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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone who has been impacted by the senseless violence unfolding in the Middle East.

In an effort to protect our residents from any potential dangers related to the conflict, the Golden Beach Police Department has increased security. We are also in constant communication with local and national law enforcement agencies to monitor any potential threats. We are committed to keeping you safe.



Aventura Mayor Howard Weinberg with Mayor Glenn Singer

As we begin 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 9th consecutive year. As the Town has grown, our current valuation totals \$1,656,778,376. It is necessary that we continue to invest in our infrastructure and we have just approved a budget of \$24,521,549. At the end of each fiscal year, the Town reports the status of our fund balance. We are extremely pleased that our current fund balance is a strong \$6,527,113. These funds can be used for specific purposes or to fund future operations.

In a time where there appears to be a rising trend in crime, our focus is to expand the way we provide security needed to protect you and your property. I have created a safety video entitled Town of Golden Beach Public Service Announcement which can be found on the Town's website and on YouTube. It is imperative that as we seek to keep Golden Beach safe and secure, our residents do their part to protect themselves, their families, and their belongings.



Golden Beach Residents gathered to show support of Israel

Halloween is right around the corner and it is my favorite holiday. I always look forward to this annual event. I encourage everyone to come out with their families in their best exciting costumes and join in the food, fun and festivities. We understand that there are some concerns surrounding gatherings at this

time. However, this is not the time to cower or to cancel events. We will have advanced security measures in place to ensure that we provide a safe and enjoyable activity for you and your family.

We are nearing the end of hurricane season and we are very grateful that we have been spared any significant impact thus far. Our thoughts and prayers are with anyone who has been impacted by this year's storms.

A reminder that our Council meetings are always 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.

Your Mayor,

Glenn Singer

Halloween Town Event

We wanted to take a moment to speak to all of the residents directly concerning the Town's decision to move forward with our annual Halloween Event despite the atrocities currently taking place in the Middle East. Our hearts and prayers go out to all of those who have been impacted by the tragic events unfolding. However, cancelling the Town's event will not solve anything. In fact, if we change our way of life then the terrorists win – and WE DO NOT WANT THEM TO WIN.

What we will do is provide the safest environment possible for you and your family. We are increasing security measures and will have as many law enforcement officers on hand as possible. We will close the roads to any vehicular traffic that is not a resident going to and from their home. Guests are welcome, but will need to come in to Town by foot, or park outside of Golden Beach. We will screen every person entering and exiting the party and will have an abundance of civilian staff on hand as well to assist.

We will do everything humanly possible to make sure that you and your family remain safe and secure. However, you should also remain extra vigilant. What is taking place in the Middle East is unprecedented and impacting all of us on a global scale. If you feel that something is out of place, suspicious or strange, call the Town's Police Department at (305) 935-0940 immediately. For emergencies or to report immediate danger, call 9-1-1.



THIS EDITION OF THE GOLDEN BEACH MAGAZINE IS NOT LIKE ANY OTHER BEFORE.

As you all know, on October 7, 2023, the nation of Israel was victimized by an unprovoked attack by members of Hamas. These attacks, targeting civilians have no place in a civilized society to say the least. As soon as the attacks occurred, all Police Chiefs around South Florida, networking together, communicated with each other via a conference call. This Standard Operating Procedure is done in order to keep everyone abreast of all up-to-date intelligence information and to jointly coordinate efforts through our Mutual Aid Agreements. Our police department was immediately mobilized, increasing personnel on all shifts. Additionally, we assisted the Aventura Police Department during a pro-Israel rally and also the Sunny Isles Beach Police Department by deploying personnel to the synagogue at Ocean Boulevard and 195th Street.

The Police Staff worked through the weekend to ensure adequate staffing as the Golden Beach Police to make sure that you and your family are safe. We will continue to be vigilant, visible, proactive, and responsive to intelligence information from abroad, including the State and/or Federal Governments.

My biggest concern is you outside Golden Beach, so I need everyone to be aware of their surroundings when traveling to malls, grocery stores, etc. I don't want to suggest that we have received worrisome intelligence news, since as of yet, that's hasn't been the case. Still I would like everyone to be mindful of your surroundings. I want everyone to utilize us as your center of information, meaning, any concern or information that you might receive, even if you think that it is insignificant, let us know by calling the Substation.

Presently we are already making security operational plans for the upcoming holidays and gatherings in Town, such as the Halloween Event, Veteran's Day, etc. Early preparation allows us to adjust the Operational Plan as needed, and also to appropriately coordinate efforts with other outside entities.

Thank You,

Rudy Herbello, Chief of Police



PS. We have hired two additional police officers as we are trying to augment the police staffing. Officer Stephen Gonzales (formerly a Public Service Aide at the substation) and Officer Amanda Perez. Both of them are presently in the Field Training Officer Program and are anticipated to go into their solo assignments by January 2024.

Below are some updates on current projects underway in Town:

Civic Center Complex:

Work continues at the new Civic Center main building. Upcoming tasks will include the installation of the gold screening at the front of the building, exterior railings and building signage.

Audio/Visual equipment installation has begun.

Furniture installation is underway.

Elevator inspections are expected to occur at the end of October.

The building is expected to receive its Certificate of Occupancy in November.



Windows are installed and work continues on the façade of the Civic Center.

Earthwork is well underway for the amenities areas of Tweddle Park. This space will become new home of our Tennis Courts and Pickleball Courts.



Hotwire Services:

Sites for security cameras along intracoastal waterways are being finalized.

Upcoming Projects:

Milling and Resurfacing of South Parkway, North Parkway, North Island and Massini Avenue.

Installation of Permacast wall at West Lot.

By Michael Glidden

Halloween 2023

Golden Beach will host its **Halloween Event** in North Park, on **Tuesday, October 31** from **5PM-8PM**. This year's theme is inspired by "The Addams Family," so whether you're a more of a Morticia or feel a bit like Cousin It, come out and show your spooky side!

Given the recent circumstances occurring in the Middle East, this will be a smaller-scale Golden Beach Residents Only event. *This is an event for YOU, and we want to make your experience as safe and pleasurable as possible!*

We are also rolling out additional security measures to keep you and your family safe while celebrating.

Expect Road Closures

On October 31st, The Strand entrance of Town will close to visitors starting at 2PM and will remain closed to visitors for the duration of the event. Only Resident vehicles with Golden Beach decals/transponders or Residents with valid proof of Golden Beach Residency (Driver's License, Town ID) will be allowed to enter Town during the restricted hours. Normal access through The Strand

will resume after 8PM. This is an effort to deter non-residents from crowding an event that is meant for the enjoyment of Golden Beach residents and also serves as a safety measure. This policy will be strictly enforced;

deliveries like "UberEats" and other services will not be permitted to enter Town; Residents will need to collect deliveries at The Strand gatehouse during the restricted hours.

PLEASE NOTE: Construction sites must close by 2PM on 10/31/23.

Trick-or-Treaters

We ask that anyone driving through Town on Halloween be especially cautious, as trick-or-treaters will be

out on the streets. Trick-or-treaters may be excited or distracted, and may not see oncoming cars. Prevent an accident and drive slowly and carefully.

It is up to Residents whether or not they would like to participate in giving out candy to Trick-or-Treaters. Like every year, there is no requirement to give out candy or to open your door.



Golden Beach co-hosts MDCLC Meeting

In September, the Town of Golden Beach teamed up with the City of Sunny Isles and City of Aventura to host the Miami-Dade County League of Cities' Board of Directors Dinner. In an effort to engage with neighboring municipalities and promote idea sharing, members of the Golden Beach team welcomed other local officials. The Town is a proud member of the Florida League of Cities and consistently works to be sure your needs are met and addressed.



Golden Beach was represented by (L to R) *Town Attorney Stephen Helfman, Director of Public Services Kirk McKoy, Town Manager Alexander Diaz, Director of Resident Services Michael Glidden, Mrs. Kathie Einstein, Councilmember Bernard Einstein, Mayor Glenn Singer, Vice Mayor Kenneth Bernstein, Director of Facilities & General Maintenance Lissett Rovira, Director of Finance Maria Camacho, Town Clerk Lisette Perez, Assistant Town Manager Linda Epperson, Police Chief Rudy Herbello, and Mr. Roberto Gollo.*

Dog Safety

Golden Beach is a great community for four-legged friends. Between our quiet streets and open spaces, there are plenty of places for Residents to spend time with their pets. Our reimagined Tweddle Park project will even include dedicated dog park areas. However, it is important to mention that pet owners must take steps to protect their pets and ensure the safety of others.

Keep pets on a tight leash. When walking with animals be sure to keep them close to prevent them from lunging at or biting people or other animals. Pet owners whose pets injure people or other pets may be left open to liability as a result. Protect others and yourself by keeping your animals close to you.



Golden Beach Cares

The Town of Golden Beach stands in solidarity with the victims and families of those experiencing the unthinkable violence and chaos in the Middle East.

Recognizing that our diverse community has a large Jewish population, we are actively taking steps to ensure everyone's safety during these unprecedented and reprehensible developments.

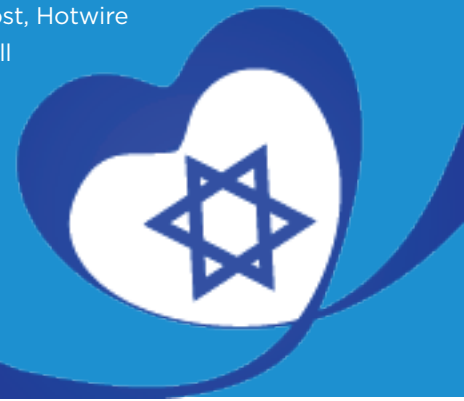
In an effort to protect our Residents from any potential dangers related to the conflict, the Golden Beach Police Department has increased security measures.

We ask that Residents also be extra vigilant; do not take security risks lightly. If you see something that seems out of place or suspicious, contact The Strand Gatehouse immediately at (305)935-0940. For emergencies or to

report immediate danger, call 911.

The GBPD is also in constant communication with Local and National Crime Agencies to monitor any potential threats. We are committed to keeping you safe. As an additional information source for Residents, at no cost, Hotwire Communication will be providing i24 NEWS, an Israeli news network on Channel 682."

See Something, Say Something.



Fall Vibes Only: Celebrate Autumn by cozying up around our fire pit.

Fire Pit Rules

The Town allows Residents to reserve the fire pit at the Beach Pavilion. Please see details below for how to reserve this amenity.

- To reserve the fire pit in advance, Residents must complete a Special Events Permit with the Town. A refundable deposit is required to reserve.
- If there is no pending reservation, the fire pit may be used on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Resident must call the substation at (305)935-0940 and provide their name, address and a valid phone number. Keys to the fire pit will be supplied at the substation.
- Permitted events being held at the Beach Pavilion have first-right-of-refusal for use of fire pits during their event hours.
- Users must be age 18 or over.
- If users are under 18, a parent must be present.
- No roasting marshmallows.
- Resident may be held responsible for any damage from use.

AROUND TOWN



In Memoriam

The Town recognizes the recent passing
of longtime Resident

Isaac Hardoon

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

New Amenities are Coming!

Want to be the first to use our newest amenities?

Join BuildingLink today!

Golden Beach is “building links” across our community.

Register for the Building Link app now!

The app will grant access to new amenities, reservations, communication and more!

Keep in mind, BuildingLink is a unique user platform; that means every person in your home who plans to use Town amenities must have their own user account.

Visit www.goldenbeach.us to register



Painting is Back!

Painting at the Pavilion returned in October. Attendees learned how to paint a festive Halloween owl, spooky! Stay tuned for additional painting classes, and remember RSVP early as headcounts are limited!



It Comes Back



Bacterial blooms, beach closures, and that general skeezy feeling you get when you wonder why the water is unsafe to swim in; none of these things bring a smile to any South Floridian's face. Often time's people are quick to point the finger, thinking it must be septic tank leaching or a sewer pipe that's burst, but they fail to realize that they may be contributing to the issue themselves. If you own a boat, and you've ever offloaded your toilet into a waterway instead of a pump out station, you may want to reconsider ever doing that again. It comes back. As vast and open as our waterways may appear, a seemingly forgivable dump can have nasty consequences. Bacteria loves

South Florida's sultry summer water temperatures just as much as we do, and it provides them a perfect breeding ground to reproduce and run wild. Do the right thing when it comes to offloading your boat, visit a local pump out station to safely empty your nautical waste, your neighbors and our beaches will thank you!

King Tides Season Continues

King Tides are the highest tides of the year and can result in street flooding.

- Road closures may occur as a result of flooding.
- Avoid driving through flooded streets as it may cause your car to stall, or unseen objects below the surface may cause damage to your car.
- Wash your car thoroughly if it does come into contact with flood waters as they are high in salt deposits which could cause damage.

King Tides can be expected the following dates:

- October 25 - November 1, 2023
- November 13 - 15, 2023
- November 25 - 28, 2023

