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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Happy New Year to all of our residents.

The New Year's Eve party was a great success and so much fun. It was really great seeing so many of our residents in attendance. 2023 is projected to be a big year as we will be completing many of our projects and starting many more.

We are pleased with the progress of the new Civic Center. If you drive past, you will see how the structure is taking form. Windows are being installed and elevators will be installed soon. We will be able to connect the main power source and if there are no unforeseen circumstances, we can expect completion by May 1st.

Redesign of Tweddle Park will include 3 pickle ball courts, 2 hard surface tennis courts, 1 artificial grass tennis court, a junior basketball court, a re-imagined tot lot, and a dog park, which will accommodate both large and small dogs. Because of recent flooding issues, we are working with our project design engineers to properly design the site to ensure we have dry courts and play areas.

We will start planning our new state-of-the-art Wellness Center, which will be located where our current Town Hall now stands. Proposed features include a gym, yoga studio, and quiet/meditative space. The facility would also house youth-designated areas and a multipurpose activity space, which would create a way to foster community engagement. Many of these projects are due to our residents having the confidence in myself, my fellow Councilmembers, and the Town Administration to pass the \$7 million General Obligation bond.

In recent weeks, we have had some minor incidents and a slight increase in crime in Golden Beach. We cannot stress enough the importance of our residents being proactive in securing their homes and property. However, the Town is aggressively addressing the need to improve security in Town. We have increased our police presence in Town and changed the dynamic of our policing. We are also looking to replace the pedestrian gates and fences on Ocean Boulevard

and upgrading our closed-circuit town-wide security camera system to help eliminate and deter further crime in Golden Beach. We are always open to input from our residents on any of these projects.

I want to thank my fellow Councilmembers for doing such an amazing job this past year. I also want to let them know how much I appreciate their dedication to working together with me and the Town Administration for the good of the Town.

I also want to thank the residents in Golden Beach for putting their confidence in me again as I will soon begin my tenth (10th) term as Mayor. I must admit that I love and enjoy being Mayor as much or even more than when I was first elected.

Thank you residents of Golden Beach.

Glenn Singer

Your Mayor



A MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL

Dear Residents of Golden Beach,

As we turn the page into 2023 and move into an era where most of the pandemic appears to be behind us, our small, exclusive oceanfront community has embarked on a rebirth. Golden Beach's real estate market grew in such an unprecedented way, that we even received national notoriety with a feature in The Wall Street Journal. This year, we solidified our standing as a premier residential community in which to visit, live, and raise a family. We continue to realize our mission of becoming a community that provides more customer-centric services with more beautiful and vibrant open spaces, at the epicenter of South Florida's high society. We remain **Forward Thinking** in the way business is conducted, and **Future Focused** to meet the demands of the new Golden Beach.

Recently we have seen the Town's assessed values grew to a very healthy \$1.438 billion; we have remained on a steadfast path outlined by a future of investments. Those investments include investments by the community, as more and more people now call Golden Beach home; investments in infrastructure, with ongoing projects including the construction of the highly anticipated Civic Center Complex; and investments in the growth and financial stability of the individuals who work day in and day out to secure our Town at the forefront of luxury living in South Florida.

Our work is not yet done, here are some projects that are in the works or are already underway:

- **Delivery of the New Civic Center**
- **Delivery of a Re-Imagined Tweddle Park**
- **Development of a State-of-the-Art Wellness Center**
- **Improvements to the Resident Experience at the Beach Pavilion**

We are also proud of what we have accomplished in recent years. Some highlights include:

✓ After awarding a contract to Hotwire Communications, Inc. to provide bulk internet managed in-home WiFi with dedicated fiber to each home in Town. In the 2021-2022 fiscal year we completed the installation of dedicated fiber to each home, providing 1-gig of Internet and Cable service to each residence, making Golden Beach the first municipal community in the nation to provide this service.

✓ The Town approved a Special Assessment to pay for the Town-Wide bulk internet and managed Wi-Fi services provided by Hotwire Communications to every home in Town. In the first year of the Hotwire contract, after extensive research and analysis, the Town decided that it would shoulder those costs on its own and not pass that burden on to the residents for that first year. The first year of the contract was paid for with General Fund dollars. The assessment will be in place for the next ten years and will include funding for an updated, state-of-the-art CCTV system in Town.

✓ After a considerable amount of meetings, the Administration launched the General Obligation Bond informational campaign, to inform residents of the various aspects of the G.O. Bond project. The office of the Town Clerk worked in conjunction with the Town Manager and Resident Services department to roll out the General Obligation Bond informational campaign. The campaign included informational door hangers, an in-depth informational brochure, a landing page on the Town's website, informational videos, website updates, and elections coordination with the Miami-Dade County elections department. The G.O. Bond campaign includes a reimagined Tweddle Park and enhancements to the Town's open spaces/park areas, a state-of-the-art community wellness center, enhanced lighting on A1A, improved security and safety measures, and updates to the Town's historic beach pavilion.

✓ After breaking ground, the Administration began the initial construction phase of the Civic Center Complex Masterplan. Due to issues with supply, demand and escalating labor costs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic this fiscal year, Gerrits Construction, Inc. requested the addition of \$1.4-million to the original contract to the Town. Supply shortages also caused some delays in construction, delaying work on the inside of the building. The Administration is confident that we will still meet an early-2023 completion date.

✓ The Town commissioned renowned design firm Perkins & Will to provide invaluable design options and plans for the interior of the Civic Center Complex Masterplan. Perkins & Will put together a presentation for the Mayor and Council detailing all of the options to outfit the new building with state-of-the-art materials and features to add to the elegance and aesthetics of the building.

✓ In the most recently completed Fiscal Year, the Capital Improvement Projects Department in conjunction with the Town Manager, applied for an unprecedented number of grants. Some were struck down by the Governor, despite all of the efforts of staff. The Town was however able to secure a \$500,000 grant for the Pump Station at Tweddle Park, a \$75,000 grant to assist with Town-wide vulnerability assessment focused on stormwater and sea level rise challenges, and a \$112,500 grant for three portable pumps to provide for extra flood relief for the most vulnerable areas of Town. The Town's attempt at securing a grant for the Wellness Center project was struck down as well as the grant for additional funds for the Landfall Team Bunker.

✓ Completed a comprehensive beautification project of the The Strand entrance to the Town. The aspects of the project included: curbs and gutters replacement, artificial turf installation, ballards replacement, and the seal coating of the asphalt. This enhancement helps to increase the aesthetic appeal of the Town and adds to the value of the homes.

✓ The Town completed the temporary repairs to the Tweddle Park outfall, improving drainage at the tennis courts and surrounding areas. Water mitigation has been an important aspect of the Capital Projects in Town, to safeguard the welfare of residents and protect your investments.

✓ The Town was also awarded a \$75,000 grant from the State to assist in the Town-wide vulnerability assessment, specifically to prioritize resilience planning for stormwater and sea level rise challenges and changes.

✓ The Town rolled out the Hotwire Communications, Inc. Town-Wide Fiber Internet Service installation to all of the homes in Town

✓ The construction on the Center Island Pump Station Project was completed.

✓ The Town approved via resolution a contract with Southeastern Engineering Contractors, Inc. for roadway improvements within North Parkway, including two catch basin adjustments; 102 linear feet of new curbs



and gutters; 100 square feet of sidewalks; asphalt removal and installation; drainage improvements; and removal and re-installation of pavers.

✓ Installation of two new bus shelters on A1A with enhanced landscaping and security features was completed.

✓ The Town broke ground on the highly anticipated privacy walls along Massini Avenue and Terracina Avenue.

✓ The Town continued weekly beach sampling to test the Town's waters for bacteria.

✓ The Town maintained its Tree City USA designation in recognition of its lush landscaping and ample open spaces

✓ The budget as a business plan, outlining goals and measures that govern Town affairs, has attained the esteemed "Distinguished Budget Award" for the thirteenth year in a row.

The Town has been able to accomplish a number of goals both personal and Town-wide, with very limited and at times very little resources. We will continue to make good on your investment by providing the high quality of service you have come to expect, while maintaining the highest level of efficiency and professionalism. Following our current path, and continuing to invest in our community, infrastructure and people, we cement Golden Beach's standing as the premier residential community in which to work, live, and raise a family.

We are proud of the work we have accomplished during our tenure as Council. During this time, our organization has transformed into one where accountability, professionalism and innovation remain an integral part of how we function collectively. Through our collective efforts, we have made significant strides in building an organization that we can all be proud. We continue to strive for excellence in how we serve the community, and the value we offer all of our stakeholders.

Thank you for trusting us to serve as your Mayor and Town Council and we look forward to making Golden Beach an even better place for all.

POLICE BEAT



KEEP YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY SAFE. DON'T MAKE YOURSELF A TARGET FOR CRIME.

In such a picturesque and tranquil community, it's easy to let your guard down and think that outside bad actors don't

affect our town, but please realize that real risks are out there.

There has been an increase in auto theft cases in South Florida. Presently, there is an auto theft task force investigating juveniles from outside of the area that are committing these crimes locally.

Even though Golden Beach has been minimally impacted, we are taking necessary steps to proactively curtail and/or prevent these crimes from happening.

Therefore, in direct response to these incidents:

- We have adjusted the starting time of the police detail at the exit of town from 10PM instead of 1AM
- We are holding over an officer from the afternoon shift as additional coverage until 2AM
- We have bolstered coverage with detached personnel
- We have repositioned our high visibility detail from 195th and Ocean Boulevard to The Strand and Golden Beach Drive.

Our officers are also patrolling looking for issues that may invite residents to be victims of crime, and are advising residents on how to correct these behaviors. Some examples of behaviors that invite crime include:

- Front doors to dwellings wide left open, a car with its windows down and the car keys left inside the car, garage doors left completely open for easy access, and bicycles left unsecured on the driveways.

We are also aware that residents are going out of town and are not notifying the Police Department nor are they setting their burglar alarms. If you know that you'll be traveling, why not have a Golden Beach police officer routinely check that your residence is secured? Call the administration office at (305) 936-2444 and request a Watch Order for the next time you're away.

We ask you to please notify us right away if you are

out of town and discover there has been a break-in or theft on your property. We have noticed that in many instances this has not been done. We are just asking for you to help us serve you better by protecting you and your property.

The Golden Beach Police Department strives to deliver professional police service to our residents in order to improve the quality of life in Golden Beach. The Golden Beach Police Department has long established efforts to foster open communication with our residents. We have tried to accomplish this through community events, and other collaborative efforts in an effort to partner with our residents. This partnership is a two way street of communication where we as the police department work closely together with the community strengthening and improving the relationship that exists. Community engagement is critical to every law enforcement agency, as it helps close any gap in communication.

As part of our on-going quest for success, we have planned different community events for 2023, including;

- 3 Meet & Greet Community meetings throughout the year. These events were suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic, but we will resume this outreach as a way to interact and network with the residents
- Coast Guard /FWC navigational training class
- CPR/First Aid training class for our residents
- 2 Movie Nights
- The DHSMV drivers' license renewal

➤ Riding assignment with the Youth Group for a clean-up day on the beach and/or intra-coastal waterways

Last year we accomplished another milestone by getting re-accredited by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA). Our department earned its re-



accreditation after passing an in-depth audit, where not only the field operation was scrutinized, but also administration operations (recordkeeping, property and evidence handling, community relations, investigations, etc.) were also appraised and examined. Not all police departments are accredited and

others have earned but subsequently lost their CFA accreditation. This is our third time undergoing and passing the re-accreditation process. We are always striving to maintain this prestigious status within the Law Enforcement Community.

Also, in an effort for residents to familiarize themselves with our police officers, starting with Supervisor staff in this issue. The Supervisor Staff includes the Chief of Police, the Administrative Assistant to the Chief, the Administrative Lieutenant, the Operations Lieutenant and three road patrol Sergeants.

In subsequent issues I will also cover road patrol officers including the Public Service Aides at the Guard House, as well as the Code Enforcement personnel.

Thank You,

Rudy Herbello,
Chief of Police



Crime Watch

Crime in South Florida is on the rise. Don't make yourself a target for crimes of opportunity. The Golden Beach Police Department has increased presence as a preemptive measure, including expanded patrols and additional staffing at the Gatehouse. Now, we need your help.

Don't be a victim of crime. Stay safe.

- Lock your car.
- Never leave your keys or key fob in your vehicle.
- Do not leave valuables in plain sight.

Do not leave **garage doors** open, even if you are home. Open garages can be an invitation for theft. Garage doors can also

give easy access to the interior of your home and its contents.

Have questions on how to make your home safer? Contact Destiny with the Golden Beach Police Department to schedule a complimentary home safety assessment, (305) 932-0744 extension 231.

Stay informed. Visit the Town website www.goldenbeach.us and read the Town Magazine for updates and additional safety tips.

Always report suspicious activities to The Strand Gatehouse **(305)935-0940**.

See Something, Say Something.

Meet the Police Administration

1. Chief Rudy Herbello has forty years of law enforcement experience. Chief Herbello retired from the City of Miami Police Department on 2007 as a Field Lieutenant and was hired as a Police Lieutenant at the Town of Golden Beach in January 2011. He rose through the ranks to Operations Commander, then Assistant Chief before being promoted to Chief of Police in 2015. Chief Rudy Herbello has a Bachelor's of Liberal Studies and a minor in Law as well as a Master's of Science in Public Administration.

Administrative Lieutenant/ Accreditation Manager for the Town. He is currently one class shy of receiving his Associates degree in Criminal Justice.

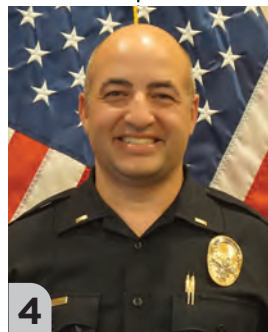


5. Sergeant Danny Avila transferred from Miami Beach Police Department in 2009 and has ever since been a Police Officer here at the Town of Golden Beach. After successfully completing the sergeant exam, he was subsequently promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Avila is the currently the departments training instructor in many aspects of the continual training of officers. Additionally, he presently supervises the afternoon shift and the Beach Attendants and Lifeguard.

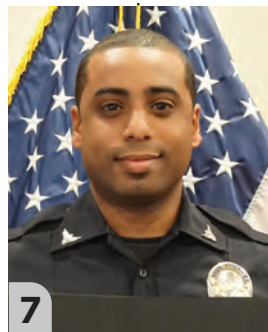
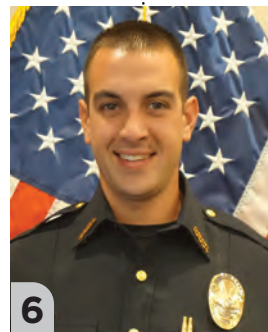
2. Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police, open position, March 1, 2023

3. Lieutenant Leila

Perez was hired as a Police Officer by the Town of Golden Beach in 2006. Mrs. Perez received her Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Management in 2012. Quickly after she went on to be promoted to Sergeant in May 2014. While maintaining her rank she continued her education and received her Master is in Organizational Leadership in 2015. On March 13, 2018, she was promoted once more to her current position as the Operations Lieutenant



6. Sergeant Julio Soca attended the City of Miami's Police Academy and was hired by the Town of Golden Beach in 2014. On March 2017, Sergeant Soca was promoted to his current rank after receiving the highest score in the Sergeant Promotional Examination. While maintaining his rank he chose to continue his education and on August 31, 2021, he received his Master Degree of Science in Organizational Leadership. Sergeant Soca is currently the day shift and Marine Patrol supervisor.



4. Lieutenant Yovany Diaz began his career with the Town of Golden Beach as a Public Service Aide in 2008. He was sponsored by the Town of Golden Beach to attend the Police Academy. After successfully completing the requirements by the state, he was promoted by the Town to a Police Officer in 2009. He continued on to become a Sergeant in 2014 and shortly after was promoted to his current title as the

7. Sergeant Joseph Bautista has been with the Town of Golden Beach since April of 2013. Sergeant Bautista was promoted to Corporal in October 2021. After successfully completing the Sergeants exam, he was promoted once more to the rank of Sergeant in June 2021. Sergeant Bautista is currently the department's midnight shift and Public Service Aides/Police Radio Communications and CAD supervisor. Sgt. Bautista has a two-year associate's degree from Everest Institute.



Save the Date: Swearing-In Ceremony

After the February 2023 election, the Town will honor the elected officials at a special ceremony tentatively scheduled for 6:00PM on March 2, 2023 at the Beach Pavilion. RSVP will be required, details for how to reserve your spot will be posted to the Town website.

Don't Miss Out on Important Town News: Stay in the Loop with our eBlast Alerts

For important updates in between issues of the Town Magazine be sure to sign up for the Town's e-mail blast. We'll keep you updated on information including:

- Town Project Updates/Requests for Feedback
- Crime Watch Notices
- Hurricane/Hazardous Weather Updates
- Town Meeting Notifications



We know you're busy and don't always have time to read up on everything going on in Town, so we'll keep it simple, straightforward and useful, and your information will not be shared with outside parties. Don't miss another notice, sign up today! For inquiries, e-mail Michael Glidden, Director of Resident Services at mglidden@goldenbeach.us.

Holiday Workshop

This past holiday season, Town Hall became a Holiday Workshop, where Resident gifts were packaged and processed for distribution. The Resident Services Department oversees gift sourcing, assembly and distribution, taking time and care to be sure they select just the right pieces. The Public Works Department spread Holiday cheer by hand-delivering each bag to homes.

We hope that you enjoyed your gifts, please note that gifts were provided one-per-household and signature was required for delivery, so if you did not receive your holiday gift, contact Town Hall or stop by, and we can update your status on our master list.



Resident Services Director Michael Glidden poses with this year's holiday gifts.

IN MEMORIAM

The Town recognizes the recent passing of two former longtime Residents.

Joelle Kheel was a familiar face at Town events. Pitch pipe in hand, she often sang the National Anthem at gatherings for Veterans Day and Memorial Day.



Barbara Shaheen was a longtime resident of Town, in recent years she ran for a position on the Golden Beach town council.

Our thoughts are with their family and friends during this difficult time.

Bagels on the Beach: Meet the Candidates Edition

Sunday, February 5, 2023 10AM-1PM

Beach Pavilion



Join us for breakfast on the beach. Grab a bagel with a schmear, plus have a chance to speak with the Mayor and Town Council Election Candidates. Come catch up with Town projects while mixing and mingling with your neighbors.

FINAL NOTICE:

TO HOMEOWNERS WHO HAVE NOT HAD THEIR PROPERTIES CONNECTED TO THE HOTWIRE FIBER NETWORK

The Town has gone live with its state-of-the-art Wi-Fi services provided by Hotwire Communications, and the initiative is being assessed as part of all Golden Beach Residents' taxes.

DEADLINE APPROACHING: If you do not have your property connected to the Hotwire Fiber network by March 1, 2023 you will be assessed an ADDITIONAL \$500 CONNECTION FEE in order to have your home connected to the service.

To avoid paying an additional fee, contact Hotwire's designated Golden Beach Support Account Manager, Jessica Corado at (954) 302-8539 or email goldenbeach@hotwiremail.com.

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday, February 5 - Bagels on the Beach - Beach Pavilion - 10AM

Tuesday, February 7 - Building Regulatory Meeting - Town Hall - 6PM

Saturday, February 11 - Deadline to Request Absentee Ballot for General Election

Tuesday, February 14 - Valentine's Day Event - South Park - 6PM

Thursday, February 16 - Movie Night - "Turning Red" - South Park - 6:30PM

Monday, February 20 - Presidents Day - Town Hall Closed

Tuesday, February 21 - General Election** - Town Hall - 7AM-7PM

Tuesday, February 28 - Town Council Meeting*** - Town Hall - 6PM

Tuesday, February 28 - Bulky Waste Pickup

MARCH 2023

Thursday, March 2 - Swearing-In Event**** - Beach Pavilion - 6PM

Tuesday, March 14 - Building Regulatory Meeting - Town Hall - 6PM

Friday, March 31 - DMV Event - Town Hall - 9AM-1PM

***Details for how to vote are posted on the slider at www.goldenbeach.us*

****Participate in person or via the ZOOM virtual platform, log-in info will be posted at www.goldenbeach.us.*

*****RSVP Required*

Town Staff Thanks Residents for Generous Donations

Town Staff would like to extend thanks to all the Residents who donated to the Town's Employee Lunch Fund this year. Your generosity allows for Town staff to enjoy monthly luncheons and is greatly appreciated! A very special thank you goes to Cathie Kessler for being the resident liaison for the fund again this year.

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Macken
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Brown/Kaplan
Stiberman
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Dagan
Tobin
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Cohan
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Barducci
Willinger
Pila
Benhamou
Papo
Gloobe/Berg

Ventura
Krestow
Levy
Eilemberg
Berndt/Mathur
Berkman
Cherif
Grosskopf
Friedlander
Rub
Zinn
Cohen
Tartell
Ginsburg
Sonn
Dagan
Goldstein
Lusskin
Girardin
Friedman
Badell/Grau

Be Heard, Be Involved. Join the Town's Committees and Boards.

Town Committees give Residents an outlet to meet and discuss the direction of the Town. With the pandemic waning and the return to in-person meetings, under the direction of the Town Council, Golden Beach is looking to bring back its committees, but we need you. Committees are dependent on Resident commitment and involvement.

Do you have a hands-on approach? Are you committed and interested in volunteering your time? Consider joining the

Town Committees. Below is a list of the Committees with a description of duties:

Beach Committee: This committee deals with all things beach. Whether it be the beautification, usage, safety or maintenance of the beach, this committee discusses all important actions related to the Town's beach.

Building Regulatory Advisory Board (BRAB): This Board meets once a month, quorum permitting, for approval of all Resident's building projects including new construction, additions and exterior alterations to existing homes, pools, pool decking, gazebos and pergolas, boat lifts, and docks and ensuring that these projects adhere to the aesthetics and code of the Town.

Security & Public Safety Committee: Working directly with the Golden Beach Police Department, this committee deals with the safety of the Town, making sure the voices of Residents are heard.

Employee Pension Board: The Town invites Residents to participate in shaping the Pension services and benefits for Town Employees. The Board meets quarterly, unless there is an urgent matter to be discussed.

Golden Beach Youth Leadership Group (GBYLG): Are you a Golden Beach resident between the ages



of 10 and 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 Food Drives. It is an excellent way to earn Community Service hours for school as well as have a great time and make friends. Town Councilmember and Golden Beach Youth Group Advisor Judy Lusskin is available to answer questions regarding the Group at (305) 986-4377.

Any Residents interested in joining a Town committee should send their NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL and COMMITTEE(S) they are interested in joining to Resident Services Department.

Please note that committees typically meet on a quarterly schedule and may adjust schedules on an "as-needed basis," meaning should special circumstances arise members can petition for special meetings and committee members will be notified of any special sessions in advance. Should there not be sufficient interest in a committee, the committee will be disbanded until further notice. Please contact Town Hall for more information on which committees are currently active.

2023 is a Town Council Election Year



Important information about how you can make your voice heard is included below, if you should have additional questions please reach out to the Town Clerk, Lissette Perez at (305)932-0744 x238 or lperez@goldenbeach.us.

Voting Information

- The general election for Council and the office of Mayor will be held on **Tuesday, February 21st, 2023**. Voting will take place at **Town Hall (1 Golden Beach Drive, Golden Beach, Florida, 33160)** from **7:00AM-7:00PM**.
- **Photo ID** required to vote.
- To vote you must be a **registered voter** with Miami Dade County and have lived in Town for more than 45 days to be able to vote in a Town election.
- The election is for the **Mayor's seat** and **two council seats**.
- The **Mayor** is elected for a **term of two years**. **Councilmembers** are elected for a **term of four years**.
- The candidate for office of Council receiving the highest number of votes cast will serve as Vice Mayor. The Vice Mayor position rotates on an annual bases. Candidates for the office of Mayor will qualify and run for election in a group separate and apart from the office of Council.

Vote-By-Mail

In 2021, the Florida Legislature made a number of changes to election laws.

Vote-by-mail ballots are no longer automatically mailed for every election. You must request an absentee ballot at:

<https://www.miamidade.gov> and search keyword term "Vote-by-Mail ballot"

The last day to request a Vote-by-Mail to be mailed:
02.21.23 Golden Beach General - **02.11.23 (Saturday)**
03.07.23 Golden Beach Run-Off - **02.25.23 (Saturday)**

Vote-by-mail ballots must be mailed or delivered in person, reaching the Supervisor of Elections' Office **not later than 7:00 pm on the day of the election**. The ballots can be returned as soon as the voter completes his/her ballot. Additional information can be found at www.iamelectionready.org.

COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT

Mayor Glenn Singer



Mayor Glenn Singer begins his tenth term as Mayor this February. Since he began his tenure as Mayor on February 15, 2005, he has placed the successful growth and development of this community among his highest priorities. A sound businessman, the Mayor's greatest achievement has been fostering the growth of the Town's assessed values

from just over \$400-million in 2007 to an overwhelming, \$1.4-billion in 2022.

Attracted by the Town of Golden Beach's beauty, aesthetics, security, prized oceanfront location, and exclusive family atmosphere, Mayor Singer moved his family to the Town in 1997. Driven by his desire to help the Town accomplish its well-defined vision for the future, he quickly immersed himself in serving his community as an involved citizen. He was first elected as a Councilmember, and after four years (one term) as a Councilmember, he was elected to his current position as Mayor.

Mayor Singer brings a multi-faceted history of success to his position. After graduating from Florida State University he spent decades practicing as a Certified Public Accountant. In 1990, recognizing massive demand for the outsourcing of payroll and employee benefits, he and his partners established the Florida-based National Business Solutions, a successful professional employer organization. In addition to his duties as Mayor, he is an active investor, lending his expertise to a number of businesses at various stages of growth in a variety of industries including real estate, technology and private equity.

Mayor Singer's many accomplishments throughout his Administration include: the development of the New Civic Center; the overwhelming support for two G.O. Bonds totaling \$21.5-million; securing the Town's Aa2 credit rating from Moody's; and the construction of over \$63-million in Capital Projects. Capital Projects ranging from the undergrounding of utilities, to the replacement of the Town's Drinking water systems, the replacement of two of the Town's three bridges, and the construction of a comprehensive stormwater system to alleviate Town Flooding to name a few.

Recognizing that security is paramount to protecting our residents and their investments the Mayor has lead the effort to modernize our police department, increasing our police force to 21 Fulltime and 6 part-time officers; creating the first marine patrol and motorcycle units; and adding over 285 camera lenses to ensure that we stay ahead of our pursuit to be the safest community in the State. In 2013, our Police Department received its first State Accreditation and has successfully been reaccredited each year since then.

He is proud and excited to be leading the Town of Golden Beach into its Golden Future.

The Mayor's vision of our Town is not complete as we undertake the development of a new re-imagined Tweddle Park and the development of the eagerly-anticipated Wellness Center.

Vice Mayor Jaime Mendal



Vice Mayor Jaime Mendal has resided in Golden Beach since he was a child. Elected in February 2017, Mr. Mendal is believed to be the youngest councilmember in Golden Beach history. Now in his second term on Council, Vice Mayor Mendal has focused on various areas including ensuring proper allocations of town funds and minimizing waste,

streamlining processes involving the Building Department and helping the Department to provide more online services, as well as working with the Town Manager to offset costs to the town by securing State and Federal dollars.

After graduating from Tufts University in 2012 with a degree in International Relations, Mr. Mendal joined his family's business in the pet industry. In his role, he oversaw the manufacturing facilities in Central and South America for the world's largest, vertically integrated rawhide dog treat company.

In 2016, Mr. Mendal branched off to start Crafted Kibble. Crafted Kibble is an online subscription-based, pet nutrition product delivery platform. The company produces pre-portioned and pre-packaged high-quality

customized kibble based on an individual dog's unique nutritional needs. Through proprietary dietary and portioning algorithms, Crafted Kibble strives to improve the wellness of the U.S. pet population and enhance the bond between the family and their pet.

Mr. Mendal is eager to put the skills he has learned in the private sector to work on behalf of the residents of Golden Beach. He looks forward to continue working with the other members of the Town Council as well as with Town staff.

Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein



Councilmember Bernstein has served on the Town of Golden Beach Council since 2007.

A native Floridian, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from University of Florida and a Juris Doctor from University of Miami. He is a member of the Florida Bar and a CPA (inactive).

As a South Florida developer, Mr. Bernstein has been involved in numerous projects and businesses. For over 20 years, he served as General Counsel and/or a Senior VP for Turnberry Associates. Prior to that he worked as an accountant with Deloitte and an attorney with Buchanan Ingersoll, PC. Mr. Bernstein has owned various businesses including a title company, several retail operations, and served on the Board of Directors for Great Florida Bank, a NASDAQ company.

A father of three, Councilmember Bernstein initially ran for office to improve the neighborhood for children. Early on, he was an integral proponent for upgrading the parks and beach, constructing sidewalks, pushing forward beautification projects, and improving security throughout town. Recently, he advocated for stronger security measures, a new town hall and civic center and spearheaded the initiative for a town-wide high speed fiber internet service.

Since being elected, the Golden Beach Town Council has worked harmoniously and completed over \$63 million in Capital Projects, including the following:

- Completed Capital Improvement Project
 - Replaced 80 year-old water distribution system
 - Installed a comprehensive stormwater system
 - Installed sidewalks and curbs throughout Town
 - Relocated overhead utilities to underground
- Replaced bridges at Center Island and North Island
 - Secured \$9 Million in federal funding for bridges.
- Golden Beach Beautification Projects on A1A and west of the Strand.
- Replaced Street Lights throughout Golden Beach - \$3 Million from FPL

Councilmember Bernstein's vision for the Town's future includes the following:

- Redevelop Tweddle Park with new recreational facilities, modernized tot lot, expanded dog park, and outdoor party space.
- Develop a Town Wellness Center
- Increase security cameras and modernize monitoring system
- Additional amenities and services at the Town's facilities
- Reducing and/or maintaining the Town's millage rate

Charitable and civic duties include: Board Member for Aventura Hospital, Board of Directors for the Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center, Dade Advisory Board Member of Daily Bread Food Bank, Member of the South Florida East Coast Coalition (rapid transit/Brightline stations), and Assisted opening the Humane Society's Soffer-Fine adoption center.

COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT

Councilmember Judy Lusskin



Councilmember Judy Lusskin has resided in the Town of Golden Beach for 25 years. She has served on the Town Council since 2005 as a councilmember. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Education and speech at Long Island University in New York. Councilmember Lusskin was the Program Director at The Jewish Community Center (JCC) for 15 years where she supervised over 100 staff members and initiated an extensive employment orientation program.

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

Councilmember Lusskin has been extremely active in the Town of Golden Beach. She founded the Golden Beach Youth Leadership Group (GBYLG) in 2005 and continues to oversee the organization. Annually since 2007, Councilmember Lusskin directs and leads the Town's Veterans Day and Memorial Day Programs. She has served on the Town's Beach Committee, as well as the Security & Public Safety Committee. Councilmember Lusskin has also supervised the Sunny Isles Beach Youth Scholarship Program. In the past she has served as the Town's liaison to The Miami-Dade County League of Cities, and has also served on the Vice Provost Council of Florida International University. Over the years she chaired the Town's 75th anniversary celebration committee, and also served as chair of the Town's recreation committee. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care.

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

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

Councilmember Bernard Einstein



Councilmember Bernard Einstein has spent over 22 years representing the people of Golden Beach. First elected to the Town Council in February 1999, Councilmember Einstein is proud of his role as an integral part in making Golden Beach the premier community in the nation.

During his tenure in office, Councilmember Einstein has worked with the Mayor, Council and Town Administration to accomplish many things, some of which include:

- Reduced Golden Beach real estate taxes
- Increased property values from \$500 Million to a robust \$1.438 Billion in the past 10 years
- Invested over \$44 million dollars in Capital improvements in our infrastructure, \$30 million of which was secured through State-Federal Aid
- Installed a new storm water system
- Installed sidewalks and curbs
- Installed a new water system
- Undergrounded all overhead utilities
- Installed new, uniform mailboxes and allotted for their regular maintenance
- Landscaped Golden Beach Drive and A1A, adding 175 large palm trees, Medjool Palms, and lighting
- Renovated and modified the beach pavilion, facilities and services
- Redesigned North Park and South Park
- Added a marine patrol, police boat and dock
- Replaced all 3 Island Bridges
- Built and beautified The Strand Entrance, including the police gatehouse
- Built in-home Wi-Fi with dedicated fiber providing 1 gig of Internet and cable service, making Golden Beach the first municipality in the Nation to provide this service
- Completing the final stages of construction a State of

the Art Town Civic Center and Community Center, with delivery expected on time and on budget

- Erected Walls at Massini Avenue and Terracina Avenue, securing the North and South ends of Town

Councilmember Einstein's goals for the future include:

- Controlling our tax rate and Town budget, while protecting property values
- Completion of the Wellness center and the reimagined Tweddle park using funds raised from the General Obligation (GO) Bond
- Develop and implement environmental protection for our beaches and waterways
- Install Security Camera Systems to monitor the entire community, including the Intracoastal Waterways, Ocean areas and within Town.
- Increase Town-wide Police presence and security, especially for our ocean residents.

On a personal note, Councilmember Einstein has been a proud resident of the Town for over 28 years, and he lives in his dream home that he built with his wife, Kathie. They are also the proud parents of a son and a daughter. Recently they were blessed with the birth of their granddaughter; the Einstein's often bring their granddaughter to the playground and other park facilities, which helps Mr. Einstein stay acquainted with the needs of the toddlers and youth in the community.

Councilmember Einstein was also the recipient of The John Lands Service Award by the State of Florida for 20 years of Service to Golden Beach. Aside from his duties in Town, Councilmember Einstein has been a practicing member of the Florida Bar since 1978 and specializes in complex real estate transactions, title insurance, wills, trusts, and estates.

Councilmember Einstein prides himself on being a long-term resident of the Town. Among his greatest accomplishments, both personal and town-wide, he values the achievements that were made with limited resources. He understands the importance of making much from little. Councilmember Einstein also supports the Town's current path: investing in community, infrastructure and people, while solidifying Golden Beach's reputation as a preeminent residential community in which to work, live and raise a family.



Your Council is working hard to make Golden Beach a better place for everyone.