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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

The summer season has arrived and we can all feel the HEAT!

Remember to take appropriate precautions anytime you are outdoors. Don't forget to keep your pets hydrated. We caution everyone not to get over-exposed and to use sunblock. We want to make sure everyone enjoys their summer.

While summer is a season known for rest and relaxation, the Town is preparing for what may be a more active hurricane season than we have seen in recent years. We have already experienced heavy rains and storm systems passing through South Florida. Now is the time to prepare. Please be proactive rather than reactive. Secure your homes and check for leaks now. It is best to make sure that you have disaster kits and emergency supplies prior to hurricane season that include flashlights, batteries, garbage bags and more. Also, make sure you have a plan to secure your boats and watercraft to prevent damage or loss. If you do not have a generator, now is the time to install one if you are interested. Contact our Building and Zoning Department to learn about permitting and code requirements.

If you are leaving town for any extended period, make sure you contact the Police Substation or Town Hall to fill out a house check form so that the police can keep an additional watch on your property while you're away. If you see any suspicious activity, please contact the Substation at (305) 935-0940 and they will dispatch an officer to investigate.

As we are entering our 95th year as a Town, we are excited about the progress our new Civic Center is making. We expect to be in by September 2023. According to our contract, this is the actual projected completion date. Although it appears to be taking a long time to complete, we have to remember that it is a

design build project. This means the contract was issued to a single entity to design and build the Civic Center.

The contract was awarded in June 2020 and we have had to deal with the impact of the COVID pandemic and supply chain issues. The construction phase began in late summer of 2021 with a proposed timeline of just under 2 years. It appears we will finish the project on time. This will be a grand component of the celebration of the Town's 95th Anniversary in 2024. Look out for things to come as we celebrate this milestone.

The staff at Town Hall is always available should you have any questions or concerns. Feel free to contact them during regular business hours at (305) 932-0744.

Above all else, may you and your family have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Your Mayor,

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

Glenn Singer



FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Something to Celebrate

In May, the Town marked its 94th year since incorporation, I find it only appropriate to highlight the many milestones that we have achieved these last 17 years as your Town Manager.



To date the Town as invested OVER **\$63**-Million in Capital Projects

The Town has been awarded over **\$37.5**-Million in local, state and federal dollars towards our projects

The Town has lowered the millage rate 3 times since 2007

Our Values have soared from \$500-million in 2007 to **\$1.4**-Billion in 2021

We went from two recognized parks to **9** total parks throughout the Town

We have implemented a robust Civil Capital Project that originally included:

- Undergrounding Utilities
- Installation of a Town Wide Stormwater System
- Replacement of the Towns Drinking Water Distribution System
- Installation of Sidewalks on Golden Beach Drive
- Installation of Sidewalks on Ocean Boulevard
- Installed Curbs and Gutters throughout Town

- Installed 177 Medjool palm trees on Ocean Boulevard
- Installed Up lighting for all Medjool palms
- The Beach Pavilion Restrooms were re-developed
- Town Uniform Mailbox Design Program

The Capital Projects was later amended to include:

- The Replacement of the Center Island Bridge
- The Replacement of the North Island Bridge
- The installation of the Police Boat Dock at Center Island
- The Beach Pavilion was modernized
- Created our first Town-Wide CCTV system
- Milling and resurfacing of Golden Beach Drive (2-times)
- Modernization of our Police Gate House
- Addition of a Town *Vita-Course* (promoting healthy lifestyles)

The Capital Projects was further amended to include:

- A new Town-Wide Street Lighting Project
- Wall at Massini Avenue



Wall at Terracina Avenue to Ocean Boulevard

Built a new Veterans Memorial

Installation of a robust stormwater pump for Center Island

The Town became the First in the nation to offer fiber **1-gig** internet service to EVERY home in Town; with a in home managed Wi-Fi system

The Town is currently constructing a 14,326+ feet Civic Center with a First in the Nation Landfall Team Bunker for First Responders

We have approved the Re-Imagined Tweddle Park Project (anticipated budget **\$1.5**-million)

We are in the exploratory phase for the creation a New Wellness Center for our residents (anticipated budget **\$5.5**-million)

We are in the final design phase of a new stormwater pump station number 1 (anticipated budget **\$1**-million)

We are in the implementation phase of a new robust CCTV project that will bring 208 additional lenses to our Town (anticipated budget **\$1.8**-million)

Our Police Department became accredited in 2013, and has been re-accredited 3 additional times

The Town has secured over **\$3.5**-million in Law Enforcement Trust Fund Dollars

We added a Marie Patrol Division

We created our detached detective program (3) to combat crime in South Florida and secure funding for the Town

We added K-9 Services

We added a Motorcycles Division

We added **5** additional Full-Time Patrol Officers

Our Budget has received the Distinguished Budget Award for **15** consecutive years

We became a Tree City by the National Arbor Society

I was named City Manager of the Year by the Florida County and City Managers Association

I graduated from the Police Academy and became a certified police officer

And much, much more....plus there are so many more great things to come!

So Congratulations to our Town, our Leaders and to our staff for what we have achieved!



Alexander Diaz, Town Manager



Happy 94th Birthday, Golden Beach!

Your Town Manager,

Alexander Diaz

POLICE BEAT



WE HAVE ENTERED THE 2023 HURRICANE SEASON.

Mother Nature usually wastes no time in testing us with a tropical storm as South Florida is considered the “Alley Way” for many cyclones. Preparedness and being informed are key factors as current projections indicate that the 2023 season may have between 11 to 15 named storms; four to eight of those storms are expected to reach hurricane strength.

It goes without saying that the recent months have been a challenging time for us all. With the recent rash of car thefts in South Florida, the Golden Beach Police Department enhanced our patrol efforts by adding patrol officers to the afternoon shift and midnight shift. Additionally, we have partnered with the Sunny Isles Beach Police Department to form a joint Auto Theft Task Force as an effort to increase our ability to safeguard our residents and curtail any intrusion by potential criminals. As of the writing of the blog, the attempts have slowed down significantly, however it is extremely important that we continue to secure our homes and vehicles. Maintain doors locked at all times and bring keys inside with you. As we have mentioned before, these thieves are concentrating on vehicles that are unlocked with keys left inside the car. These thefts have all been crimes of opportunity, not forcible felonies. It is important to state, for those who may



Sgt. Bautista (left) was recently the victim of gun violence

not have already heard, that in an effort to arrest one of these perpetrators our mid-night Sergeant, Joseph Bautista, was shot on April 29th. I can tell you now that Sgt. Bautista is still recovering from the gunshot wounds. Still, Sgt. Bautista was able to attend the Police Memorial event at Tropical Park on May 4th, where he was also recognized for his bravery and service. The Town also recognized him as part of its



Sgt. Bautista and his wife, Nancy

hosted a “Meet & Greet” event on April 27th in North Park. The purpose of these informative meetings is not only to bring you up-to-date, useful police related information

Police Appreciation Day event, which was held at the Beach Pavilion on Friday, May 12th.

We as police officers, take our responsibilities very seriously, knowing the risk we take daily. Our main goal is to keep the residents of Golden Beach Safe. Even with everything that we have gone through in recent weeks, the Golden Beach Police Department remains active in our community efforts. We



GBPD: A Letter of Thanks

The following letter was sent to the Town Manager regarding our Police Department.

Dear Alex,

I am writing this email to express my sincere gratitude to you and the Golden Beach Police Department for your prompt and efficient response last night. I was amazed at how quickly you arrived on the scene and took control of the situation.

I cannot thank you enough for making us feel safe during a very frightening experience. Although we saw armed officers and dogs in our backyard, we felt protected, and this was all thanks to the professionalism and expertise of the Golden Beach Police Department.

I am extremely grateful for your dedication and hard work in keeping our community safe. Your actions last night were a true testament to your commitment to serving and protecting our community.

Please convey my appreciation to all the officers involved in the operation. Your quick response and professionalism have left a lasting impression on me, and I will always be grateful for your service.

Thank you once again for your exceptional service.

Sincerely,

E.D.*

(*name abbreviated for privacy)

about crime trends, but also to network with our residents.

With schools closing for summer break, parents are strongly encouraged to speak to their children about bicycle safety tips. Make sure that they are wearing a helmet, cycling safety glasses, and bright colored or fluorescent clothing. Also be sure that their bicycles are in good, operational condition.

Last but not least, I would like to congratulate Lt. Yovany Diaz who was promoted to Captain on May 16th during the council meeting. As part of his duties, he will continue overseeing the Administrative Division for the department.

As a reminder, in case of Emergency, please call 911 first before calling the substation.

Thank You,

Rudy Herbello, Chief of Police



Corporal Carrasco (fifth from left) attends shooting training

Hurricane Season: It's Never Too Early to Start Preparing

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.
- If flooding threatens your home, turn off electricity at the main breaker.

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

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

- Manual (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
- Quiet games, toys or reading materials
- 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.
- Hand sanitizer



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: barbecues, 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!

AROUND TOWN



Watchfire: Memorial Day Event

The Town hosted its first Watchfire event in honor of Memorial Day. Councilmember Judy Lusskin presented the first-of-its-kind event as crowds gathered at the Beach Pavilion to show their support for our veterans. First Sergeant (ret.) Henry Massie and the Golden Beach Honor Guard officiated the burning of retired American flags as part of the Watchfire ceremony.

The origin of military “watchfires” in the United States dates back at least to the Revolutionary War. General George Washington had signal fires (watchfires) along the Hudson River in Southeastern New York and Northern New Jersey which alerted residents to the approach of the British and helped soldiers separated in battle return safely to their units. Watchfires continued to be used within military units following battles or long marches to help service members find their way back to their units.

Today, Watchfires are organized in communities throughout the United States to symbolically light the way home for service members that have made the ultimate sacrifice to our country or are missing in action. Old and damaged flags are burned as a sign of respect and to symbolically recreate the watchfires of years past.

Watchfire Background Information courtesy of <https://www.cnyvrf.org/watchfire-2023>



Committees: Be Heard, Be Involved.

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

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.



Mrs. Fishbein turns 99

Longtime Golden Beach Resident Mrs. Alene Fishbein recently celebrated her 99th birthday! Town staff stopped by to congratulate her on this major milestone!

Police & Resident Soccer

Looking for a fun way to be active and get to know your Golden Beach Police Officers?

The Town is looking to host an all-ages soccer event. For details, contact GBPD Officer Daniel Larrea at dlarrea@goldenbeach.us

Bulky Waste: Disposing of Large Items

Contact the Public Works Department to schedule collection of bulky waste items (fees apply, see below).

BULK TRASH FEES

- (Up to 2 cubic yards) \$30.00
- (Between 2-4 cubic yards)* \$60.00

*Loads exceeding 4 cubic yards will be charged \$7.00 per cubic yard plus the cost of dumping.

Please note:

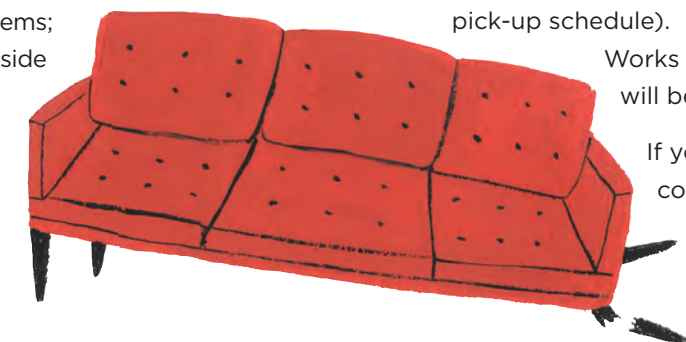
- Oversized items must be left curbside. Public Works employees WILL NOT enter homes to retrieve or dismantle any items; all items must be placed curbside and ready for pick-up.
- For large appliances including refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc. Residents must contact the Public Works Department

and pay a collection fee BEFORE putting items out.

- For unusually heavy loads, the cost of dumping may be added to the minimum charge.
- All fees are to be paid in advance by pre-paid check only.
- No construction debris, glass, paint or other hazardous materials will be accepted.

The Town offers a monthly free bulky waste pick-up service. The designated day for pick-up is the FOURTH Tuesday of every month (holidays excluded, check the Town Calendar for any possible changes to the regular pick-up schedule). Please contact the Public Works Department to alert them you will be leaving items for collection.

If you have any questions please contact the Public Works Department.



Tennis Courts are Closing

Please be aware, the tennis courts will be closing soon as the renovations to Tweddle Park continue to progress. Once a closure date is determined, Residents will be noticed via the Town Website www.goldenbeach.us.

Once the courts have closed for renovations, there will be no public tennis facilities in Town until the new tennis courts are completed. We apologize for this inconvenience while we work to offer you new and improved recreational facilities.

Hitting the Beach? Be sure to follow the Rules and Regulations

RULES FOR THE BEACH PARK (BEACH PAVILION AND ITS SURROUNDING AREA)

To protect the Quality-of-Life experience for all Residents, the Town has regulations in place for use of the Beach and Beach Pavilion area of Town.

BEACH AREA GENERAL RULES

- All users of the Beach Park must be Residents of the Town and must have identification (driver's license or Town ID) in order to verify proof of residence. Going forward, the Town will be strictly enforcing proof of residence with valid ID. Anyone without ID may be asked to leave. For information regarding guests, please see the **Beach Area Visitors and Guests** section.
- Respect the Peace: All users must conduct themselves in an orderly and respectful manner. Any user who becomes disorderly or abusive will be ejected from the area.

- Respect your Neighbors: Properties in Town that are situated on the ocean have exclusive rights to the sand and surf behind them, others may traverse these areas but loitering or recreation is strictly prohibited.
- Use of the Town's equipment or furniture, including chairs, lounges, and chickee huts are on a first come, first served basis only.
- Residents and their guests are allowed to use **one lounge/sit up chair per person for a maximum of 8 chairs** per household. The Town does not allow reserving of beach chairs or any beach lounge areas. Items left behind on unattended chairs are subject to removal.
- **Maximum two (2) umbrellas** per household.
- **Tents or other non-Town supplied structures** are not permitted.
- Each resident household may only use **one (1) chickee hut** at any given time to allow others access to huts.
- **Animals are not allowed** on the Town's beach. *Please note, at its discretion the Town may sponsor a pet-friendly day at the beach. Any such event will be noticed in advance via mailer, Town Magazine, Town Website, or other means of physical or electronic communication and would temporarily lift the ban on dogs on the beach for the duration of that event.*
- **No smoking or vaping** on the beach or surrounding recreational areas.
- **Alcoholic beverages and glass bottles** are not allowed at the beach.
- **No littering** is permitted at the beach area. Please pick up after yourself.



- **Music & Noise:** Except for Town sponsored events, no noise or music is allowed past 9:00 PM Monday through Thursday nor past 11:00 PM on Friday and Saturday, so as not to disturb the peace and quiet of any Town resident.
- **Charcoal grills and fires are not allowed** except at Town-sponsored events. The Town Manager may approve use of gas grilling, such approval must be in writing. Gas grilling must be done in a designated area and with a fire extinguisher available.
- **Fire Pit Areas:** Speak to a Beach Attendant to use the outdoor fire pit areas. Users must be 18 years old and over. Fire pits are set on timers. Please notify a Beach Attendant immediately if there are any issues with the fire pits.
- **Outdoor Shower Facilities:** Enclosed outdoor shower facilities are available at the Beach Pavilion.
- **No vehicles allowed:** Per Florida state statutes no vehicles are allowed on the beach. This includes ATVs and similar motorized vehicles. The only exceptions are official Police/County vehicles.

BEACH AREA VISITORS AND GUESTS POLICIES

- **A maximum of eight (8) guests** are allowed per household.

- **Residents MUST accompany their guests at the Beach Pavilion on weekends (Friday through Sunday).** Unaccompanied guests will be asked to leave the beach.
- Residents' unaccompanied guests are allowed to use the beach and Beach Pavilion Monday through Thursday, however **Beach Attendants will utilize the Resident database to make contact with the hosting Resident and confirm unaccompanied persons have the express permission of the hosting Resident to use the beach area on that particular day. If Beach Attendants are unable to secure confirmation from the hosting Resident, unaccompanied guests will be asked to leave the beach area.** You may also call the Police Substation at (305) 935-0940 to announce your guests in advance and have them placed on the daily list.
- **Guest Parking:** All guests must obtain a parking pass at The Strand Gatehouse. Each pass is valid only for the day of issuance and must be prominently displayed on the inside dash of the vehicle.

Guest parking shall be limited to the Town West lot (directly south of The Strand Gatehouse). Visitors with a valid handicapped parking decal may park at the East parking lot adjacent to the Pavilion; however, at least one (1) handicapped parking space shall be reserved for Residents.

Do Your Part to Keep Mosquitos Away

DRAIN

- Drain **standing water** to stop mosquitoes from multiplying.
- Drain water from **garbage cans, house gutters, buckets, pool covers, coolers, toys, flowerpots**, or any other containers where sprinkler or rainwater has collected.
- **Discard** old tires, drums, bottles, cans, pots and pans, broken appliances, and other items that aren't being used.
- Empty and clean **birdbaths and pet's water bowls** at least once or twice a week
- Protect **boats and vehicles** from rain with tarps that don't accumulate water.
- Maintain **swimming pools** in good condition and appropriately chlorinated. Empty plastic swimming pools when not in use.

COVER

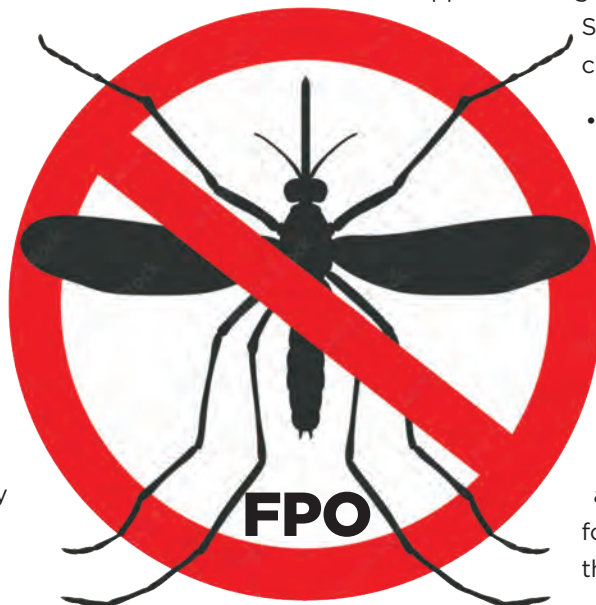
- Cover **skin** with clothing or repellent.
- **Clothing** – Wear shoes, socks, and long pants and long-sleeves. This type of protection may be necessary for people who must work in areas where mosquitoes are present.
- **Repellent** – Apply mosquito repellent to bare skin and clothing.
- Always use repellents according to the label. Repellents with **DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, para-menthane-diol, and IR3535** are effective.
- Use **mosquito netting** to protect children younger than 2 months old.
- Cover doors and windows with **screens** to keep mosquitoes out of your house.

- **Repair** broken screening on windows, doors, porches, and patios.

Did you Know? You can call **311** to report mosquitoes or request a mosquito inspection

TIPS ON REPELLENT USE

- Always **read label directions carefully** for the approved usage before you apply a repellent.
- Some repellents are not suitable for children.
- Products with concentrations of **up to 30 percent DEET** (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide) are generally recommended. Other U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-approved repellents contain **picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, para-menthane-diol, IR3535, or 2-undecanone**. These products are generally available at local pharmacies. Look for active ingredients to be listed on the product label.
- Apply insect repellent to exposed skin, or onto clothing, **but not under clothing**.
- In protecting children, read label instructions to **be sure the repellent is age-appropriate**. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), mosquito repellents containing oil of lemon eucalyptus and para-menthane-diol should not be used on children under the age of three years. DEET is not recommended on children younger than two months old.
- Avoid applying repellents to the **hands of children**. Adults should apply repellent first to their own hands and then transfer it to the child's skin and clothing.
- If additional protection is necessary, apply a permethrin repellent **directly to your clothing**. Again, always follow the manufacturer's directions.



ADVISORY: MOSQUITO SPRAYING

Residents should plan for mosquito treatments to occur every Wednesday, before sunrise. Depending on need, the Town may not treat every Wednesday, but Residents should expect the possibility of spraying during that time period and plan accordingly.

Please make it a point to stay inside and bring pets indoors during spraying hours.

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Town Hall at (305)932-0744.

Officer Injured While Serving Community

Early morning on April 29, 2023, Golden Beach Police Officers and Sunny Isles Beach Police were attempting to stop a car that had been stolen in Bal Harbour. The vehicle passed through Golden Beach via A1A (Ocean Boulevard) and headed north into Hallandale Beach.

On Hallandale Boulevard, the suspects lost control of the vehicle and fled. Officers began a foot pursuit, and during that pursuit Golden Beach Sergeant Joseph Bautista was shot in the arm. He was transported to Memorial Regional hospital in stable condition and underwent surgery. We are grateful his injuries were not more severe. During the altercation, another GBPD officer's vehicle was sideswiped, thankfully, he sustained no injuries.

The events of April 29th have upended not only Sgt. Bautista's life, but also the lives of his wife, his young children and parents. A family man, Joseph had weekend plans of attending his daughter's dance recital as well as his own birthday party, which his family was hosting the day after the incident. Sadly, the illegal and almost deadly actions of these criminals abruptly halted all of these plans.

Hollywood Police took the shooter and an additional suspect into custody. While this incident did not occur in Golden Beach, we still want to stress the importance of safety and vigilance.

FEELING EXTRA "BUGGED" BY MOSQUITOS?

The Town will provide mosquito dunk tablets to Residents upon request. These can be used in areas of pooling or standing water. If you are interested in mosquito tablets please contact Town Hall at (305)932-0744.

In addition to our Town-wide spraying, if you need mosquito treatment on your property, the Town is facilitating treatment service for Residents. The fee for each visit is \$125.00 and will be billed directly to the Resident requesting services. To schedule a treatment, please call Town Hall.

Please be aware of your surroundings and if you see something suspicious or need assistance call the Town's substation at (305) 935-0940. In case of Emergency, call 911.

The Town of Golden Beach and the GBPD is committed to keeping you safe. Below are just some of the measures we have taken to keep crime from affecting our community:

- Enhanced our police staffing by hiring one additional officer
- One officer exclusively assigned to patrol Ocean Boulevard
- Assigned more plain-clothed officers and detectives to patrol Town streets
- Assembled a multi-agency Auto Theft Task Force
- Continuous checking of all vehicles entering the interior of the town between 10PM and 6AM
- Adding over 208 additional cameras, and enhancing existing ones.

Thank you and stay safe!



Sgt. Bautista

GB ♥ GBPD

Safety and security provides peace of mind, and the Golden Beach Police Department works tirelessly to protect us all. To coincide with Miami-Dade County's Police Appreciation Day, the Town recently hosted our first Police Appreciation Day barbecue. In an overwhelming show of support, residents and staff alike came out in droves to say "thank you" to the men and women in blue and their families.



Free Boating Safety Course

On Saturday, June 17, 2023, the Golden Beach Police Department will be hosting a Boating Safety Course for Golden Beach residents which will be taught by the United States Coast Guard. The course will run from 9:30AM - 5:30PM and will be held in the Town Council Chambers in Town Hall.

The seminar will cover several life-safety tips and general operation instructions. Aside from empowering boaters with vital safety tips, anyone completing



the course will receive a safe-boater certificate, which may help offset boater insurance costs.

RSVP is required, contact Town Hall for details. Course capacity is limited to the first 20 respondents. The course is offered at no cost to residents.

The Town of Golden Beach works hard to offer its residents the very best in educational services and we advise you to take full advantage of these opportunities as they become available.

Get the Facts: Civic Center Continues to Take Shape

The Civic Center Project continues to move along on schedule. There have been some inquiries on the project timeline. To clarify the progress we have provided an overview of the project scope below.

- **Design Phase:** 6 months, this phase began on 10/20/2020
- **Permitting Phase:** 8 months, this phase began on 01/11/2021
- **Construction Phase:** 25 months, this phase began on 08/23/2021

Per the project contract, construction must be completed within 551 working days*

** Please note, the project schedule was extended by 45 days due to designer Perkins & Wills design enhancement initiative.*

- **Contractual Delivery Date:** 09/22/2023, per the language of the contract the project must be delivered no later than this date.

The Civic Center is moving at a pace in which the town considers to be in line with the construction schedule. We have added several components to the project to enhance the facility in a way that will reflect the modernization of the town. Great care is being put towards every detail of every installation. It is important that we get it right the first time. It is an exciting time to be in the final stretch to completion.

Have questions? Contact our Capital Improvements Project Director, Lissett Rovira at (305)932-0744 ext. 242 or by email at lrovira@goldenbeach.us.

Calendar of Events

JUNE

TUESDAY, JUNE 13 - BUILDING REGULATORY MEETING - TOWN HALL - 6PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 17 - BOATING SAFETY COURSE* - TOWN HALL - 9:30AM-5:30PM

MONDAY, JUNE 19 - JUNETEENTH (OBSERVED) - TOWN HALL CLOSED

TUESDAY, JUNE 27 - BULKY WASTE PICKUP***

**RSVP Required, contact Town Hall for details*

****Contact Public Works Department for details, fees may apply.*

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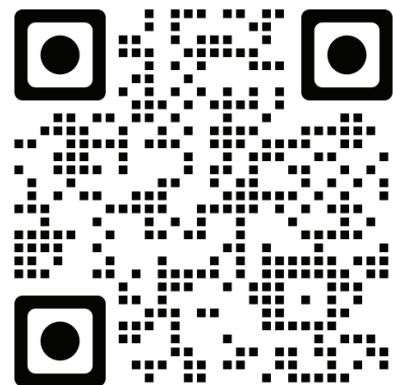
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FIRE (NON-EMERGENCY): 786.331.5000

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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)

Crisis Text Line: (text HELLO to 741741)



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