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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Residents of Golden Beach,

As our calendar year draws to a close, we have only just begun our new fiscal year. I am pleased to report that we have been able to keep the combined millage rate at 8.4 mils for the eighth consecutive year, with our current assessed values at \$1.4-billion. In October, we approved a budget of \$21,514,387 and as the Town has grown, it is necessary that we continue to invest in our infrastructure. Our focus is to expand the way we provide the security needed to protect you and your property.

With the completion of the Massini (North) Wall and the Terracina (South) Wall, we have added exponentially to our Town-wide security. That, coupled with a Town-wide CCTV camera system, will ensure that every public area is monitored by closed-circuit television.

We are excited to commence breaking ground on the re-imagined Tweddle Park. At our November Council meeting, the Councilmembers and I approved the site plans for the re-imagined Tweddle Park. This site plan includes 3 pickle ball courts, 2 hard service tennis courts, 1 artificial turf tennis court, a junior basketball court, a relocated tot lot, and a dog park (with space for both large and small dogs).

We will also begin working towards finalizing a site plan for the Town's state of the art wellness center early in 2023, and finally break ground on this much anticipated project. You have asked and we have listened. We believe that sound health is as valuable a resource as a reliable infrastructure. We envision that our new wellness center will become the gym of choice and a hub for our residents to come together, share ideas, and celebrate the accomplishments and milestones of our great Town.

On October 6, 2022, with the assistance of RBC Wealth Management, the Town issued \$7 million in General Obligation bonds. We were pleased with the interest shown by our residents in purchasing these bonds. It says that you have a stake in the Town and in building a Community Wellness Center that will

promote well-being and community engagement. This funding will enable us to provide a new wellness center, updates to our current parks, and much, much more.

New Year's Eve is right around the corner. The Town will be hosting its annual New Year's Eve party at the Beach Pavilion. More information on how to join in on the fun is included in this issue.

As hurricane season finally came to a close in November, we are very grateful that we were spared from any significant impact. Our thoughts and prayers are with our neighbors on the West Coast of Florida.

A reminder that our Council meetings are open to the public. The Town Administration and staff are always available to address any questions or concerns you may have. I want to thank you for your continued support and I look forward to what the future holds.

On behalf of myself, my family, the Council and all of the staff at the Town of Golden Beach I wish you all very happy holidays and happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Your Mayor,

Glenn Singer





AS WE APPROACH THE HOLIDAY SEASON I WOULD LIKE TO COVER SOME AREAS OF CONCERN IN TOWN.

Keep yourself and your belongings safe. Thieves look for easy targets, and an unlocked car is just about as easy as it gets. In the United

States, a vehicle is stolen every 39 seconds, and valuable items are stolen from inside cars even more frequently. There is good news though, vehicle theft is often a preventable crime. Implementing a few simple practices can go a long way in keeping your belongings safe. According to the United States Department of Transportation, over half of the vehicle thefts are due to driver/owner error, such as leaving the keys inside the car with the door unlocked.

A few steps you can take to protect yourself from vehicle theft includes:

- > Never leave your keys inside the car;
- > Park only in well-lit areas;
- > Lock the doors and close all windows, and
- > Never leave valuables inside the car.

We encourage using a 9PM perimeter check as a routine reminder. To implement this idea, set a daily alarm for 9PM. When the alarm goes off, check to be sure your property and vehicles are secure.

In the last two months we have investigated two incidents where a car was taken.

- 1) The first incident occurred when a resident reported the car stolen from inside his garage while traveling abroad. When we responded to the residence, we found that there was no forced entry into the house. When we questioned the owner he stated that he rents his house and allows the renters to use his car. The car was subsequently recovered in Georgia and returned to the owner.
- 2) In the second incident, Public Service Aid Jackson noticed 4 juveniles walking on North Island at around 2-2:30 AM, at which time he dispatched on-duty units to investigate. When the first unit arrived to the location, he found 3 juveniles and held them to investigate as to why they were in the area. The officer advised his back-up unit of his location, en route the back-up unit intercepted

a Bentley leaving the immediate area and pulled over the juvenile driver. As the officer approached the car, the juvenile driver drove into the dead end of Palermo Avenue and was chased by the second officer. The juvenile exited the vehicle and jumped the perimeter fence onto Ocean Boulevard. The subject fled northbound towards the City of Hallandale. The car was recovered and returned back to the owner.



WATCH OUT FOR POTENTIAL FIRE-STARTERS

Candles and Fireplaces

Thousands of deaths are caused by fires, burns and other fire-related injuries every year, and 12% of candle fires in homes occur in December, the National Fire Protection Association reports.

The followings are few good advice to protect yourself and love ones.

- 1) Never leave a burning candles unattended or sleep in a room with a lit candle
- 2) Keep candles out of the reach of children
- 3) Make sure that candles are on a stable surface
- 4) Don't burn candles near trees, curtains or any other flammable items.
- 5) Never burn trees, wreaths or wrapping paper in the fireplace
- 6) Check and clean chimneys (if any) and fireplaces area at least once a year.

Last but not least, in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian, the Golden Beach Police Department deployed numerous police officers to the west coast of Florida to assist the Police Departments of Cape Coral and Fort Myers. Shortly after, the Golden Beach Police Department assisted the United States Secret Service during President Biden's visit to Golden Beach. And



recently we bid a fond farewell to the department's Executive Assistant, Sheila Staiger (Pirrone) as she retired. She will be greatly missed. Destiny Abujarour has taken over Mrs. Stagier's position as the new Executive Assistant and has already become an asset to our department.

Remember that together we can. Help us protect you by following the above mentioned tips.

Thank You,

Rudy Herbello, Chief of Police

GBPD Mail Notes of recognition from the Public

Re: Thank you

Chief Herbello:

I wish to personally thank you and the officers of the Golden Beach Police Department for the care and concern you have shown for our vulnerable community regarding Hurricane Ian, whose landfall reshaped our city and department.

As a community, we continue to pick up the pieces and rebuild better and more robust. This recovery process was made possible thanks to the support from you and your staff.

Sincerely,

Anthony Sizemore, Chief of Police
City of Cape Coral

From: David Smith

Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 7:56 PM

To: Rudy Herbello <RHerbello@goldenbeach.us>

Subject: Thank you for helping in Cape Coral

Hello Chief,

I just want to say thank you for sending officers to Cape Coral! I saw one of your cruisers as I was driving from my parents house on my way back to my place in central Florida. They got their power back today so things are getting better over there!

David Smith

From: Bill Zegers

Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2022 8:24 PM

To: Rudy Herbello <RHerbello@goldenbeach.us>

Subject: Golden Beach Past

Hello,

I currently live in Cape Coral, and ran into one of your officers who was helping out after the little storm we had. I grew up a lot of my childhood in Golden Beach, and told him I had a circa 1963 aerial view of the town. I have attached it, and would appreciate it if you could show it to him. My parents were at 354 Golden Beach Dr, and my grandparents were at 188 South Island. We have great memories of our time there.

Bill Zegers



A Familiar Face Says “Goodbye, Golden Beach”

The Town of Golden Beach would like to wish Sheila (Pirrone) Staiger farewell and best wishes as she embarks on the next chapter of her life – retirement. Sheila has worked for the Town for the past 20 ½ years. She was hired as the receptionist and then joined the Police Department as the executive assistant to the Police Chief. She has served under 5 (five) Police Chiefs: Roy Hudson, Bobby Cheatham, James Skinner, Don DeLucca, and the current Chief Rudy Herbello.

Sheila has been an integral part of the staff and her presence will be missed.

Sheila Staiger poses with Chief Herbello at her retirement party

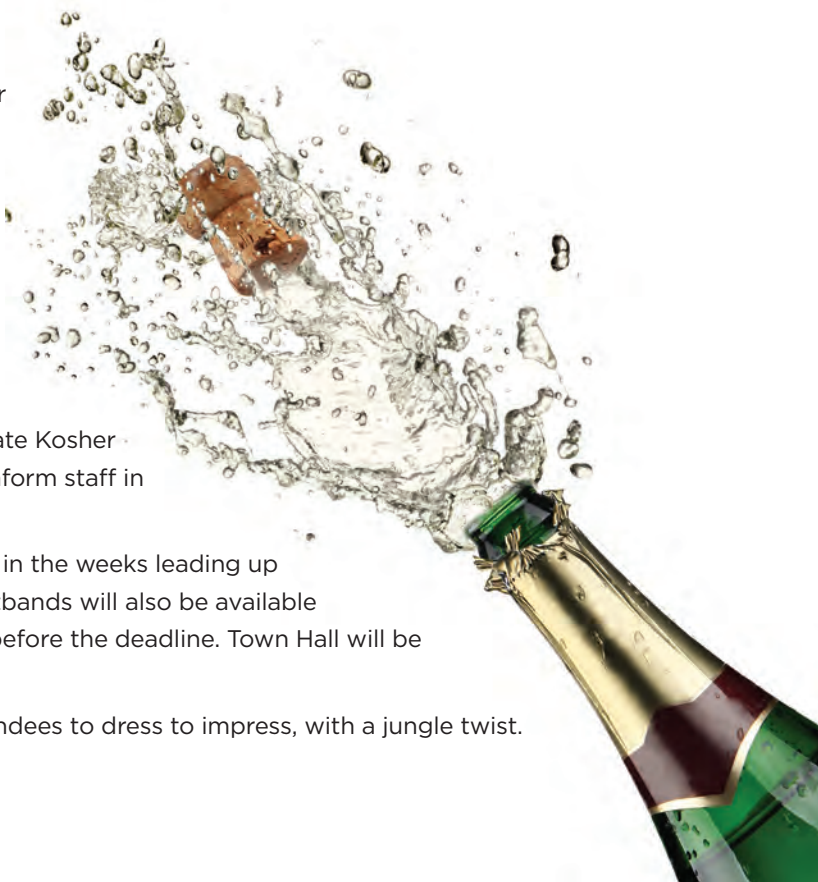


Welcome to the Jungle: New Years Event

The Town of Golden Beach invites you to “roar” in the New Year at The Beach Pavilion, Saturday, December 31, 2022 starting at 9:00PM

Keep in Mind....

- New Year’s Eve Event Invitations will go out to all homes and RSVP is required no later than December 21, 2022. Call Town Hall at (305) 932-0744 to reserve your spot.
 - **Due to Increased Demand RSVP and wristbands are required to attend this event.**
- RSVP & WRISTBANDS ARE REQUIRED TO ENTER.
- RSVP is limited to registered number of Residents in household plus 2 guests.
 - Kosher Options Available: To ensure we have adequate Kosher quantities, anyone needing a Kosher option MUST inform staff in advance when RSVPing.
 - Wristbands will be available for pick up at Town Hall in the weeks leading up to the event until **Wednesday, December 21st**. Wristbands will also be available at will-call at the event for those who have RSVP’d before the deadline. Town Hall will be closed to the public the week of December 26th.
 - Dress Attire Suggestion: The Town encourages attendees to dress to impress, with a jungle twist.



A Simple Way to Say Thanks

Employee luncheons occur the last Friday of the month for the team at Town Hall. The luncheons are made possible solely through residents’ donations. At our luncheons all departments gather to collectively celebrate the birthdays of our coworkers for that month; it also gives us a chance to regroup and catch up with each other. The Town Manager and Mayor address the staff about the state of the Town and in what direction we will be moving.

The Town Employee luncheons are a welcomed monthly treat and we very grateful for the token of appreciation. It is our pleasure to serve you and we thank you again for your kind contributions. If you would like to know more about the Town’s Monthly Employee Luncheons or how to contribute please call Town Hall for the contact information of the current Golden Beach resident overseeing donations for the fund.



Be In the Know: Upcoming Election Dates and Information

February 21 Golden Beach General Election

- Deadline to register to vote: January 23
- Deadline to request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot: February 11

Voting By Mail

Please note, in 2021 the Florida Legislature made a number of changes to election laws. Under Florida Statute 101.62, a request for a vote-by-mail (VBM) ballot now expires after each General Election (every two years). If a voter wants to vote by mail in 2023 and 2024, they must fill out a new VBM request and submit it to the Elections Department.

Visit https://www.miamidade.gov/global/service.page?Mduid_service=ser1512065909614490 for details about VBM ballot requests.

Looking to run for office in Golden Beach? Details are available on page 17 of this issue.



AROUND TOWN

New Amenities Coming Soon

We're excited to begin converting Tweddle Park into its newly reimagined self, but we ask that you bear with us while construction is underway. Please note, that some amenities, including the existing tennis courts, will go "off-line" while work is underway.

The Town will announce a definitive timeline as details come available and please know that we are working hard to keep the disruption to an absolute minimum.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to roll out our new and improved services.

The South Gate will close soon

As we continue to move forward with the new civic center complex, changes to our roadways and access points will take effect. In the near future, **the South Gate will no longer be an active exit point for residential vehicular traffic.** This means Residents, even those with transponders, will not be able to use the South Gate.

The gate will remain in place for Police and Emergency Vehicle (ambulance, fire truck) access only. As the civic center project progresses even further, the section of Golden Beach Drive between Tweddle Park and the existing Town Hall will be removed in its entirety, as we bring exciting new increases our park space.

Vehicle Transponder not working?

The Town is asking residents not to honk at the Gatehouse if their vehicle transponder is not working. Be considerate of the peace and quiet of neighbors.

If your vehicle transponder is not working, please visit Town Hall to have it replaced. In the meantime, please use the Visitor's lane.

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.

Calendar of Events

DECEMBER 2022

Tuesday, December 13
Building Advisory Board Meeting – 6:00PM

Wednesday, December 21
New Year's Eve Event RSVP list CLOSES

Saturday, December 24
(Beach Pavilion will be staffed until 3:00PM)
(Please Note: Construction is not allowed on Christmas Eve)

Sunday, December 25
(Beach Pavilion will be staffed from 10:00AM-3:00PM)
(Please Note: Construction is not allowed on Christmas Day)

- Week of Monday, December 26 -
Town Hall will have limited staff working. Town Hall building will be closed to public.
Garbage Collection will be Monday, December 26th and Wednesday, December 28th
(as needed)

Tuesday, December 27
Bulky Waste Pickup

Saturday, December 31
Town Hall Closed
(Beach Pavilion Beach Attendant Hours 3:00PM)
(Please Note: Construction is not allowed on New Year's Eve)

Tuesday, December 31
New Year's Eve Event, Beach Pavilion, 9PM-1AM**

JANUARY 2023

Sunday, January 1
Town Hall Closed
(Please Note: Construction is not allowed on New Year's Day)

Monday, January 2 at noon (12PM) – Monday, January 9 at noon (12PM)
Qualifying Period for Town of Golden 2023 General Election

**Limited Availability RSVP only event, visit website for details



Halloween Fiesta!



Golden Beach hosted a Halloween *fiesta* in the style of a “Day of the Dead” party. It was an evening filled with food and fun; even a live mariachi band closed out the night! North Park was filled with costumes that were spooky, silly, and everything in between! Here is our special keepsake photo album of all the fun. Enjoy and be sure to stay tuned for more upcoming Town events.





Halloween Fiesta!

