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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Spring is here.

A time for renewal and rebirth. As we put the challenges of 2021 behind us, we are excited about the future of Golden Beach. As our lives continue to evolve into a new normalcy, we look forward to some of the upcoming projects we have planned.

We are extremely pleased with the progress we are making with the construction of the new civic center. At our last Town Council meeting, Perkins & Will Design Architects discussed the new civic center interior design enhancements. The Council is working hard to secure a design that is esoterically pleasing while maintaining hurricane ratings and minimizing the impact the elements will have.

We have signed a contract with Permacast Precast Concrete Walls and Fence to construct privacy walls at both the north and south ends of town on Massini and Terracina Avenues. These added features will not only add to the visual beauty of our town but they will also enhance the Town's security.

As we look ahead to future projects, we are looking at options and designs for a wellness center and a redesign of our parks, to include tennis courts, pickle ball courts, kids' playground, and a dog park. Discussion was held at the last Town Council meeting regarding financing future projects by offering a General Obligation Bond. This effort will identify potential revenue sources to cover additional capital needs that can be funded through a bond referendum. This will be brought to the voters of Golden Beach to decide.



There has been a significant amount of growth in our town recently and we express a heartfelt welcome to all of our new residents. Make sure that you stop by Town Hall so that you can receive information about all of the amenities offered and to make sure that you receive all communications regarding significant events that may impact the Town.

The Council and I appreciate all of your confidence and support. All Town Council meetings are open to the public and Town Manager Alex Diaz and his staff are always available to address any questions or concerns.

Your Mayor,

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

Glenn Singer



POLICE BEAT



IT FEELS LIKE 2022 JUST STARTED AND SPRING IS ALREADY UPON US, SOON SUMMER WILL BE FAST APPROACHING, WHICH WILL GIVE THE RESIDENTS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY ALL OF THE BEAUTY OF GOLDEN BEACH AND ALL OF ITS AMENITIES. AS I USUALLY DO EVERY YEAR, I

WOULD LIKE TO REMIND OUR RESIDENTS THAT A SAFE, AND SIMPLE WAY TO KEEP THE SUN'S UV RADIATION AT BAY, IS WEARING SUN-PROTECTIVE CLOTHING, AS A FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE AGAINST THE SUN'S HARMFUL ULTRAVIOLET RAYS. A LONG-SLEEVE SHIRT AND PANTS COVER MORE SKIN THAN A T-SHIRT AND SHORTS.

Sun Damage Explained

Sun damage of the skin can either be acute like sunburn, or chronic like the gradual changes of the skin caused by an accumulation of sun exposure throughout your life. Chronic damage results in either a cosmetic change in the skin's appearance, such as fine and coarse wrinkles, or changes that are of medical and health concerns, such as pre-cancerous lesions. The sun rays can also change skin through freckles, discolored areas of the skin and more. There's very strong evidence that ultraviolet light is the cause of many of the changes associated with the premature signs of aging skin.

What's the Difference Between UVA & UVB Rays?

There are two types of UV rays - UVA and UVB - both of which can harm your skin. UVA rays penetrate deep into the layers of the skin and leads to premature signs of



aging, which include wrinkles. UVB rays are the primary cause of sunburn, because they penetrate the outer layer of skin and cause damage to skin cells. Too much exposure from either UVA or UVB rays can play a part in causing skin cancer. It's important to use sunscreen protection year-round, because the amount of UVA stays relatively constant throughout the year, and also exceeds the amount of UVB rays in both summer and winter. Even on a cloudy day, 80% of the sun's UVA rays may pass through clouds. What's more, when it comes to tanning beds, it's important to know that tanning beds work by emitting primarily UVA rays, which penetrate deep into the skin.

What can you do to protect your skin against UVA and UVB rays?

Because SPF measures protection against sunburn caused primarily by UVB rays, be sure your sunscreen protects against UVA rays as well by choosing products that provide both UVA and UVB protection. These are usually labeled "broad spectrum," and are available as body and face sunscreens as well as daily moisturizers.

Wear or use a broad spectrum sunscreen every day to protect your skin from the harmful effects of the sun. Apply generous amounts of sunscreen, especially when you are active outdoors. Use a water resistant sunscreen when swimming or sweating, and always choose a sunscreen that offers an SPF (sun protection factor) of 30 or higher.

SPF is a measure of how much a sunscreen can protect you from sunburn. If you apply a sunscreen with an SPF of 30, for example, sufficiently and evenly, SPF indicates that it will take 30 times longer for your skin to begin to burn than if you did not wear any sunscreen protection at all. With this in mind, you should reapply sunscreen at least every 2 hours and after swimming, towel dry, and apply again for extended sun exposure.

Updates on Security & Safety in Town

Some important safety reminders for residents to consider include:



GBPD participates in County Commissioner Sally Heyman's Electric Police Bike Event

- Call 911 for emergencies, but when reporting prowlers or suspicious activities that are in the immediate vicinity, call the substation at 305-935-0940, so that a patrol unit can be dispatched to investigate. Please do not delay in calling, acting quickly will allow us to identify possibly suspicious individuals and assess the level of threat.
- We strongly encourage residents to secure all doors and windows and not leave keys to your home/cars or garage door opener devices in places where they are easily accessible. Also be sure to secure bicycles and other valuable items.
- Respect the speed limit, this also applies when using any water navigational vessels. Speed limits must be adhered to. Speeding over waterways not only violates navigational laws, the waves caused by speeding crafts may damage docked vessels, by pushing them forcibly against barriers.



- The Golden Beach Police Department has been receiving complaints of adolescents speeding inside the canals with their wave runners. It is extremely

important that younger operators know the risk they are taking when they speed with their wave runners, as we have seen cases where riders have hit barriers after falling off the vessel.

- Whether on our waterways or on our streets, speeding is dangerous. Be sure to exercise caution while driving on the town's roadways. We have many children playing around the parks and residences that could be at risk of a speeding car. Along with following speed limits, it is also critical to pay attention while on the road. Activities like texting can cause you to look away from the street and cause an accident. Distracted driving crashes account for more than 700 injuries on a typical day.

While the Golden Beach Police Department constantly works to improve their skills and abilities to keep our residents safe, we ask your help in assisting us. Be sure your emergency contact information is up to date in the Town's Resident Listing. Contact Community Development Specialist, Marie Talley at Town Hall should you have any questions.

Thank You,

Rudy Herbello
Chief of Police, Golden Beach Police Department

Council Meeting at a Glance

Some points covered at the March 15th Town Council Meeting included:



Accomplishments:

Road & Streets:

1000 linear feet of curbs gutters have been replaced in Town, work will continue so please be careful and watch for work crews

Local Concerns:

Traffic and A1A:

Mayor Singer spoke about the dramatic increase in traffic in areas surrounding Golden Beach. The Mayor and Town Manager plan to meet with the administration of the City of Sunny Isles Beach to discuss what is being done to assess regional impacts of development in their city as new large-scale construction projects continue to be green-lighted.

In the Pipeline:

Massini and Terracina Walls:

Town Council voted to move forward on construction of the Terracina and Massini Avenue privacy walls. Site studies show additional pilings may be needed to assure structural integrity of the walls and subsequent costs will be reviewed by the Council at a future date.

Town taps Perkins & Will to provide interior redesign of Civic Center interior

The Town has asked firm Perkins & Will to recommend design improvements to the Civic Center building. These interior adjustments would pertain to public areas and offer a higher quality aesthetic without increasing cost significantly, if at all. Most changes are to finishes and some changes also include minor adjustments to make spaces more versatile for use for residents. Items have not yet been priced, but collective changes are expected to offset costs. Supporting documents are available to review at <https://www.goldenbeach.us/civic-center-project/>



Study Underway for Internet/Telecom Special Assessment

Background:

Project:

Hotwire High-Speed Fiber Internet and Security System throughout Town

Features:

1. Fiber Internet Service
2. Managed Wi-Fi Services
3. Security Enhancements*

*The Town will share costs for this portion of program

Expected Cost:

Not to exceed \$85 per home, per month

Method of Collection:

Line item on annual Tax Bill starting with the 2022 Tax Year.

Type of Assessment:

Non-Ad Valorem, not based on value but rather based on benefit/relief of burden

Important Note RE: First Year Cost:

As services to Residents will roll out at different times, the Town will absorb the cost of the first year of fiber services (a value of approximately \$140,000) instead of direct billing to individual households based on their "go-live" dates.

How is the Cost Apportioned?

The cost is broken into two tiers of benefit.

1. Tier 1 - Infrastructure

- All parcels (properties) have access to Fiber infrastructure
- Developed and Undeveloped parcels will be assessed
- Charge is per parcel

2. Tier 2 - Service

- As developed parcels have the ability to connect, cost would be apportioned amongst all developed parcels, including non-residential parcels (Town parks)
- Cost is based on Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU)
 - What is an ERU and how is it calculated?Each home is assumed to be one 1.0 ERU. This unit calculated by averaging the sizes of homes in Town. ERUs for non-residential parcels (parks/public areas) are determined by dividing living area on parcel by the ERU unit.
- Non-Developed parcels – The Town administration is investigating tiered fees for such parcels, as they would receive benefits from the Security portion of the program, but not from the Service portion.

Will the Town consider an increase in the millage rate to cover costs of the Internet/Telecom project?

No, the Town Council has been vocal about their opposition in raising the millage rate. Increasing the millage rate to pay for the project would cause a disparity in individual financial obligations for a project that would benefit all residents. A special assessment would create an equal financial obligation for all residents.

If the costs of portion #3 of the Features section exceed the amount of the assessment where would the balance of funds come from?

Some components of the Security enhancements would be eligible to be covered by Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETFF) dollars. That fund is strictly available to NEW security initiatives, which could include proposed proximity readers on waterways and other features that are new to the Town. Funds in the annual budget dedicated towards maintenance and upgrades of existing security features may cover a portion of additional potential gaps.

Once the assessment is determined, will it go up in future years?

No, the Council plans on determining an assessment amount that appropriately meets the needs of the project and will remain constant from one year to the next.

Debt Capacity Study

The Town has consulted investment banking firm Estrada - Hinojosa to conduct a Debt Capacity study relating to Long Term Debt Planning in regards to Capital Program Financing. The presentation that was shared at the March 15, 2022 Town Council meeting can be viewed in the Finance Department tab at www.goldenbeach.us.

When taking on new projects it is important to consider debt capacity and assess the Town's priorities and its needs. The Town Administration is proud of their history of delivering projects without creating financial burden on Residents, and its continued goal is not to waver from that course. With the dollars secured from the \$14 million GO (General Obligation) Bond issued in 2008, the Town was able to create \$58 million worth of improvements through the Capital Improvements Project.

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Funds for a GO bond could be applied towards various proposed upcoming projects, including:

Enhancements to Tweddle Park (new tot lot and landscaping)
New Wellness Center (gym, community room)
A1A beautification (replace signs and fountains throughout)
Replacement streetlight mast arms on A1A
Replacing lighting for Medjool Palms on A1A
Enhancements to the Beach Pavilion
Resiliency upgrades to sea walls at The Strand Boat Dock, Terracina and Massini
Possible addition of restroom facilities to park areas
Enhance landscaping throughout Town

While considering projects the Town Administration believes that a GO bond not to exceed \$7 million would cover expenditures and carry the financial burden of such projects in a fair and proportionate manner for all residents, as opposed to adjusting the Town's millage rate, which would have some residents covering more costs than others for the same shared benefits. Since the Town is a strictly residential community it has limited resources of revenue, relying heavily on ad valorem taxes. A GO bond would allow the Town access to funds without affecting ad valorem taxes or imposing fees for services including trash collection.

Why apply for a GO Bond now when some project costs have not yet been determined?

With interest rates at a historic low, the Town does not want to hesitate and lose such an advantageous window of opportunity. Securing the bond does not mean the funds must be spent immediately, or all at once, but delays in applying could come at a cost of higher interest rates.

What happens next?

The Town Administration is asking the Council to review an enumerated selection of projects that the administration feels would service the future of the community and determine whether the needs merit asking residents to consider taking on new debt. The Council will then determine whether to add the item to the ballot of the next Town election.

COVID-19 Resources

Schedule an in-home concierge COVID-19 test or vaccination:

Golden Beach Residents can schedule a COVID-19 testing or vaccination appointment to their home by visiting www.milo.care/goldenbeach

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

Visit <https://special.usps.com/testkits> to place your order

UPDATE 3/8/22: HOUSEHOLDS MAY NOW ORDER A SECOND BATCH OF COVID-19 TESTS.

Need Supplies?

COVID-19 Rapid Test kits, face masks and hand sanitizers are available through Town Hall.

To request supplies, 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.

Avoid a Ticket: GBPD Cracks Down on Drivers

The Golden Beach Police Department is issuing tickets to any drivers who do not follow the rules of the road, and this includes Residents. Obey all posted traffic signs. Before you consider rolling through that stop sign or speeding your way through Town, remember the GBPD is actively monitoring our streets and ticketing for traffic offenses.



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.

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.

Black History Month

Town staff celebrated Black History Month during their February Employee Luncheon. While sharing a meal, staff paused to recognize the many contributions of African Americans to our Nation.



Community Development Specialist Marie Talley spoke at the Black History Month Luncheon



Conditions can change fast. Be informed, Stay Informed.

The CodeRED service informs Residents during emergencies, including evacuations, road closures and other important notices. Notifications can be received via cell phone, land line, text messages, or email. The notices can be seen as a "Reverse 911," where instead of you calling emergency services, emergency services call you to warn of a critical situation.

Please contact Marie Talley to enroll at (305) 932-0744, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, or by email at mtalley@goldenbeach.us.

Now enrolling is even easier: Simply text GBAlerts to 99411 to sign up for the CodeRed system

HURRICANE SEASON IS COMING: The Town is updating our Resident Database to better serve you

With storm season fast approaching the Town is auditing its database to be sure know how to reach you in case of an emergency. In the coming weeks, we will deliver a packet to your home with the current information on file for your household, take a few moments to review and update any changes. When you're finished you can drop it off at The Strand Gatehouse or call (305)935-0940 to have it picked up at your home. How's that for easy? Whether it be updating that old disconnected landline number to your new cell phone or letting us know you have children living at home, we also want to be sure we are updating our records to provide exceptional service and customized amenities.

Please note, the Golden Beach Police Department will conduct door-to-door visits for any homes whose packets are not received by the "return-by" date.

Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department releases annual report of Services to Town of Golden Beach

Each year MDRF supplies a total of facts and figures for the previous calendar year to show how the Department serves our community. Below are some highlights from the report.

Table I - MDRF Responses to the Town of Golden Beach - Calendar Years 2021

Call Type	# of Incidents	MDRF* Average Response Time
Life Threatening	38	9:43
Non-Life Threatening*	25	10:19
Structure & Other Fires	33	10:32
Other Miscellaneous*	3	22:36
Total	99	

*Incident and Response Time Information was extracted from the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. Response times are presented in minutes and seconds.

NOTE: In 2021, MDRF reorganized various "Other Emergency" incidents to either "Life Threatening" or "Non-Life Threatening" incidents, which may have impacted response times for those categories. Additionally, MDRF excludes false alarms from response time calculations for "Structure and Other Fire" incidents.

Table II - MDRF Stations/Units responding into the Town of Golden Beach Calendar Year 2021

2021		
Responses Provided By	Incidents	%
Station 10 - Sunny Isles	66	67%
Other Stations	21	21%
Station 8 - Aventura	12	12%
Total	99	100%

Thank you, Mr. Manners!

The Town would like to recognize Peter Manners for his dedication and service to the Town's Employee Pension Board. He has retired from the board after of 10 years of dutifully assisting the Town of Golden Beach. Thank you, Mr. Manners for your service!

Anyone interested in joining the Employee Pension Board, should contact Town Hall.



Civic Center Topping Out Ceremony



The Mayor, Town Council, Town staff and the construction crew gathered for a small get-together to mark a large milestone: the “Topping Out” of the Civic Center. The ceremony is a benchmark in the construction process. As is tradition, a tree was hoisted aloft and placed atop the structure. The symbolic gesture signifies good luck for future occupants, a reverence for the environment surrounding the structure, as well representing solid and sturdy construction.

Upcoming events

Meet your Police Officers and Neighbors

Thursday, April 7, 2022 7:00PM

South Park

Golden Beach Police Department is inviting Residents to discuss some important topics in Town:

- Civic Center Construction Updates
- Water/Vessels Safety Concerns and Laws
- Code Enforcement Concerns
- Registering with CODE RED Emergency Alerts
- Crime Prevention Safety Tips

Join us for snacks & refreshments while we discuss important ways to keep you and your property safe!

Tea Party

Sunday, May 1, 2022

3:00PM

South Park

The Town of Golden Beach invites you to a Pre-Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea

- Bring your favorite dessert to enter the baking contest!
- Wear your fanciest or most fashionable hat to compete in the hat contest!
- All young artists are invited to enter a coloring contest!
- There will be cookie decorating and other entertainment!
- Residents of all ages, boys and girls are welcome!

RSVP to Jkrepp@goldenbeach.us



Aloha! Who’s ready for a Luau?

Sunday, May 22, 2022 3:00PM

Beach Pavilion

The Town’s Potluck Luau returns, just in time to celebrate the Town’s anniversary! Come celebrate 93 years of Golden Beach at our Potluck Luau! Come meet us at the Beach Pavilion, bring your favorite



dish, come hungry and be ready to share! We’ll have plenty of delicious food and fun for the whole family. There will be a contest with prizes for the tastiest entries in the following categories:

- Best Salad
- Best Appetizer
- Best Dessert
- Best Kid’s Submission

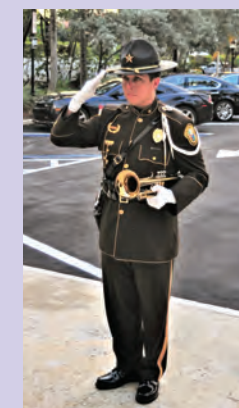
The event starts at 3pm, with judging occurring soon after. Registration forms are available on the Town’s website. Please complete and return your registration form as soon as possible and don’t be left out of the fun!

Memorial Day

Monday, May 31, 2022 2:00PM

The Strand Boat Dock

Join us this Memorial Day as we dedicate our new Veterans Memorial monument at The Strand Boat Dock. The program begins at 2PM and will be officiated by Councilmember Judy Lusskin. After the ceremony we’ll be serving some yummy BBQ! Hope to see you there!



Paint at the Pavilion

Sunday, June 26, 2022 2:00PM

Beach Pavilion

A Resident favorite returns! Come paint at the pavilion, this guided class hosted with an instructor will walk you step by step through the creative process. So whether you’re a professionally polished Picasso or your painting could be classified as what the kids call a “Monet” (good from far, and far from good), join in the fun and create your own version of a masterpiece! This is an RSVP only event, please contact Jisel Krepp at jkrepp@goldenbeach.us for details and to reserve your spot!

