I would like to wish you and your family a very Happy New Year. This past year proved to be a busy one for the Town of Golden Beach, and we are excited for what lies ahead for this coming year.

Last year, we became the first city in the nation to offer managed Wi-Fi to all of the homes in Golden Beach. The installation of high-speed fiber throughout Town is almost complete, and if you have not already made contact with Hotwire to discuss their services and your plan options, I encourage you to do so.

Recently, we completed our highly anticipated Center Island Pump Station project and new Veteran's Memorial. In addition, Center Island Drive was completely re-milled and re-surfaced.

The Civic Center Complex Masterplan is well underway. This vision is finally coming to fruition and in addition to housing our Administration offices and Council Chambers; this complex will offer new and improved recreational amenities as well as a bunker to house our first responders during an emergency. We are the first barrier island in the nation to have a bunker where our emergency personnel will be readily available to offer assistance after an emergency event.

We have listened to the residents requests to offer more amenities and facilities, and taken the first steps in making this goal a reality, by retaining the services of internationally renowned firm Perkins & Will. They will be working with us to explore all of the options to redevelop the south side of Town to create a state of the art, one of a kind Civic Center Complex. This will include a wellness center, along with multiple tennis and pickle ball courts, and a redesigned tot lot and dog park.

Security is still our top priority. Working with our Police Chief Rudy Herbello and his staff, we are constantly looking for ways to continue to keep our residents and their property safe. We are exploring adding and upgrading our camera system throughout Town. We will be breaking ground this year on the wall on Massini Avenue. We have extended both the marine patrol hours, to include several night patrols, along with our beach patrols. In addition, our officers are continuously being trained and provided with the most state of the art equipment.

With all of the new objectives that we are trying to achieve

the Town is also looking at ways to maximize our revenue streams by becoming

creative in how we fund our projects. Throughout the course of the first two quarters of the year, we will be exploring all of our options to ensure that all of the projects that we have in the pipeline are achievable.

Although we are busy with all of these projects, we continue to ensure that we deliver to you the quality of programming and services that you have become accustomed to. I am proud of the work that Town Manager Alexander Diaz and his staff provide on a daily basis. We appreciate your continued support of the administration and the overwhelming support that you have given our staff throughout these years.

As a reminder, we are still in the height of COVID and I urge you to please take the necessary precautions to keep yourself and your family safe. The Town has resources that are available to you; contact Town Hall at (305) 932-0744 to find out more about those resources.

I want to thank my fellow councilmembers for keeping our vision, objectives and goals moving in the right direction. We, as a team, are unstoppable in our pursuit of making Golden Beach the envy of every city in the country.

I encourage you to contact me should you have any questions or concerns about anything related to our wonderful Town. You can always reach me via email at gsinger@goldenbeach.us or on my cell at (305) 778-5491. I look forward to a very productive and successful year for the Town.

Sincerely,

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

Glenn Singer
Town Mayor



POLICE BEAT



I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN MY COLUMN BY WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR AND A PROSPEROUS 2022. With the holidays behind us, it is hard to believe that 2021 is gone. I would like to send a well-deserved thank you to the residents who have

continuously supported our police department. It is this kind of support that motivates us to come to the Town of Golden Beach to work, and give you our constant commitment. I would like to acknowledge the Mayor and all the Councilmembers for working together with us and assuring that the service provided to our residents is everything they expect and more.

With as much progress as we have made, there is still more work to be done. The Department continues to stress the importance of minimizing risks of crimes of opportunity. Our officers have noticed that residents are still leaving their vehicles unlocked with the car/house keys inside the vehicles. They have also noticed that residents are leaving the garage doors as well as their front gates wide open. Leaving your valuables and homes unsecured puts you at risk of a crime of opportunity. Don't make yourself an easy target for would-be criminals, lock your vehicles and secure your homes.

It is also critical to understand that some crimes don't occur spontaneously. A theft may occur days after surveillance/observance by a suspect(s). Crime Pattern is a way of explaining why crimes are committed in certain areas. Crime is not random, it is either planned or opportunistic. Criminals often look for patterns, including daily activities like when homeowners leave for the day and when they return. By observing daily routines and schedules a criminal can plan when to commit a crime.



Rules to Crime Pattern

1. Criminals travel on a day-to-day basis making decisions based on the daily activities of their victims. When decisions to commit crime are made this is called a "crime template."
2. Usually criminals do not function individually, often times they are involved in some type of network including family or friends.
3. The accumulation of newspapers and mail is a sign that no one is home. Stop the correspondence and newspaper while on vacation.
4. Do not leave windows or doors unlocked. Close the garage door when not in use.

5. Be cautious when sharing travel plans. You might be surprised that not all of the homes are burglarized by strangers. A report from the U.S Department of Justice revealed that 66% of burglaries are committed by someone who knows the victim.

6. Limit visibility of valuables and make it hard for an intruder to see them from the outside.

7. Illuminate your house at night. It's a deterrent and it helps police search for offenders.

8. Make sure that your Alarm Company calls the Police Substation before calling you or calling the Miami Dade Police Department. Give them instructions to call us first, we don't mind checking your house, even if it is a false alarm.

9. Be vigilant, if you see something suspicious call us immediately. We rather check the complaint and assure that everything is ok then to later find out that we had intruders inside the Town. Remember this motto: "SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING"

10. Document serial numbers of all electronics, watches, etc. and take pictures of valuables.

11. Request a "Residential Security Survey" from the Golden Beach Police Department, which provides a general assessment of the vulnerability of your residence. For information call the Executive Assistant to the Chief, Sheila Staiger at (305) 936-2444.

The Golden Beach Police Department regularly meets with other Law Enforcement Agencies to assess crime patterns, exchange intelligence information and plan initiatives to protect our residents. We also disseminate pertinent information to our officers through emails, BOLO



(Be On the Look-Out) sheets, and centralized meetings. This information helps us to be alert and vigilant for possible suspects and/or vehicles.

Together we can keep Golden Beach safe.

Thank You,

Rudy Herbello
Chief of Police

Drive Safely, Arrive Safely

With multiple construction projects underway throughout Town, including the installation of Hotwire internet, road construction and residential construction sites, staying safe while navigating the streets is more important than ever.

Drive slowly: Construction vehicles may block your view or the view of others. An unsuspecting pedestrian may walk out into the street or a vehicle may back up into your path, and driving slowly helps to avoid a dangerous collision.

Follow the Rules: Whether it's a construction flagger or police officer, pay attention and follow the rules when traffic is being redirected.

Stay alert: While driving avoid distractions like talking on your phone or texting. A momentary distraction can cause a permanent disaster; do not risk your safety or the safety of others by driving distracted.



Electric Bikes and Scooters

Motorized bicycles and scooters are becoming more and more of a common way to get from here to there. Both children and adults use these zippy vehicles, but it is important that caution and care is used before hopping on one.

Wear a Helmet: Florida laws do not require riders to wear a helmet, but wearing a helmet helps protect riders from serious injury in the event of a collision or fall.

Watch for Younger Riders: If a motorized vehicle is less than 30 CC's (a measurement of cubic centimeters, which refers to piston power) riders may operate it without a drivers' license or a tag from the Department of Motor Vehicles, which mean riders under the age of 16 may legally operate such vehicles. Younger, inexperienced operators may be prone to accidents; before allowing

their children to operate motorized vehicles parents should consider the possible risks and safety implications. Parents should convey the importance of safety prior to allowing their children to use any motorized vehicles.

Safety is Your Responsibility: Whether it is yourself or your children riding on motorized vehicles, the burden of responsibility for safety does not fall on the Town of Golden Beach, the Golden Beach Police or any Town staff, all users ride at their own risk.

COMING
SOON

2022 will see the return of some Resident favorites. Dates and details will be coming soon!

Zoom Art Class: Paint along live with an instructor and create a masterpiece from the comfort of your home!

Meet your Neighbors for a Wine Social: Join Councilmember Ken Bernstein as he hosts a wine social for Residents at the Beach Pavilion!

Movie Night Returns: The Golden Beach Police Department will host an outdoor movie event, stay tuned for details!

Tea Party: Calling all "Mad Hatters," the Golden Beach Tea Party will return to welcome Residents of all ages to an event fit for the Queen of Hearts herself!



Tweddle Park Re-Design Committee

The Town is looking to engage Residents interested in participating in a Resident Committee for the Tweddle Park Re-Design. We are looking for suggestions for the types of amenities and quantities that Residents would like included in the project, encompassing tennis courts, playground equipment, and other features. Over the past few months, the Town has been maintaining a list of interested Residents who have contacted Town Hall; if you would like to have your name added to the list, please contact Michael Glidden, Director of Resident Services at mglidden@goldenbeach.us.

The Town Administration will be working on a Request for Proposal (RFP) that will call for a complete re-purposing of the Tweddle Park area. In this RFP, the Town is asking the design community to be creative in maximizing the number of amenities we can offer our residents in the areas surrounding the new Civic Center. Be sure to tune in to upcoming Town Council meetings for updates on this exciting project.

COVID-19 and Town Hall

DUE TO THE ON-GOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC TOWN HALL IS OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

Please contact staff via phone or email

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COVID-19 Resources

IN-HOME COVID-19 TESTING/ VACCINATION

Golden Beach now offers in-home COVID-19 services to Residents. To schedule an appointment please visit:

<https://www.milo.care/goldenbeach>

TESTING & VACCINATION SITES

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>

OR

https://mdc.nomihealth.com/easy_registration/12/onsite

FREE COVID-19 TEST KITS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM USPS.COM

Residential households in the U.S. can order one set of 4 free at-home tests from USPS.com.

Here's what you need to know about your order:

- Limit of one order per residential address
- One order includes 4 individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests
- Orders will ship free starting in late January
- Visit <https://special.usps.com/testkits> to place your order

COVID-19 Rapid Test kits are also available through Town Hall.

To request a kit, please call Town Hall at (305) 932-0744.

Town Hall will arrange a drop-off at your home.

Do not visit Town Hall if you feel you may have been exposed to COVID-19.

Mayor Glenn Singer and Councilmember Bernard Einstein recognized



The Florida League of Cities bestowed the John Land Years of Service Award to Mayor Glenn Singer and Councilmember Bernard Einstein. The award is named in honor of long-time Apopka Mayor John Land who served his city for more than 60 years. This award honors elected municipal officials for their years of dedicated public service. Mayor Singer and Councilmember Einstein each were recognized for over 20 years of service on the Golden Beach Town Council. Congrats and thanks to both of them!

Internet Services

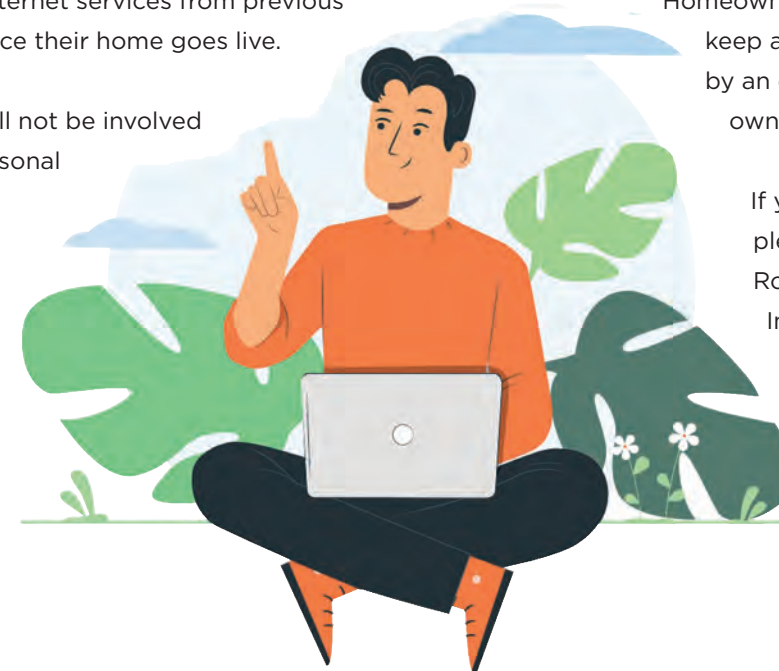
As the Hotwire Fiber Internet project continues to progress: Residents who choose to enroll in Hotwire services, please be aware that it is the Homeowners' responsibility to cancel any unneeded internet services from previous providers once their home goes live.

The Town will not be involved with any personal contracts or agreements that individual residents may have entered.

PLEASE NOTE: IN ORDER TO PREVENT LAPSES IN SERVICE, DO NOT CANCEL EXISTING INTERNET SERVICES BEFORE YOUR INDIVIDUAL HOME GOES LIVE.

Homeowners may also choose to keep any or all services provided by an existing provider at their own discretion.

If you have any questions please contact Lissett Rovira, Director of Capital Improvement Projects at lrovira@goldenbeach.us (305) 932-0744 ext. 242.



Points from the January Council Meeting

Below are some key takeaways from our most recent Town Council meeting. For full details please visit www.goldenbeach.us to watch the Council Meeting in its entirety. Meeting minutes from previous meetings may be viewed via the “Agendas & Minutes” button on the main page of the Town’s website.

At the January 18, 2022 Council Meeting, the Town Manager spoke on the following topics:

Upcoming Assessment:

The Town Council voted to pass an assessment to finance the town-wide Hotwire fiber internet service. The amount is expected to be between \$50 to \$90 per month. The special assessment will appear on Residents’ tax bills when they are sent from the County. The Town has hired the consulting firm of SCS Engineers to perform a rate study and report back with their findings before a dollar amount is established. Once a dollar amount is established the assessment will be presented as an ordinance to the Council to approve, which is expected to happen in the coming months.

Possible Revisions to Civic Center Project:

As construction continues, the Town is looking at making revisions to the current Civic Center. Possible changes include exploring moving the existing pump station in Tweddle Park to allow for reconfiguration or addition of amenities, the complete demolition of the existing Town Hall building to allow for a site plan redesign, and researching possible upgrades to interior finishes within the project while staying within the projected scope of the project. The Town hopes to move forward with any change orders as soon as possible. In the event any owner driven charges occur, the Town will be able to take advantage of current historically low interest rates.

Bond Referendum:

As the Town tries to identify revenue sources for upcoming projects, the Council and Administration are asking Residents to consider approving a new Bond Referendum, similar to the 2008 Geo Bond pulled for the Capital Improvement Project. That bond was initially pulled for \$14.5 million; \$6 million of which the Town has already paid down. The Town would like to draw down (re-borrow) that \$6 million for funding towards new projects, and has entered into an agreement with Estrada Hinojosa & Company, Inc. to provide advisory services to the Town in this exploratory phase. Discussions are very preliminary, but the Council and Administration acknowledge the importance of communicating with Residents even in this early stage. The Council and Administration strongly encourage Residents to participate in the dialogue and to keep current with developments as they occur at upcoming council meetings.

In the Pipeline:

The Town Council is moving forward with plans to construct a masonry wall at Massini Avenue and to extend the masonry wall along Terracina Avenue. Funding for the project is expected to come from savings in last year’s annual budget. The Mayor and Town Manager will bring the item before the Council for consideration as early as the February 2022 Town Council Meeting but no later than the March 2022 Town Council Meeting.

The Town is also taking ongoing consideration of additional projects. In the works are plans to consider modernization of town-wide signage, beautification of A1A (including redesigns of the fountains flanking The Strand gatehouse and updates to the Golden Beach sign in front of the Beach Pavilion), along with new mailboxes and beach furniture.

RECYCLING HAS BECOME WASTE-TO-ENERGY:

A CLEAN, GREEN & EFFICIENT WAY TO ADDRESS RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

The Town’s waste management initiative has moved away from conventional recycling to Waste-to-Energy (WTE) production. Residents will no longer need to sort (or even separate) recyclables from their other household garbage.

How does Waste-To-Energy work?

Garbage is collected and the trucks bring it directly to the Waste-to-Energy (WTE) plants. The trucks are weighed, and the contents are tipped into a concrete storage pit. The entire process takes place indoors to control dust from entering the atmosphere, and to ensure that odors are not apparent to the surrounding community. Giant cranes move and mix the waste, and extract bulky items that are too large for the furnace. The cranes then feed the waste into the furnace, which burns at over 1800 degrees Fahrenheit.

The waste moves along a conveyor system of metal grates. Gas produced from the combustion are carried up from the grates through boiler tubes to produce steam. The gas goes from the boiler to a scrubber where they are mixed with a mist of water and lime. As it cools, the gas undergoes a chemical reaction which neutralizes acids and produces particles that can be collected by a “baghouse” filtering system. Finally, the cleaned gas is vented through a stack that rises 200 feet above the ground.

The ash that is a by-product of the WTE process is trolled for metals that can be recycled. The remaining ash is landfilled in special areas called monofills. Like other landfills, monofills have liners to prevent groundwater contamination, and the liquid captured is either used inside the WTE plant or sent for sewage treatment.

Unlike recycling techniques, WTE facilities can process all forms of plastic resins (#1 through #7) and engineered resins including multi-layer plastics. Recycling facilities can only utilize a select few types of resins (usually #1 and #2). The WTE thermal conversion technique does not depend on the material properties or manufacturing additives (fillers, multilayers, colorants, and flame retardants). Therefore, WTE facilities can dispose of those non-recycled plastics that contain insufficient properties for reprocessing to produce virgin resins.

What does it mean for you?

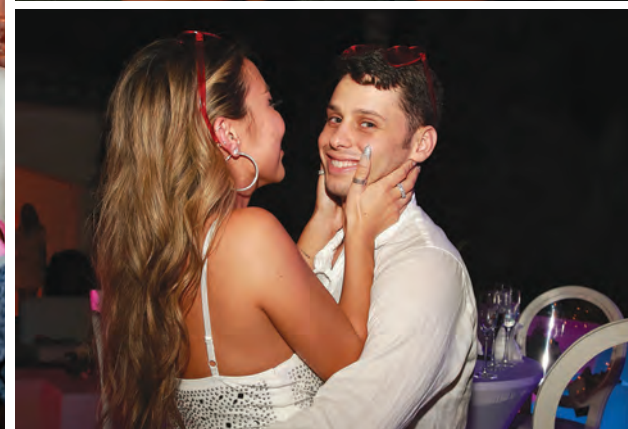
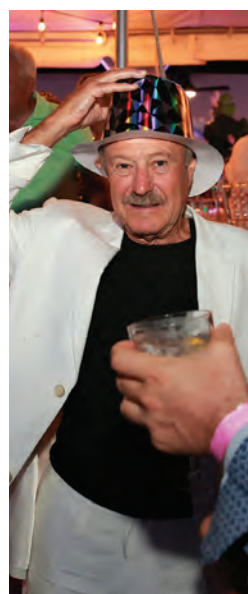
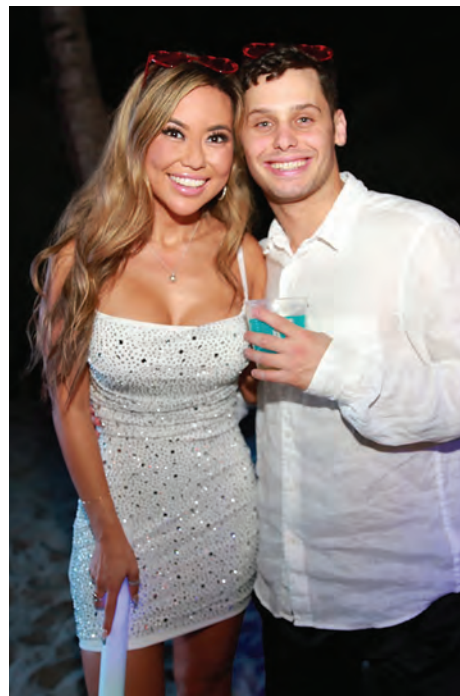
- You do not need to separate recyclables from other household waste.
- You may use any color bin to dispose of combined household waste and recyclables.
- Your combined household waste and recyclables will be collected on garbage days (Mondays & Thursdays).

For Information on the Waste-To-Energy process, please visit:<https://www.eia.gov/energyexplained/biomass/waste-to-energy.php>



AROUND TOWN ²⁰²¹ CELEBRATING NEW YEARS 2022





Town Staff Thanks Residents for Generous Donations

Town Staff would like to extend thanks to all the Residents who generously donated to the Town's Employee Holiday/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.

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Allen	Dornbusch	Halfen	Marcus	Sandler
Almonte	Drozdown	Halliwell	Martinez	Schneider
Badell/Grau	Eidelstein	Hanna	Masciatti	Schwartz
Banner	Eisenman	Herrera	Matalon/Abadi	Shliakhov
Behar	Elenson	Hollo	Mathur/Berndt	Singer
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Ben-Shmuel	Ezratti	Israel	Mendal	Sonn
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Parking Rules & Regulations

Parking in Town? Here is what to keep in mind:

- **Follow State & Local Laws:** The Town enforces regulations set up by the State of Florida, allowing vehicles to park legally within 20 feet of the end of a curb, from a stop sign or crosswalk, unless signage stating otherwise is posted, and as long as parked vehicles are not obstructing traffic. Vehicles not abiding by these rules are already subject to parking citation violations under the laws of the State of Florida.
- **Don't Be a Nuisance:** Town enforces additional restrictions, subjecting vehicles to code violations if parked in a manner constituting a public nuisance. Along with vehicles that obstruct traffic flow, vehicles that damage Town property including landscaping and turf while parking are considered a public nuisance. Offending parties are responsible for reparations and are subject to citations. Types of events that could cause issues with parking overflow include:
 - **Parties:** a resident having a party with more guests than their home's driveway can accommodate should contact the gate house at The Strand to make arrangements and avoid possible parking violations.
 - **House Staff/Guests:** For workers, house staff, and guests, residents must allow these types of visitors to park in their driveways if space is available. Residents whose service vehicles and guests' vehicles are parked in the street instead of occupying otherwise empty driveways will be subject to citations. Town residents who do not properly utilize their driveways to accommodate vehicles are considered to be creating a nuisance by unnecessarily obstructing traffic flow.
 - **Parks are not Parking Lots:** In order to allow for usage for all Residents, homeowners surrounding the Town parks must park in their own driveways, do not use parking bays at the park as personal parking spaces.

- **Landscaping Trucks:** Landscaping service vehicles are allowed to park in the streets, but only if parking is not available in the resident's driveway, and as long as the vehicles do not cause disruptions in traffic flow. Vehicles should be parked with the wheel bases no more than 6 inches away from the curb.
- **Maintenance Workers:** Some service workers like plumbers, electricians, pool cleaners and landscapers whose trucks need to be parked on site to facilitate work may park in the right-of-ways, but it is important to note that residents can be held responsible for damage caused to curbs and gutters which may crack or break under the weight of heavy trucks. These types of service vehicles are NOT allowed to park in Town cul-de-sacs, streets or along park perimeters.
- **Additional Parking Options:** When necessary, parking along auxillary roads offer additional parking opportunities, specifically side streets without curbs, including Palermo, Ravenna, Verona, Navona, Massini and Terracina Avenues. The perimeter around Singer Park has also been designated as parking. When parking in these areas drivers should employ the "two-wheel-on-two-wheel-off" method, meaning they should pull up onto the right-of-way on the side of the street they are choosing to park, so that both their front and back tires on that side are off the roadway with the wheels on the opposite side remaining on the roadway. This ensures ample room for emergency vehicles to access the narrower side streets. Afterhours (late night and on weekends), drivers are allowed to use parking bays at Town Hall and may park along the approaches at the Town's bridges.

With the current regulations being enforced, the Town strives to create a parking solution that best meets the needs of all residents. We ask for your cooperation and understanding as we continue to work to make Golden Beach a fantastic place to live.

TURTLE SEASON IS COMING

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/>

Avoid Citations, Be Sure your Lighting is Sea Turtle Compliant:

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.

Not sure if your lights are in compliance? Contact the Code Enforcement Department at Town Hall at (305) 932-0744 for more information, or view the full Code of Ordinances online at www.municode.com.

Civic Center Building

The building shell is near completion. As we get closer to enclosing the structure, the Town has engaged with internationally recognized architectural firm Perkins+Will to rethink the interior architecture of the building. When we entered the project, our budget allowed for a 'vanilla shell' design. It is our goal to reflect the modern upscale aesthetic of the Town. Perkins+Will has been tasked with providing us concepts that will enhance the interior layout, programmatic functions, and material selections.

Center Island Pump Station

The installation of the FPL cabinet is complete. The project engineers will begin testing the pump once the power connection has been established. We anticipate that pump testing will occur over the next few weeks.

Fiber Optic Technology

Hotwire crews have completed the majority of the interior of Town. Our common areas have been built-out to provide WiFi at our nine (9) parks. Crews are being extra cautious when trenching through parkways and lawns. Once all conduit has been laid and fiber pulled through, the restoration crews will survey every property again for any instances that may require additional repairs. Hotwire has been conducting in-home consultations to customize the individual needs of every resident. If you would like to schedule your consultation or have any questions, call the Golden Beach dedicated launch team specialist, Jessica at (954) 405-2329.

Wall on Massini

Over the past several weeks, the Town Manager and Mayor have been coordinating with our neighbors to the north as we move towards the installation of the wall at Massini Avenue. We anticipate an approval from our Town Council at the upcoming meeting to execute this project for completion by the summer of 2022.

Town-wide Security Upgrade

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

With the completion of this project, we have noticed that litter has started to collect at our shelters. To ensure that we keep our right-of-way clean and beautiful, we will be installing new trash bins to match the aesthetic of the shelters.

Tweddle Park Outfall

This project is currently in the restoration phase. The completed work consisted of the replacement of existing fittings near 151 Golden Beach Drive. The new fittings will improve the hydraulics of the existing storm water gravity outfall. Included within the scope was the adjustment of the man-holes opposite of this location. The new top slab with sealed lids will prevent the lids from surcharging.

Resilience Update

As we rethink the 'masterplan' of our park, it is our hope that in the future, this gravity system can be replaced with a mechanical pump system. We have engaged with our town engineers to conduct a vulnerability assessment and possible locations for feasibility and cost proposals. Additionally, the town is reviewing the current condition of all seawalls as a part of the resilience study.

Pardon our Dust

As work on the new Hotwire Fiber internet project continues, we understand your frustrations when disruptions to landscape and irrigation occur. Please note, restorations are being made on a rolling basis.

We know that there will be moments where we may not look our best.

New sod looking a bit sad? Please allow time for your sod to re-establish itself and take root.

Hotwire will be performing additional restoration surveys once the fiber cables are pulled through the conduit to be sure properties return to their former glory. In the meantime, thank you for your patience and please pardon our dust.

COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT

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 Councilmember, and after four years and one term as a councilmember, he was elected to his current position as Mayor, where he is currently serving his ninth term.

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. He currently serves as a Trustee Board Member for Florida Municipal Insurance Trust.

Mayor Singer's many accomplishments throughout his

Administration include 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, and 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 53 million dollar Capital Improvement Project to enhance its streetscaping on Ocean Boulevard and Golden Beach Drive, underground all of the Town's utilities, complete the Town's stormwater management system, and replace the Town's water distribution system. Mayor Glenn Singer is particularly proud of his involvement with the Town's new Civic Center complex, which broke ground in October 2020. 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 Judy Lusskin

Vice Mayor Judy Lusskin has resided in the Town of Golden Beach for 25 years. She has served on the Town Council for the past 17 years and is currently serving her fifth term as a councilmember. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Education and speech at Long Island University in New York. Vice Mayor Lusskin was the Program Director at The Jewish Community Center (JCC) for 15 years where she supervised over 100 staff members and initiated an extensive employment orientation program.

Previously, Vice Mayor Lusskin also served as the Education Director for Beth Moshe Congregation and has also served as the Chairperson of the Notables, a group of individuals dedicated to growing and improving the Miami Jewish Health Systems care for the elderly.

Vice Mayor Lusskin has been extremely active in the Town of Golden Beach. She founded the Golden Beach Youth Leadership Group (GBYLG) in 2005 and continues to

oversee the organization. Annually since 2007, Vice Mayor Lusskin directs and leads the Town's Veterans Day and Memorial Day Programs. She has served on the Town's

Beach Committee, as well as the Security & Public Safety Committee. Vice Mayor Lusskin has also supervised the Sunny Isles Beach Youth Scholarship Program. In the past she has served as the Town's liaison to The Miami-Dade County League of Cities, and has also served on the Vice Provost Council of Florida International University. She chaired the Town's 75th anniversary celebration committee, and is the previous chair of the Town's recreation committee. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care.

Vice Mayor Lusskin has her Private Pilots certificate and when not busy with political obligations...she can be found navigating the sunny skies of Florida.

If you would like to speak with Vice Mayor Lusskin, feel free to call her at (305) 986-4377.



COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT

Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein



Councilmember Kenneth R. Bernstein has served on the Council for the Town of Golden Beach since 2007, and is currently in his fourth term.

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).

For over 20-years, he served as a Senior Vice President and General Counsel for a national real estate company, which managed and/or developed more than \$10-billion in commercial and residential properties. His responsibilities included: financing matters, sales and acquisitions, contract and lease negotiations, land use matters, eminent domain work, and overseeing an extensive legal department. He assisted the financing department in obtaining and negotiating billions of dollars-worth of construction and/or permanent loans for regional malls, hotels, office buildings, self-storage facilities, strip centers, condominiums, and businesses. Additionally, he led the entitlement and development process on several projects.

Additionally, Councilmember Bernstein previously worked as an accountant with Deloitte, Haskins & Sells and later as an associate with the law firm of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, P.C. He has owned various businesses including a title company and several retail operations. From 2004 until its sale in 2013, he served as a Board of Director for Great Florida Bank, a NASDAQ company.

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; and a committee member of the South Florida East Coast Coalition. He has served on fundraising committees for United Way, and served as a member of the Dade Advisory Board of Extra Helpings and Daily Bread Food Bank.

Bernard Einstein

Councilmember Bernard Einstein has spent many years working for the Town, having first been elected to the Town Council in February 1999, Councilmember Einstein is currently serving his sixth term. He has also served on the Town's General Employees' Pension Board.

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

He prides himself on being a long term resident of the Town and says he is most sensitive concerning the budgetary economic issues that confront our Town.



Councilmember Jaime Mendal



Councilmember Jaime Mendal has resided in Golden Beach since he was a child. Elected in February 2017, Mr. Mendal is believed to be the youngest Councilmember in Golden Beach history. Now in his second term on Council, Councilmember Mendal has focused on various areas including ensuring proper allocations of town funds and minimizing waste, streamlining processes involving the Building Department and helping the Department to provide more online services, as well as working with the Town Manager to offset costs to the town by securing State and Federal dollars.

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 continue working with the other members of the Town Council as well as with Town staff.



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