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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



IT IS AMAZING HOW QUICKLY TIME IS PASSING.

We are now into the month of May and hurricane season is fast approaching. We have some new residents who may not be familiar with what is required to prepare for a storm. Or you may have some concerns if you are new to the area. Please feel

free to reach out to Town Hall for guidance. There is also valuable information located on our website.

We would like to send well wishes to former Mayor Barry Nelson and his family as they move away from Golden Beach after many years. We applaud Mayor Nelson for his dedication to the Town of Golden Beach and its residents. He has left an indelible mark on the fabric of this town and he will be missed. Good luck in all of your future endeavors.

Let us look at our current ongoing projects. The Town Council voted to build privacy walls at Terracina and Massini Avenues. We are coordinating this project with others in progress to limit the impact this construction will have on our residents.

The Center Island Pump Station project is complete and operational. Final touches in terms of landscaping are under way. This should alleviate flooding issues on Center Island as we near the start of hurricane season.

We are extremely pleased with the progress we are making on the new Civic Center building. The outer shell is complete and the Town has engaged Perkins & Will, an architecture design firm that specializes in corporate interiors. Most of the design improvements recommended by Perkins & Will would pertain to public areas and include minor adjustments to make spaces more versatile for use by our residents.

Hotwire High-Speed Fiber Internet and Security System installation is well underway. We appreciate your patience as we complete installation of the required infra-

structure, which gives every property in Golden Beach access to the Hotwire network. In-home installations are also underway. If you have not yet scheduled your consultation, we strongly encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Currently, more than 30% of residents have an established connection. If you would like to schedule your consultation or if you have any questions, please call the Golden Beach dedicated launch team specialist, Jessica, at 954-405-2329.

As we look ahead to additional capital improvement projects, the Town Council has decided to offer a General Obligation (GO) Bond not to exceed \$7 million. The Town Council has been adamant about not raising the millage rate and the Town Administration is proud of its history of delivering projects without creating a financial burden on our residents. Therefore, we have had to explore other revenue sources. At the April 26, 2022 Council Meeting, a resolution was passed to call for a special election on August 23, 2022 regarding the issuance of a General Obligation Bond for the purpose of construction of a Wellness Center, town-wide park enhancements, A1A lighting and Beach Pavilion improvements. The Town Council and Administration will be providing more information regarding this bond issue in the very near future.

We extend congratulations to any of our students who have successfully completed this past school term and may be receiving degrees, diplomas, or promotions to higher education. As we look towards the summer break, we remind you that safety while outdoors for yourself, your families and your pets is extremely important as the temperatures continue to rise. In addition, for the residents who may be traveling during the summer months, remember to submit a house check form to Town Hall or the substation/guardhouse so that the police department can be extra vigilant while you are away from home.

Your Mayor,

Glenn Singer

POLICE BEAT



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HAVE A HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS PLAN IN PLACE.

GBPD, a Police Department leading by Example:

Our Town's police department is excelling is catching the attention of other municipalities, and they are taking notes of what we are implementing. Here are some examples of initiatives that we are taking that are inspiring other Departments

1. We are committed to our community and our community is committed to us,
2. We have the support of the Town's Council and Town Manager,
3. We became accredited by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Agencies (CFA),
4. We are constantly in a preparedness mode by a persistent training mind set,
5. We persistently networking with local, State and Federal agencies,
6. We are proactively engaged in the protection of the town and its residents.

Let's discuss what makes our department so special

First, let's talk about the mutual commitment between the police department and the community. Our department's goal is to keep our residents safe and to

safeguard their properties. For that reason, we use a Community policing approach, which is a strategy that focuses on developing relationships with community members. This approach is aimed at achieving more effective crime control, reducing fear of crime, improving quality of life, and improving police service and legitimacy. These goals are achieved through a proactive reliance on community resources, seeking to improve crime causing conditions.

Second, is the constant support from the Town's Council and Town Manager who always listen and act on behalf of the residents by providing the police department with the necessary equipment for us to accomplish our goal and/or mission.

Third, the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. was formed through a grassroots effort by the Chiefs and Sheriffs of the State; Through this accreditation process, law enforcement standards were developed and accepted by the Florida law enforcement community. CFA is recognized as the **premier state law enforcement accreditation program in the United States.** While being accredited is not mandated by the State, the Golden Beach Police Department has been accredited for the past eight years reinforcing our reputation for exemplary service.

Fourth, Communities expect police departments to ensure that police officers are properly trained. Our training mindset is that well trained police officers are the backbone of a successful police department. Our officers are the front line of defense for our community against any intruders. Training is critical and should be the top priority of every law enforcement organization.

Fifth, Networking among law enforcement agencies is extremely crucial. The sharing and/or the flow of information among police agencies (local, State and/or Federal) is vital for the safety of officers and the



communities they served. A big part of strengthening our partnership with other law enforcement agencies is by interacting with those agencies through intelligence meetings. These meetings allow us to not only share information, but to strategize Action Plans with new ideas, training, techniques or practices. Networking fosters learning from each other, and maximizing resources.

Sixth, as you read from number one to number five, it is clear that our Department prides itself on a proactive approach to policing, which enable us to effectively safeguard you. We have initiated a number of details to curtail and limit the possibilities of criminal intrusion into our town. This doesn't

mean that we are now crime free community nor does it negate the possibility of criminal elements targeting Golden Beach. However, it does mean that we are focused and engaged in the prevention of crime and we ask as for cooperation from our residents. You can help us help you by securing your home and property; maintain control of keys to your car, house or remote control to your garage doors. **When it comes to fighting crime, Together we can!!!**

In closing I'd also like to mention that between July 12 through July 14, 2022 the Golden Beach Police Department will be going through a thorough and systematic on-site assessment by the Commission for Law Enforcement Agencies (CFA). During those dates three CFA Assessors will be in town reviewing the operation of the police department and will be accessible to hear any comments from residents.

Thank You,

Rudy Herbello
Chief of Police
Golden Beach Police Department

State of the Town: A Letter from the Town Manager

Dear Residents of Golden Beach,

A few months ago the Town applied for a second grant that would fund a Resiliency Plan/Study for the Town.

The goal of the project is to create a comprehensive plan that addresses the extraordinary challenges the town faces now, and in the future. The first work product of this grant application is to conduct a community-wide vulnerability assessment. Our administration and consulting engineers are working closely to identify the highest risks to the town. To date the town has been conducting limited analysis including portions of the stormwater system and sea walls. It is currently evaluating development and redevelopment criteria to mitigate flood risk. The Resiliency Plan will include results of a town-wide study of the existing condition and elevation of all (183) existing seawalls in addition to the over 60 oceanfront properties with bulkheads and dunes. The information collected will shape the adaptation strategies and policies addressing the towns prioritized vulnerable assets including public and private development / redevelopment.

We learned that the Town was awarded \$75,000 for this study.

This is the second grant that we have secured for the Town this year and **it brings our grants totals to \$575,000** dollars. Also, if the Governor does not VETO our State Legislative Request(s) of \$1,200,000.00 we will have secured for the Town \$1,775,000.00 in funding that does not have to be repaid for crucial projects that we have undertaken.

We should be proud of the work we continue to provide on behalf of our residents.

Should you have questions about the projects these funds will support, feel free to contact me.

Thank you,
Alexander Diaz
Town Manager, Town of Golden Beach



Town GO Bond

Golden Beach looks to make improvements without increasing taxes

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 to the Town through the Capital Improvements Project.

What is a GO Bond?

General obligation bonds, which are also referred to as GOs, are municipal bonds which provide a way for municipalities to raise money for projects that may not generate a revenue stream directly. Examples of the types of projects funded by general obligation bonds are the construction of public schools and highway systems.

They are called “general obligation” bonds because they are not backed by a specific revenue producing project or asset. Instead, they are backed by the “full faith and credit” of the issuer. In simple terms that means the bonds are backed by the municipality’s ability to tax, and to raise taxes if necessary, in order to pay bondholders. For local governments, it normally comes in the form of property taxes.



What would the funds be used for?

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

Expanded Development of Surrounding Areas at Civic Center Complex

- A brand new state of the art Wellness Center with community exercise facilities and recreation spaces.
- A new creative Tot Lot complete with accessible restrooms, concession room and stroller track.



- (2) Pickle ball courts
- (2) Tennis courts
- (1) Clay Tennis Court
- (1) Full Jr. Basketball court
- A dog park with separate sections for large and small dogs
- New parking layout
- New site lighting, furnishings & landscape design.

Improvements to Facilities in North and South Park

- Putting an end for the need of portable toilets and as a way to offer additional facilities, the Town looks to construct (1) accessible restroom each at North & South Park. We envision an inconspicuously designed structure that will provide the required provision for residents to have events.

Additional Projects the GO Bond will make possible:

- A1A beautification (replace signs & fountains throughout)
- Replacement streetlight mast arms on A1A
- Replacing lighting for Medjool Palms on A1A
- Enhancements to the Beach Pavilion

What type of Funding would be needed?

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.

How can Residents help?

Residents can assist with the process by voting “For the Bond” regarding the GO Bond question when it is presented on the August 23, 2022 election primary ballot.

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AROUND TOWN

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Our PROVEN track record for success.....

Some major initiatives the Administration has taken during recent years without increasing the tax millage rate include:

Overseeing the Civic Center Complex Master Plan, including financing, oversight of bids and contracts. This project will mark a major turning point in Golden Beach, providing the community with a state-of-the-art government hub and community center. The new complex will be the new home of Town Hall as well as a community gathering venue with indoor and outdoor event spaces.

Commissioning and executing an A1A Corridor Study.

In an effort to elevate the Town's "curb appeal" along its major thoroughfare, the Council has pursued landscaping improvements to Ocean Boulevard. The new landscaping plans will help unify the overall aesthetic, giving a more polished impression. The Council also oversees the Town-wide annual landscape maintenance contract.

Overseeing the Town's Canal Maintenance Program and all related services agreements. To ease safe navigation through the Town's waterways, the Council oversaw an extensive canal maintenance initiative. The program included dredging of silt deposits and the clearing of debris that had accumulated over time.

Overseeing Safety and Security Initiatives. The Council continues to focus on Security and Safety of Homes, Residents and Shared Spaces in Town. The Council works directly with the Town Manager and Golden Beach Police Department, to assure safety and security protocols are being met.

Construction of Pump Station at Center Island. In an effort to address rising tides and flooding concerns on one of the lowest lying points of Town, the Council has implemented plans for a new pump station at Center Island. The Center Island Pump Station project was instated to alleviate flooding and preserve the existing roadway infrastructure on the Town's Center Island Drive (where the Police Boat Dock and Vessel is located), as well as preserve the recently installed Town wide infrastructure in preparation for sea level rise, which is vital to the health, safety and welfare of the community.

Overseeing the Town's COVID-19 response. The Council has continued to meet virtually throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, discussing Town business and action plans for how to protect the safety of all who live and work in Golden Beach. Through Executive Orders, the Mayor provided instructions on topics including: restricted access to Town by non-residents during the onset of the pandemic; construction site safety protocols; and setting the parameters of how Town-related business would be conducted during an unprecedented scenario where meeting in person is not possible.

Hearing and approving Resolutions and Ordinances related to policymaking, administration, purchasing and other legislative acts. The Town Council serves as the decision-making hub on various levels, working with the Town Manager and Town Administration.

Oversaw the Town's 90th Anniversary Calendar of Events. In 2019, Golden Beach celebrated the 90th Anniversary of its incorporation. The Town Council oversaw the schedule of events, and selected how such a momentous occasion would be recognized by the Community. The week-long festivities included an elegant wine social at the Beach Pavilion and a colossal street fair party that stretched across Tweddle Park and the surrounding areas.

Approving the \$60,000 curbs and gutters replacement program. In an effort to keep streets clean and dry, as well as maintain the high level of infrastructure standards in Town, the Council approved a large-scale project to replace the Town's curbs and gutters.

Redesign of the Fountains at The Strand entrance of Town. Flanking The Strand Gatehouse, two new gleaming water features were installed as part of a reimagining of the central entrance into Town.

Heard and Approved Proposal for Renovations and enhancements at the Beach Pavilion. Often the backdrop of Town events like New Year's Eve or even a family-friendly place to spend a sunny Saturday, the Beach Pavilion is a hive of activity in Golden Beach. The Town Council oversaw the capital improvement project that included resurfacing and restoration of the Pavilion structure, along with upgraded bathroom facilities and added amenities. The results made the Beach Pavilion an even more appealing destination for Residents.

Heard and Approved Proposal for Complete Renovation and Redesign of Police Gatehouse. The project included a remodeling of The Strand Gatehouse, which serves as the first point of contact for those entering Town from Ocean Boulevard. The Gatehouse also houses the Police Substation and is where officers are dispatched when service calls are made. Several designs options were considered to best suit the needs and current aesthetics of the community.

Oversee Annual Audits of the Town's Finances. Annually the Council reviews the Audit of the Town's finances, assuring that funds are properly allocated and any possible waste is avoided.

Developed and Executed a Town-wide Street Lighting Program. As a safety initiative, and an aesthetic improvement, the Council worked with Florida Power and Light (FPL) to execute a full renovation of the Town's street lighting.

Oversaw the project to install an automated transponder-based entry gate system at the Strand and exit gate at Terracina. For safety and security, the Council elected to add an additional level of protection for those wishing to access the interior of Town. Vehicles entering at The Strand would either need a vehicle transponder (available only to vehicles registered by Town Hall) or the drivers would need to push a button for access (before the gate arm lifts, a photo is taken of the vehicle operator).

Oversaw the construction of a Police Gym using monies from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETf). The Police Gym helps to figuratively and literally strengthen the Town's police force, and encourages healthy habits.

Upgrading of Park Equipment, playground and exercise equipment. Tweddle Park received upgrades to the playground areas, including new play equipment and a new sun shading structure. Additional improvements were also made to the strength training and exercise areas adjacent to the picnic structure.

Authorized a New closed-circuit television program. To assist the Police Department in monitoring the Town, the Council approved a CCTV system.

Protecting Private Property Designation. To remind anyone traversing Town along the beach, The Council

approved installing No Trespassing signs at the north and south ends of Town, and reminders of where Private Property rights extend.

Installed Pedestrian Access Gates. In an effort to limit foot traffic into Town, the Council installed pedestrian gates protected with passcode access. The pedestrian gates were erected at access points along A1A and alongside the North and South Gates.

Approved by Resolution the refinancing of the Town's General Obligation Bond. The Town Council approved the refinancing of the Town's General Obligation Bond which lowered the Town's debt-service by almost \$1.5 Million.

Initiated Town-Wide Fiber Internet Project. The Town of Golden Beach has entered into a new, first-of-its-kind partnership with Internet Service Provider (ISP) and telecommunications company, Hotwire Communications. This partnership will provide our town with a fully managed, 100% fiber optic/GPON network backbone, and deliver a Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) Wi-Fi solution to our residents. The deal requires Hotwire to provide each home with minimum speeds of 1 Gigabit, in addition to offering a full suite of services including Voice Over IP (VOIP), Phone, Internet protocol Television (IPTV), CCTV, Network security & monitoring, and more.

Undergrounding Electrical Utilities. This project assured reliable power during severe storms, more attractive streetscapes, and improved safety.

Stormwater Drainage Improvements. Drainage was addressed to remediate flooding and standing water after a storm, as well as improved safety and aid in the prevention of potential health hazards.

Installation of sidewalks, medians, and landscaping. Aside from added curb appeal, this project also aided in pedestrian safety and reducing motorist speeding.

Security and Ocean Boulevard Improvements. Security cameras were installed on Ocean Boulevard and on the oceanfront and up-lighting was installed to illuminate the row of date palms running down the Town's main thoroughfare.

HURRICANE SEASON STARTS JUNE 1. 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.

Miami-Dade County offers Hurricane Evacuation Assistance

(Source: <https://www.miamidade.gov>)

Do you, or someone in your home, need emergency evacuation assistance? Miami-Dade County provides services to assist residents with special needs in case of evacuation.

Emergency & Evacuation Assistance

The Emergency & Evacuation Assistance Program (EEAP) provides evacuation support to residents who need specialized transportation assistance or whose medical needs prevent them from evacuating on their own.

Residents with disabilities, or who need skilled nursing care assistance with daily living, or have life-saving medical equipment dependent on electricity should register with the EEAP.

This program is for individuals with functional and access needs who live alone or with families.

The program offers:

- Specialized transportation
- Safe shelter
- Medical monitoring
- Wellness checks

A caregiver or companion should accompany the evacuee throughout the emergency period to ensure the evacuee’s needs are met in a timely manner.

Please contact Marie Talley 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.

The EEAP may be used for emergencies and hazardous events, such as:

- Hurricanes or tornadoes
- Chemical or Hazardous material releases (e.g., industrial accident or act of terrorism)
- Wildfires
- Widespread power outages
- Radiation releases (e.g., from a nuclear power plant incident or act of terrorism)

Residents who require evacuation assistance should register for the EEAP prior to an emergency to ensure help will be given when needed. It may also be utilized post-disaster to provide other assistance. Pre-registered residents will receive priority during an emergency.

Residents in nursing homes, assisted living facilities or group homes are not eligible for this program as these facilities are required by law to develop an emergency plan and make arrangements for their residents to evacuate to a similar facility.

To request a Hurricane Readiness Guide in an alternate format, such as Braille or large print, call 311 or send an email to eoc@miamidade.gov

Contact the Miami-Dade County Office of Emergency Management support line at 305-513-7700 for more information.

Getting the Word Out: Town-wide Door to Door Campaigns

Hurricane Packets

In early April the Town delivered Hurricane Emergency Contact packets to each home. If you have not done so already, please be sure to review, complete and return your packet to The Strand Gatehouse or Town Hall as soon as possible.

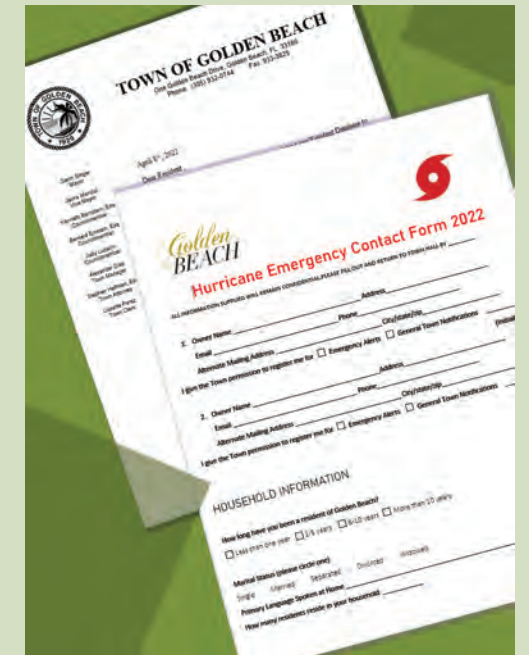
The Golden Beach Police Department has begun going door-to-door to homes that have not responded.

If you did not receive your packet, please contact Jisel Krepp at jkrepp@goldenbeach.us or you may download the packet from main page at www.goldenbeach.us.

GO Bond

In an effort to inform and engage Residents about the exciting new GO Bond campaign, the Town will undergo an educational initiative beginning in May. With the GO Bond appearing on the August 23, 2022 election ballot it is important that as many residents as possible are informed, registered, and ready to vote on this innovative campaign that could shape the future of amenities in Golden Beach.

For more details on the GO Bond and its purpose. Please check out our article “Town GO Bond” in the Around Town section of this issue.



Is Your Property Hurricane Ready? The Public Works Department can help!

- Consider doing a decluttering of your property before storm season hits. Speak with your landscaper about possibly pruning back trees and removing coconuts.
- Schedule an appointment with the Public Works Department to have larger unwanted trash items hauled away.
- Even if you’re a snowbird who has already returned home, The Public Works Department can

survey your property to be sure items like patio furniture or boats are properly secured before a storm approaches.

Contact Public Works Director Kirk McKoy at (305)932-0744 x235 for questions or to schedule an appointment.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Storm season in South Florida typically spans from June 1st to November 30th. The chance of a serious storm event is a very real possibility and it is important to be prepared accordingly. Below you'll find an extensive list of things to consider when preparing for storm season.

PREPARING YOUR HOME BEFORE THE STORM

- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- Make sure your trees and shrubbery are trimmed and remove limbs that could damage your house or utility lines.
- Fuel and service family vehicles.
- Prepare to cover all window and door openings with shutters or other shielding materials such as plywood.
- Bring inside or secure light-weight objects such as garbage cans, potted plants, toys, signs, lawn/porch furniture, awnings and garden tools. These items can become dangerous projectiles during high winds.
- Anchor or secure items that cannot be brought inside safely (gas grills, propane tanks, etc.)
- Golden Beach is an identified surge zone or area prone to flooding so you may want to move interior furniture or items that could be damaged by water to a higher floor.
- If you have to leave your home, remember to unplug your appliances, turn off the electricity and close the main water valve.
- Keep personal, financial and medical records safe.
- When you leave your home make sure to lock it and take small valuables with you.
- Do not lower the water level in your swimming pool excessively, or it may pop out of the ground if there is flooding with the storm (softened ground can literally "float" a pool). If flooding is expected, you can lower the water level by up to a few feet, depending on the depth of the pool.
- Add extra chlorine to your pool to fight off contamination. (3 gallons of chlorine per 5,000 gallons of water). Some pool companies recommend that you

give your pool a "shock treatment" before the storm hits. (Don't let anyone use the pool after adding the additional chlorine.)

- Turn off electricity to all of the pool equipment at the breaker.
- Remove pumps from underground pits after all valves have been closed and the electricity has been shut off. Wrap any exposed pool equipment that you can't remove in plastic and secure it tightly with tape/rope.
- Don't throw patio furniture in the pool it may be damaged/bleached by chlorine.

STORM PREP: CONSTRUCTION/WORK SITES

In the event a hurricane watch or greater advisory is issued, it is the responsibility of the property owner and associated contractor of any on-going construction work to secure all areas of the site. This is mandatory per the Florida Building Code.

- Fasten down or remove all hazardous objects which include: construction shacks, temporary toilets, roofing tiles, building materials, trash, forms, unsecured structures, temporary electric poles, etc.
- City Building Officials and Code Enforcement Officers will contact each site to ensure compliance with these regulations. However, it is still your responsibility to ensure all items are secure, etc.

Those failing to follow this procedure will be cited, fined and held legally responsible for any damage caused by failing to secure the above items.

BOATS & STORMS

Damage caused by your boat during a hurricane is your responsibility, so have a plan in place to protect your

boat. Bridges are locked down BEFORE an evacuation is ordered -- generally 24 hours before a storm hits, so you need to secure your boat and move it to a safe harbor long before the warning and evacuation.

- Moor boats securely or move it to a designated safe place.
- Keep fuel and water tanks filled.
- Be sure batteries are charged and bilge pumps are operational.
- If you plan to trailer your boat to the mainland, you must do so before an evacuation order is issued.
- Owners of large crafts that must remain in the water must secure their vessels in a predetermined anchorage or mooring area.
- Keep sufficient tie lines and chafing gear, anchors and anchor line, and any other equipment necessary to secure your boat in the water.
- Never stay aboard your boat in a hurricane.

PETS & STORMS

If a local shelter will not accept your pets, you must make your own arrangements to keep your pet safe during a storm.

If you are required to evacuate and are going to spend time in a shelter, it is important that you make plans for your pet well in advance. Some hotels will accept pets during an evacuation.

If you must evacuate to a shelter and leave pets behind, realize that pets may not survive or may be lost. There is no way to know how long it will be before you are permitted back to your home after a hurricane.

Frightened animals may quickly slip out of open doors, broken windows, or other damaged areas of your home.

Emergency Management recommends that you make arrangements to evacuate yourself and your pet to a safe location. Friends and relatives in a safe location are your best choice, however, if they are unable to house both you and your pets, arrange shelter for your pets with a veterinarian or kennel near your evacuation location. It is important to do this so that you will be able to have as much contact with them as possible.

After the storm has passed, walk your pets on a leash until they become reoriented to their home. Be careful of downed power lines and other debris. Do not allow pets to consume food or water which may have become contaminated. Be extremely careful using candles or oil lamps around pets. Never leave them unattended.

STORM SUPPLIES

(HAVE A TWO WEEK SUPPLY OF EACH ITEM FOR EVERY PERSON IN YOUR HOME)

Water

- 2 ½ gallons of water per person a day (1/2 gallon for drinking, 2 gallons for bathing)
- Store water in clean plastic containers

Food

Purchase foods that require no refrigeration and little preparation, such as:

- Ready-to-eat canned food
- Canned juices, milk, soup (if powdered, store extra water)
- Snacks: cookies, cereals, etc.
- Soft drinks, instant coffee, tea
- Lots of ice (you can freeze your water supply)

For Baby

- Formula, bottles, powdered milk, jarred baby foods
- Diapers, moist towelettes and special medications

For Pets

- Newspapers or cat litter
- Moist canned foods (to preserve water)
- Plastic sheets to cover floor of pet's room

Medicine

- First aid kit
- Rubbing alcohol
- Aspirin, non-aspirin pain reliever, antacid
- Extra prescription medication (especially for critical conditions like heart problems and diabetes)
- Ask your physician how to store prescription medication

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AROUND TOWN

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Personal Items

- Toilet paper, towels, soap, shampoo
- Personal and feminine hygiene products
- Denture needs, contact lenses and an extra pair of eyeglasses
- Sun protection, insect repellent

Other Supplies

- Battery-operated radio
- Flashlights
- Non-electric can opener
- Extra batteries
- Charcoal, waterproof matches, extra propane gas for grills (Use grills outside only!)
- ABC-rated fire extinguisher in a small canister.
- Portable cooler

- Plenty of absorbent towels, plastic trash bags
- Wind-up or battery-operated clock
- Tarp or sheet plastic, duct tape, hammer and nails for temporary roof repairs
- Cleaning supplies such as chlorine bleach
- Aluminum foil, paper napkins and plates, plastic cups
- Can of spray paint (can be used to identify your home by insurance adjusters in case it's damaged.)
- At least one change of clothing per person, sturdy shoes, hat and work gloves
- Have a way to charge your cell phone, like a portable power bank
- Face masks: COVID-19 taught us the importance of having Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). As shelters may be crowded, be sure you have adequate PPE for you and your family to help prevent illness.

GOLDEN BEACH STORM PROTOCOL:

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE TOWN IN THE EVENT OF A HURRICANE OR MAJOR STORM EVENT

IF A MAJOR HURRICANE SHOULD STRIKE:

If Miami-Dade County issues a mandatory evacuation order, the Golden Beach Police Department will go door-to-door alerting Residents.

The Town will also send out an emergency notification through our CodeRed automated phone messaging and eBlast email system.

Prepare your property whether you're evacuating or not. Items that may become airborne in a storm should be properly secured, this includes patio furniture, potted plants, and other objects. It is also a good idea to perform tree trimming in anticipation of storms, fallen branches can be hazardous and can also lead to an isolated power outage to your home, which in the event of a massive storm may take weeks to correct. If your property is currently under construction, reach out to the Town's Building

Department to ensure your site is safely secured; unsecured construction debris can be deadly during a storm.

DO NOT use an anticipated storm as an opportunity to clear your home of unwanted items; unnecessary trash collection slows the Town's ability to prepare for a storm. Residents found to be discarding unwanted furniture, hazardous items or other debris close to storm landfall may be cited with code violations and fines.

The Town may offer sandbags to Residents to help prevent flooding under doors. Residents may be required to fill their own bags. Contact Town Hall for distribution and availability details.

Familiarize yourself in advance with the locations of nearby evacuation shelters. The Red Cross website provides a map with open shelter locations.

<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter.html>

The Town encourages Residents to heed any evacuation notices issued by Miami-Dade County. Let Town Hall know whether you are evacuating or if you are staying, and if you are evacuating tell us how soon you expect to leave. Having detailed information on Residents whereabouts will assist Town Hall during and after the storm; we can check on Residents who have stayed behind and also watch for any suspicious activity on the properties of Residents who have evacuated.

AFTER THE STORM, WHAT HAPPENS NEXT? :

Once conditions allow, Town Hall will go door-to-door and hand-deliver daily post-storm newsletters. With possible disruptions to power, internet and cellphone service, these physical notices are a critical way for us to keep in contact with you. Information will include details on clean-up, power restorations, water safety, and other pertinent notifications. When possible, we will make contact with Residents directly to see if we may be of any assistance, regardless we will be sure to leave behind a notice with details on how to contact a representative from Town Hall if you have questions. If you have evacuated, these same newsletters will be uploaded daily to the Town's website, we will also include information from the County on when evacuation orders have been lifted.

The Town will have staff on site during the storm, waiting to assist as soon as weather permits them to do so safely.

Checkpoints may be put in place by the Police Department to prevent reentry into Town, whether it be a safety concern (flooding, downed powerlines, debris in streets, etc.) or a security concern (to prevent crimes of opportunity on properties that have been evacuated or compromised by the storm). The Police Department will perform health and safety checks on the Residents who reported to the Town that they would not be evacuating.

The Public Works Department will begin clearing debris as soon as possible, opening access to streets and removing potential hazards.

Power Restoration: Like our Residents, the Town is also a customer of Florida Power & Light (FP&L). That said, the Town has no more influence or control over when power will be restored than any individual customer. The Town will keep in constant communication with FP&L and will inform Residents of developments as they become available. Inform us if you are still without power when the Town begins reporting areas of Town have had their power restored, this will assist us in directing FP&L specifically to areas that remain offline.

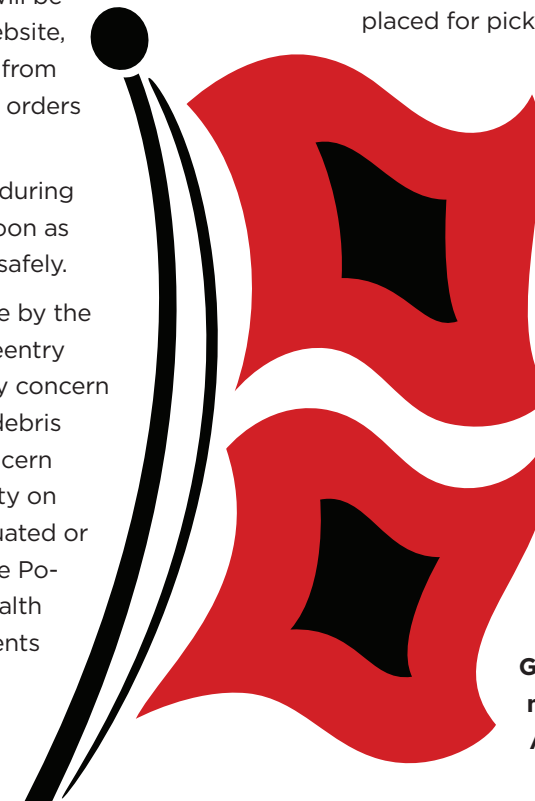
While the Town of Golden Beach itself has undergrounded its utilities, we are still reliant on a greater power grid which flows through our neighboring municipalities Sunny Isles and Hallandale. Should they have a disruption in their power service we may experience power outages as a result. Undergrounded utilities help prevent power outages in smaller weather events and conditions, but during large storms or catastrophic events we may see outages.

Storm Debris Clean-Up: Residents are responsible for post-storm clean-up on their own properties. Any debris placed for pick-up must be left curbside, but off of the roadway, in the following distinct categories*:

- **Vegetative:** fallen branches, tree limbs (these do not need to be chopped into smaller pieces), palm fronds and leaves
- **Bulk:** Oversized items that have been damaged in the storm
- **Household Garbage:** Regular household waste from your kitchen, bathroom, office, etc.

**Please note: commingling these wastes WILL delay clean up.*

Do not believe rumors. Misinformation can be dangerous. In the event of a storm if you have any questions, call the Golden Beach Police non-emergency phone number (305)935-0940 or Town Manager Alexander Diaz at (786)236-4211.



GBYLG: Making a Difference!



The GBYLG held its first physical meeting in two years on April 27, 2022

The Golden Beach Youth Leadership is looking for even more members to join in the fun and service. Are you a Golden Beach resident aged 10 to 18 years old? Are you looking for a way to get involved and help the community around you, all while meeting other kids with similar interests? If so, consider joining the Golden Beach Youth Leadership Group! The group meets several times a year at Town Hall to discuss and plan events. As a group, members participate in community service activities including Beach Clean Ups and Fundraisers. It is an excellent way to earn Community Service hours for school as well as have a great time and make friends. If you're interested in joining the Golden Beach Youth Leadership Group please contact mglidden@goldenbeach.us to be added to the group contact list, or for more information you may contact Golden Beach Councilmember and Golden Beach Youth Leadership Group Advisor Judy Lusskin at (305) 986-4377.

NOTICE

from the Golden Beach Police Department RE: Lost/Abandoned Property

If you have any property that is in the possession of the Golden Beach Police Department, (GBPD) Property and Evidence Section, and you have been cleared to pick it up, please make an appointment to pick up your property. You must bring the following items with you: A Golden Beach Police Department Case Number or Court Case Number; A Picture Identification (State Driver's License, State ID Card, Passport, or U.S. Armed Forces ID Card); An original Return of Property court order (if applicable); A Golden Beach Police Department issued Property Receipt.

Lt. Leila Perez is the Property and Evidence Custodian, and anyone who has legal claim to said property, may contact the Lieutenant at Leilaperez@goldenbeach.us or you may call her at 786-859-5346 to set up an appointment.

Also keep in mind that there is lost and found (abandoned) property items that are in the custody of our Property Room. If you have a photo or description of what you lost, it would be helpful to reunite you with your found property.

Pursuant to Section 705.103, Florida Statutes:

After 90 days, the Golden Beach Police Department may elect to destroy the property, retain the property for its government agency, donate the property to a charitable organization, sell the property, or surrender the property to the finder, if it remains unclaimed.

A 'thank you' to GBPD

The following letter was sent by a Golden Beach Resident to the Town Manager, recognizing a job well done by the Golden Beach Police Department

Good afternoon Alex,

I am writing with deep gratitude in my heart, and wanting to share with you the incredible service that our police department provided to me and my family today.

We live on A1A and are always terrified of a pet or child getting out of our gate and onto the street. Today that nightmare came true. Our beloved dog got out of the gate at 8am and was wandering in the street, nearly hit by a van, when the officers at the police substation coaxed him over and brought him inside. He is 90lb and might look intimidating to some, but not to these officers. They kept him in the substation for 3 hours, knowing that someone would come looking for him.

When we realized he was gone I immediately called the town police, and to my relief they told substation. I rushed home from work in tears, and your officer was kind enough to hug me and reassure me.

Today the Golden Beach police saved our dog's life. We are so blessed to be supported and protected by such amazing officers, and such caring town staff. I wanted to share this with you, and ask that you please pass our thanks on to everyone on staff and in the police force. We are so very grateful.

Sincerely,

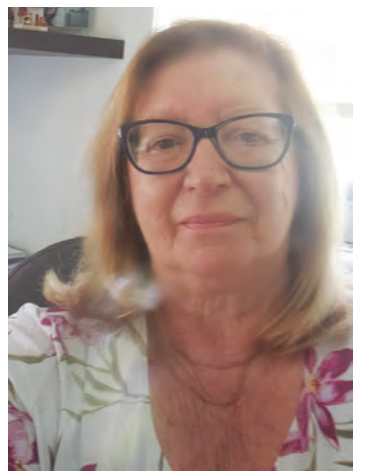
Leslie Wakefield-Macken

Linda Epperson promoted to Assistant Town Manager

It was announced in early May that Building & Zoning Director Linda Epperson has been promoted to the role of Assistant Town Manager of the Town of Golden Beach. Regarding this momentous promotion, Town Manager Alexander Diaz said *"Linda is a true Professional with vast experience and an unwavering commitment to the Town. In her new role Mrs. Epperson will be overseeing Community Development Services a new organizational component of our Town. The Community Development team will consist of: the Building Department, the Capital Improvement Projects, all of our Resiliency and Sustainability projects and new seawall replacement and repair initiative."*

Linda has been with the Town nearly 24 years, spending most of her tenure as Director of the Building and Zoning Department. With Linda's promotion, the Town will be bringing on a new team leader to that Department and will be making some changes in personnel.

Mrs. Epperson's new role is essential as we prepare for the future of Golden Beach, the Town is taking the appropriate measures to ready in facing the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead and trusts in Linda's ongoing commitment and service to the future of the Town.



AROUND TOWN

Upcoming Events

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 Entree
- Best Kids 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!

Blood Drive

Thursday, June 2, 2022 10:00AM-4:00PM
Beach Pavilion

OneBlood.org will have a mobile blood donation center at the Beach Pavilion.

Bagels on the Beach: GO Bond Q&A

Sunday, June 12, 2022 (Time TBA)
Beach Pavilion

Join us for breakfast on the beach. Grab a bagel with a schmear, plus a chance to speak with the Mayor and Town Council about the Town's exciting new GO Bond proposal. Come find out what new projects could be in the pipeline while mixing and mingling with your neighbors.

Paint at the Pavilion

Sunday, June 26, 2022 2:00PM
Beach Pavilion

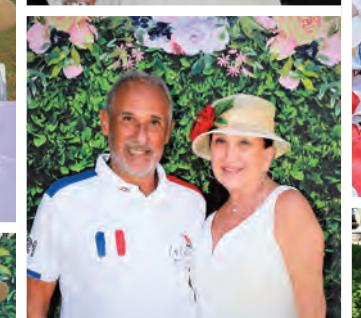
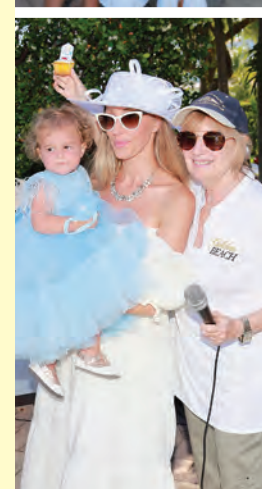


A Resident favorite returns! Come paint at the pavilion, this guided class hosted with an instructor will walk you step by step through the creative process. So whether you're a professionally polished Picasso or your painting could be classified as what the kids call a "Monet" (good from far, and far 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!

Tea Time in Golden Beach

Parents and children gathered on Sunday, May 1st for the Town's Tea Party. In the spirit of English high tea, everyone arrived in their fanciest attire and hats. There were games and activities for both girls and boys, and plenty of delicious snacks to nibble on.

Prizes were awarded for those who dressed to impress in their most festive hat. It was a lovely afternoon for Residents of all ages.



Trending Topics in Code Enforcement

Landscaping Hours

Be considerate of your neighbors, landscaping may commence no earlier than 8:00AM on weekdays (holidays excluded) and 10:00AM on Saturdays and Sundays.

Don't Crowd the Streets: Please Park in Driveways

To ease navigation on roadways, the Town asks that Residents and their guests park vehicles in their driveways instead of in the streets. Police officers may cite residents who create a nuisance by parking vehicles in roadways rather than in their own driveways.

Work without Permits

Don't get cited for not having the appropriate permits when undertaking a construction project. Doing work without permits can put homeowners at risk. Aside from the dangers of inhabitants potentially being injured by the result of faulty work, homeowners can also be held financially liable should faulty work cause injury to someone visiting their property. If you're considering a home improvement project, speak with the Town's Building & Zoning Department to be sure you have any necessary permits.

Sea Turtle Season

An Important Notice to Residents on the East Side of Ocean Boulevard, be sure your Lighting is Sea Turtle Compliant.

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.

ATVs and Motorized Vehicles are Not Allowed on the Beach

Per Florida State Statutes ATVs and motorized vehicles are not allowed on the beach. Please note, Police and County vehicles/ATVs are allowed on the beach. For questions, please contact the Town's Code Compliance Department.



Time is running out....

If you have not met with Hotwire Communications regarding the Town's Fiber internet services, please note that once the project goes live any outstanding homes who have not been connected during the main rollout period will be subject to additional fees for installation after the fact. **Please be advised that if you choose to refuse the delivery of fiber to your home during the launch phase, there will be a \$500 construction fee for crews to come back at a later date.**

As part of the agreement to provide first-of-its-kind Fiber internet services to our entire community, all homes will be assessed for the service costs regardless of enrollment in services. As part of the program, each home will be provided with 1 Gig upload/download speeds and a managed Wi-Fi system at no additional cost. Some homes in Town are already connected and enjoying these new services, act now and don't delay!

Have questions about scheduling a Hotwire site visit?

Contact Jessica Corado, Hotwire Key Account Manager, at (954)302-8539.

Hotwire will be notifying Residents shortly, don't hesitate, schedule now.

Update from Hotwire: Launch Phase Completion Fiber Run Notice

Hotwire Communications is completing the construction required to provide new Fision® service to each home in your community, which is delivered by our 100% fiber-optic network. As we are nearing the end of the launch phase at the Town of Golden Beach, we would like to utilize the resources we currently have on site to complete this task even if you are not transitioning your services to Hotwire at this time. Please be advised that if you choose to refuse the delivery of fiber to your home during the launch phase, there will be a \$500 construction fee for our crews to come back at a later date.

Note that you do not need to be present, and we do not need access to the inside of your home at this time. If you agree to allow us access to bring the required fiber along the outside side of your home and mount it within the fiber box, please provide us your consent by e-mailing your first and last name, phone number, and property address to goldenbeach@hotwiremail.com.

We are confident that you will enjoy all of the advanced Fision services Hotwire Communications has to offer and look forward to serving you!

RESOURCES



**Make sure
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Important decisions are coming that will help shape the future of Golden Beach.
You can't vote if you're not registered.

Registering to Vote

Source: <https://www.myfloridaelections.com/Voting-Elections/Register-To-Vote>

How to Register to Vote in Florida:

Contact your local Supervisor of Elections to register to vote in your county or update your voter information. You can also register via the Florida Division of Elections.

To be eligible you must:

- Be a United States citizen
- Be a Florida resident
- Be 18 years old (you may pre-register to vote if you are 16 years old)
- Not now be adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting in Florida or any other state without having the right to vote restored
- Not have been convicted of a felony without your civil rights having been restored
- Not claim the right to vote in another county or state.
- Submit your valid Florida driver's license number or Florida identification card number. If you do not have either of these, you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you have not been issued a Florida driver's license number, Florida identification card number or social security number, you must write "none".

Florida Voter Registration Application

As of October 1, 2017, Florida voters have the ability to register to vote online: <https://registertovoteflorida.gov>

Visit links below to complete an application designed for printing and mailing. This form can be used to submit a new registration or to change your existing registration information (i.e., party affiliation, address changes, name changes, etc.).

When you have completed the form, you must print it, sign it and return it to the Supervisor of Elections office of your county of residence. Click here to find your county's Supervisor of Elections office.

Please note: your application will not be valid until the signed copy is received by the Supervisor's office.

Complete a Florida Voter Registration Application — English

https://www.myfloridaelections.com/portals/fsase/Documents/Voter%20Reg%20Apps/FL_Voter_Reg_App_DS-DE-39_111816.pdf

Complete a Florida Voter Registration Application — Spanish

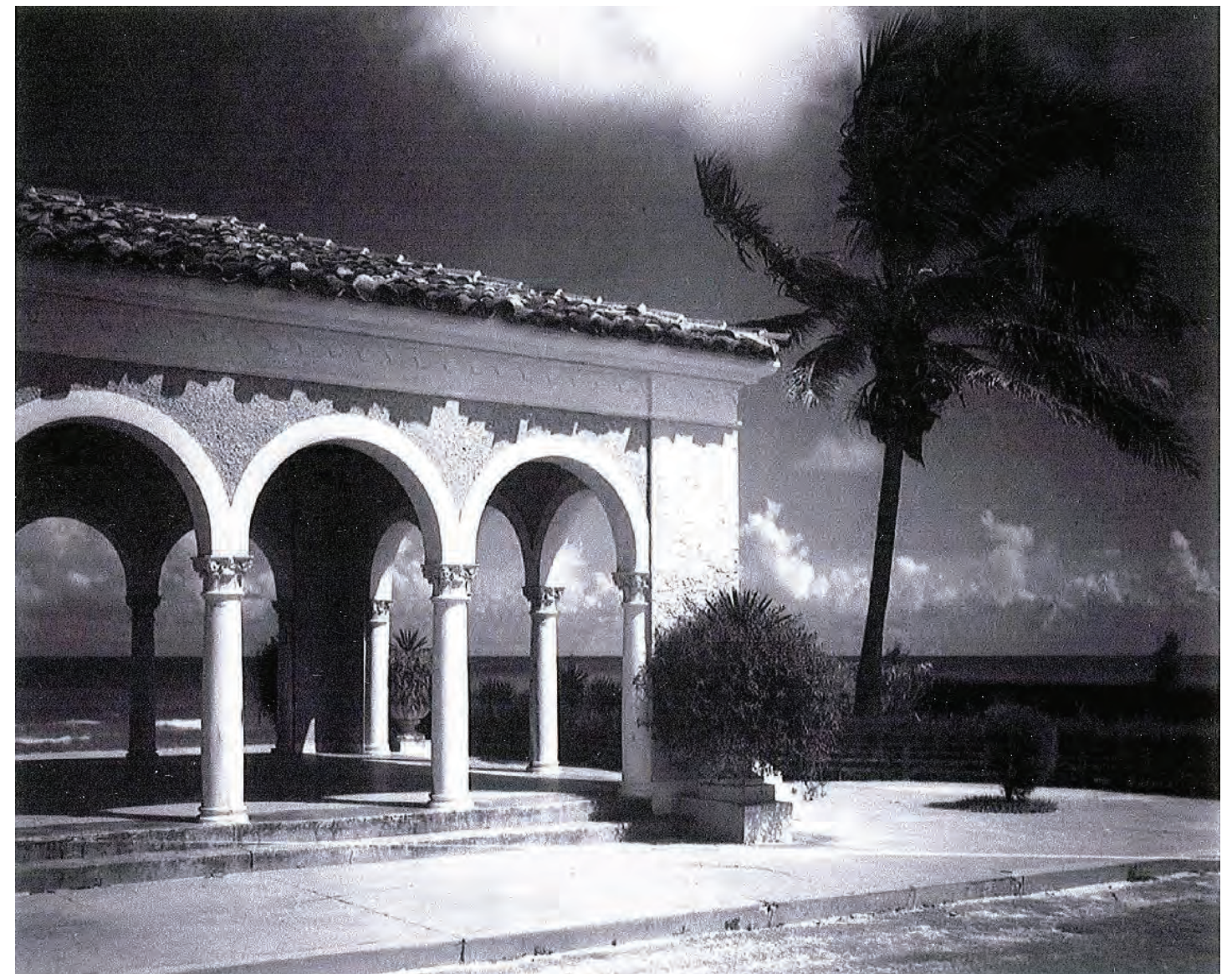
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Registration Deadlines

You can apply to register to vote at any time. However, to vote in an election, you must be registered in the state by the book closing date, which is normally the 29th day before each election. **In order to vote in the August 2022 primaries, voters must be registered to vote by Monday, July 25, 2022. For full details of registration deadlines, please visit: <https://dos.myflorida.com/elections/for-voters/election-dates/>**

If this is a "new registration", the date a signed voter registration application is postmarked or hand-delivered to your county Supervisor of Elections office will be your registration date. If your signed application is complete and you are qualified as a voter, a registration identification card will be mailed to you.

Florida is a CLOSED Primary State. When voting in a Primary Election you can only vote in the party with which you are registered when the registration books close for that election.



Happy 93rd Birthday, Golden Beach!
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FIRE (NON-EMERGENCY): 786.331.5000

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT DIRECTOR LISSETT ROVIRA 305.932.0744 ext. 242 LROVIRA@GOLDENBEACH.US

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

FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT (FPL): 305.442.8770

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG: 811

GATE HOUSE: 305.935.0940 TECO GAS: 305.940.0139



HOTWIRE Launch Team (Direct Line): 954.302.8539

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

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (LIFELINE): 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

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