

# Golden BEACH MAGAZINE

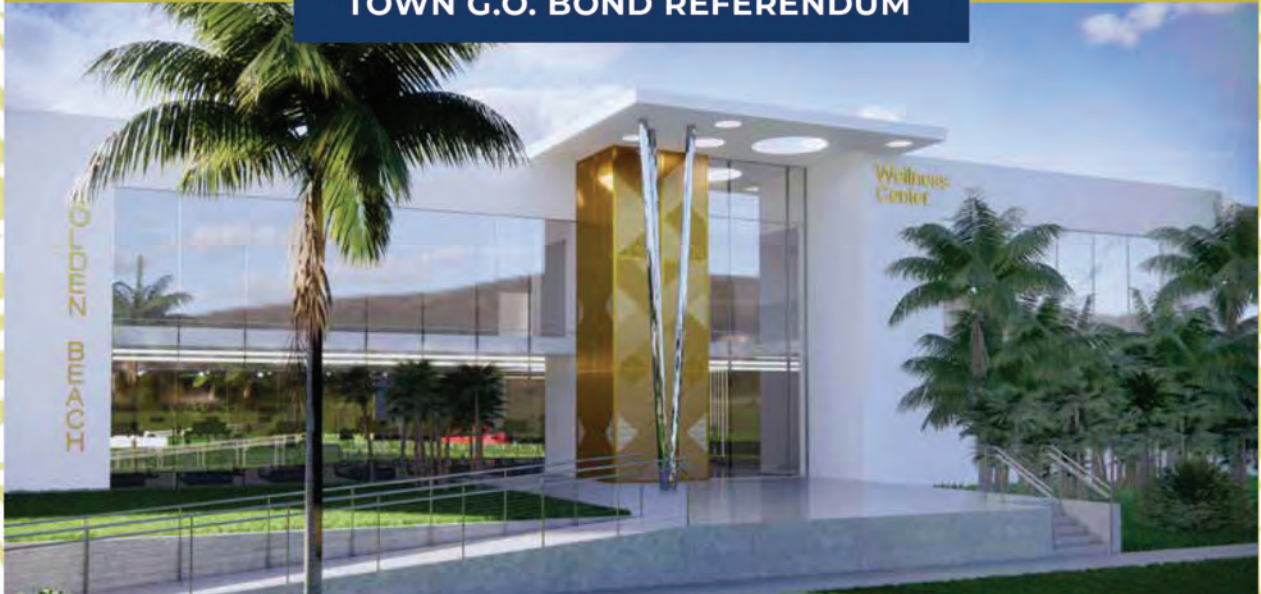
Issue 63

Summer Special Mini-Issue



FORWARD THINKING.  
**FUTURE FOCUSED.**

**TOWN G.O. BOND REFERENDUM**



*The Only Official Magazine for the Town of Golden Beach*



## The GO Bond Vote is August 23, 2022

After a steady campaign over the past few months, including eBlasts, magazine articles, and various promotional materials, we're sure you've heard about the proposed GO Bond which could potentially bring new and exciting additions to Golden Beach.

Some exciting new features that would be part of the proposed GO Bond include:

### WELLNESS CENTER CONSTRUCTION • PARK IMPROVEMENTS

#### • LIGHTING • BEACH PAVILION ENHANCEMENTS

#### • SIGNAGE & FOUNTAINS



Exterior rendering of proposed Wellness Center



Proposed interior of youth recreation area



Rendering of proposed Wellness Center's yoga studio/fitness space



Overview of proposed playground

## The G.O. bond question:

*Shall the Town issue general obligation bonds not exceeding \$7 million in one or more series maturing not later than thirty years from their issuance dates, bearing interest not exceeding the maximum allowable by law, payable from ad valorem taxes levied by the Town for the construction of a wellness center, and one or more of the following: improvements to park(s), lighting, the beach pavilion, signage and fountains?*

**We've heard your questions. Please see our answers to some of the Frequently Asked Questions we have received.**

**Q: Will the new amenities and proposed Wellness Center be open to the General Public?**

A: **No.** The Wellness Center would be for the EXCLUSIVE use of Golden Beach Residents.

Facilities including the tennis courts, gym and other recreation areas would be accessible with **key-fob entry only**.

Also, **areas will be staffed** to ensure only authorized persons (Golden Beach Residents) are using the facilities.

**Q: Will adding the proposed amenities affect the current millage rate?**

A: **No.** The Town's **millage rate will remain at 8.4 mills** regardless of GO Bond approval.

**Q: Will there be a daycare facility as part of the new Wellness Center?**

A: **No.** The Wellness Center will provide a youth recreation space. This activity room will serve as an area for children to self-entertain. Staff will be on hand during operating hours but should not be considered childcare providers. Parents are responsible for the conduct of their children while utilizing the youth recreation area.

If you still have questions or would like to review materials regarding the project please visit [www.goldenbeach.us](http://www.goldenbeach.us) or contact the Town Manager's Office at (305) 932-0744.

**The time to vote is now, make sure your voice is heard!**

### Civic Center Building

This summer the Town decided to slow the project progression while we awaited delivery of materials delayed by the global supply chain issues. The Town Council also asked the Administration to look at making some enhancements to the interior spaces to enhance the public's overall experience with the new center. We are all excited of the additions that have been approved. This month crews are scheduled to start the installation of interior framing, conduits, air ducts & preparation of the exterior walls for the application of stucco. We expect the windows to be installed and all mechanical systems operational by the end of October. The building is on schedule for delivery in the first quarter of 2023.



### Center Island Pump Station

Center Island pump station is fully operational. The site restoration is complete along with the new Veterans Memorial and flag pole.

### Fiber Optic Technology

The crews are doing their best to work efficiently and cautiously throughout the town. Currently 80% of residents have an established connection to the hotwire network. In-home installations are underway. 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

The town is very excited to deliver this project by summer 2022. The project will mobilize on Massini in late August. The installation of the wall will last approximately 3-4 weeks. Once complete, we will begin the landscape restoration phase to replace the hedges that were removed.

### Town-wide Security Upgrade

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. We are currently reviewing proposals from current and new security vendors.

### Bus Shelters on A1A at Ravenna & Palermo Avenues



To ensure that we keep our right of way clean and beautiful, we have installed new trash bins to match the aesthetic of the shelters. Let's keep our sidewalks clean.

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

The project has been under DERM review for the past several months. Our last update from Miami-Dade indicated that the force main project will receive approval in October 2022



and construction will begin in March 2023.

### Resilience Update

The town was recently awarded a grant for the restoration of Pump Station 1 at Tweddle Park. The pump has been operating at 10% for the past few years. The well system has been failing to discharge into the outfall system causing the flooding we see at the tennis courts and surrounding areas. The grant will help us design a solution to the failed system. We are working with our town engineers on the retrofit of the pumps, abandonment of the wells, and the installation of a downstream defender. This provides impressive and reliable removal of fine and coarse particles, hydrocarbons and floatable debris from surface water runoff, delivering high levels of storm water treatment over a wide range of flow rates.

### Roads and Streets

Construction of 1,200 linear feet of new curbs and gutters throughout town is complete. The rate at which storm water structures and roadway settlement can vary. We have lowered (17) catch basins and (2) manholes to match the new elevation of the roadway. The town is closely monitoring the drainage of our streets to ensure there is minimal standing water.



## Summer Safety: Play it Cool

Florida's seasons can be subtle; the year meanders with a blend of bright sun, ocean breezes and balmy temperatures. In Florida it's almost like having summer all year long. We all know what that means: barbeques, lounging under the chickee huts at the Beach Pavilion, taking in a good read by the pool, and lots of barefoot time. Only question is: are you ready? Before heading out it is important to remember to plan accordingly. Follow some simple precautions and your summer will be smooth sailing.

- Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of fluids, even if you do not feel thirsty. Avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol. Have lots of water on hand and keep it coming. Eat small meals and eat more often.

- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing. Avoid dark colors because they absorb the sun's rays. Dark colors can also attract mosquitos, another summertime buzz kill. It's commonly said that natural fibers breathe better than synthetic ones (did you really need another reason to throw on your favorite broken-in cotton tee?).

- Slow down, stay indoors and avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest part of the day. Postpone outdoor games and activities until temperatures drop and the sunlight is not as intense.

- Take frequent breaks if you must work outdoors, and use a buddy system when working in excessive heat. Sweltering temperatures can be dangerous, it's important to be able to have someone around in case you begin to feel overwhelmed by heat.

- Wear sunscreen and reapply as necessary, especially when swimming or sweating. Consider using higher SPF, as direct sunlight in Florida is notably intense. A higher SPF will increase your protection against sun damage and certain skin cancers. Sweat-proof



or water-proof sunblock are often recommended to keep your sunscreen from dissolving.

Remember, even on overcast days the sun's UV rays can be harmful. Whether the skies are cloudy or clear, if you are planning on spending time outdoors, be sure to bring along some sunscreen to keep from getting burned.

- Never leave children or pets alone in enclosed vehicles, even for a quick stop. Temperatures inside a closed vehicle can climb dangerously high in minutes. There is a common misconception that rolling down your window a bit will spare those left inside any discomfort; THIS IS NOT TRUE! Animals and children should NEVER be left in parked vehicles, even in the shade or with windows slightly open, as the negative effects from the heat can be felt within minutes. Certain furry friends are especially susceptible to heatstroke. Dogs use panting to cool themselves. The process involves inhaling air through their nose and allowing the air to run along the inside of their nasal passages as it removes excess body heat. They then exhale through their mouths releasing that heated air out, and cooling themselves in the process. Certain dogs have a more labored effort to keep themselves cool. Think of those cute scrunched-faced pugs and similar dogs. With their short snouts they have to work exponentially harder to stay cool, sucking in more air just to get similar results to their more nasally-endowed brethren. Older dogs and overweight dogs are also more likely to suffer the dangers of excessive heat. Don't put Fido at risk. Also, if your animals are outdoors, check on them frequently to ensure that they are not suffering from the heat; be sure they have plenty of water and shelter from the sun. Talk with your veterinarian about "summer cuts" for your animals. Ridding them of extra fur can keep them comfier. During these hotter months of the year it's never a bad idea to keep the furriest members of the family indoors. Play it cool and have a great summer!



## 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 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](mailto:mtalley@goldenbeach.us).

### Stay in Touch during Storm Season

If you have not done so already, please remember to review, complete and return the Hurricane Emergency Contact packet to The Strand Gatehouse or Town Hall as soon as possible.

Hurricane Emergency Contact packets were hand-delivered to homes prior to the start of this year's storm season and the form is also available on the main page of [www.goldenbeach.us](http://www.goldenbeach.us) or may be downloaded directly at:

<https://www.goldenbeach.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/HURRICANE-EMERGENCY-CONTACT-Golden-Beach-2022-WEBSITE.pdf>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jisel Krepp at [jkrepp@goldenbeach.us](mailto:jkrepp@goldenbeach.us).



## EMERGENCY REPAIR PERMITS:

### Beat the heat, without breaking the rules

We know a broken air condition system can be stressful, especially in summer months, but the Town has procedures in place to be sure work performed in your home is safe. If you're performing an emergency air condition repair or any other emergency electrical repair, please follow the policies and procedures outlined below. If you have questions, please contact the Building and Zoning Department at Town Hall.

### • EMERGENCY AIR CONDITIONING REPAIR PERMITS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

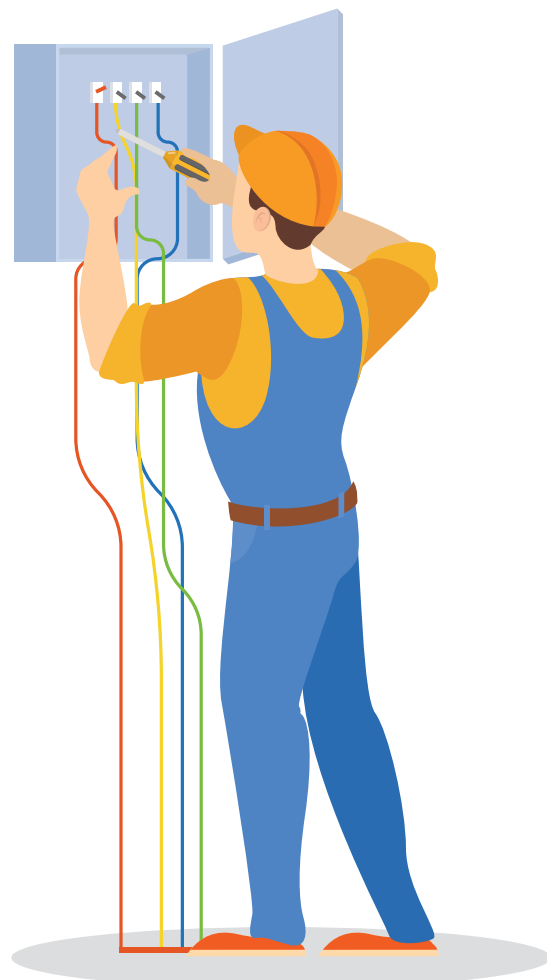
### • EMERGENCY ELECTRICAL REPAIRS / FIRE HAZARDS

Residents must be proactive about the safety of their own properties. South Florida's heat and salt air can cause premature wear and deterioration of outdoor electrical components and their connections. Compromised electrical equipment can lead to fires.

Outdoor outlets, meter boxes, grounding, conduits, landscape lighting and pool equipment are among areas that can pose as fire hazards if not properly maintained.

Inspect your property regularly. Do not risk a dangerous or expensive situation.

Should you need to make an emergency electrical repair contact the Town's Building & Zoning Department immediately.



## Pedestrian Gate Access

The pedestrian gates throughout Town are accessible with a passcode only.

Should you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Town Hall at (305)932-0744 or The Strand Gatehouse at (305)935-0940.

## AUGUST

**Friday, August 16 through**

**Wednesday, August 21**

Early Voting

T-F 11:00AM-7PM; S-S 8AM-4PM

Northeast Dade-Aventura Branch Library

2930 Aventura Boulevard

Aventura, FL 33180

**Saturday, August 20**

Food Truck (Street Twist - Burgers\*\*\*\*)

Beach Pavilion - 12PM

**Tuesday, August 23**

G.O. Bond Voting

at Sunny Isles Government Center

7AM-7PM

**Tuesday, August 23**

Bulky Waste Pickup

**Sunday, August 28**

Food Truck (El Orgullo Latino - Burritos)\*\*\*\*

Beach Pavilion - 12PM

**Tuesday, August 30**

Town Council Meeting\*

Town Hall - 6PM

## SEPTEMBER

**Monday, September 5** - Labor Day

Please note: Construction not allowed

Town Hall will be closed in observance of Labor Day

(Date Info TBA)

Building Regulatory Advisory Board Meeting\*

Town Hall - 6PM

**Tuesday, September 13**

First Budget Hearing Meeting\*

Town Hall - 6PM

**Saturday, September 24**

Art Class at the Beach Pavilion\*\*

2PM

**Wednesday, September 28**

Final Budget Hearing Meeting\*

Town Hall - 6PM

**Tuesday, September 27**

Bulky Waste Pickup

*\*PLEASE NOTE: Due to health and safety concerns as a result of the ongoing pandemic, The Town has made adjustments to how meetings are presented. The Town Council and Administration will hold a physical Town Council meeting this month, with very limited and socially distanced options for Residents to join physically due to spatial restrictions. The Town STRONGLY encourages Residents to continue to participate via the ZOOM virtual platform. Meeting log-in information will be posted at [www.goldenbeach.us](http://www.goldenbeach.us).*

*\*\*Limited Availability RSVP only event, contact Town Hall for details*

*\*\*\*\*Food Vouchers required to participate, for details please visit [www.goldenbeach.us](http://www.goldenbeach.us)*

*Vouchers will be available at the Pavilion please bring valid ID*



# *Golden* **BEACH** IMPORTANT NUMBERS

POLICE-FIRE-EMERGENCY: 911

REPORT CRIME – SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: 305.935.0940

FIRE (NON-EMERGENCY): 786.331.5000

TOWN HALL: 305.932.0744

MAYOR GLENN SINGER: 305.932.0744    GSINGER@GOLDENBEACH.US

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TOWN CLERK LISSETTE PEREZ: 305.932.0744 ext. 238    LPEREZ@GOLDENBEACH.US

FINANCE DIRECTOR MARIA CAMACHO: 305.932.0744 ext. 228    MCAMACHO@GOLDENBEACH.US

POLICE CHIEF RUDY HERBELLO: 305.932.0744 ext. 233    RHERBELLO@GOLDENBEACH.US

BUILDING & ZONING DIRECTOR LINDA EPPERSON: 305.932.0744 ext. 222    LEPPERSON@GOLDENBEACH.US

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KIRK MCKOY 305.932.0744 ext. 235    KMCKOY@GOLDENBEACH.US

RESIDENT SERVICES DIRECTOR MICHAEL GLIDDEN 305.932.0744 ext. 245    MGLIDDEN@GOLDENBEACH.US

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](https://mdc.nomihealth.com/easy_registration/12/onsite)

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

**Crisis Text Line:** (text HELLO to 741741)



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