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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

As we come to the close of 2023, we are excited about what is to come in the New Year.



We embarked on this journey to build a state of the art, one of a kind Civic Center. From the beginning in 2019, with the request for proposals for the project design and build, we have pushed through the global pandemic and supply/demand issues. Now, we are excited

because we can clearly see the completion of this project. We will move into the new Civic Center by the end of this year and we will have our tennis, pickle ball, and basketball amenities completed by mid-2024.

We are currently seeking submittals from design professionals to design our new Wellness Center. The scope of work should include a fully equipped gym, a kid's indoor play space, an outdoor pavilion, community gathering space and other amenities. We hope to start construction by the end of 2024.

Our hearts go out to everyone affected by the current events in the Middle East. In light of the global conflict, the Town has donated to a non-profit organization that provides disaster relief, ambulance, and blood donor services to areas currently affected. The Town has stepped up our security and police protocols to ensure that all of our residents are safe and that they feel safe. Please know that security is our top priority for our residents.

We encourage all of our residents to do their part to secure their property and promptly report any suspicious activity. Please review the public safety announcement I have posted on the Town's website specifically regarding securing your vehicles.



From right to left: Nicole Sutton, Tamar Dinetz, Alexandra Akerstain and Zoe Schrager, seniors at Hillel School, met with Mayor Glenn Singer on October 26, 2023. The young ladies are part of a school project which gathers information from local communities to see how they are supporting the current crisis in Israel.

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

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

Your Mayor,

Glenn Singer

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The following letter was read at the
October 24, 2023 Town Council Meeting

October 24, 2023



My fellow Residents of our
Town of Golden Beach, Mayor
and Councilmembers,

I am before you with the
heaviest of hearts. I collectively
share with you the pain of the
barbaric atrocities inflicted
on an innocent people I will
and cannot not remain silent

---I stand before you today

as a second-generation Holocaust survivor, bearing
witness to a history marred by unimaginable horror and
unspeakable cruelty. My personal connection to this dark
chapter in human history is both profound and painful.
All four of my grandparents, 16 uncles and aunts – my
entire extended family – were slaughtered by the Nazis,
their lives extinguished simply because of their faith, their
heritage, their identity.

My parents, however, were among the few who emerged
from the depths of Auschwitz, survivors of an ordeal
that defies description. Their journey through that hellish
place was a testament to the resilience of the human
spirit. They endured inhumane conditions, witnessed the
depths of human cruelty, and yet somehow found the
strength to endure, to hold onto hope, and to carry on.

As the child of survivors, I have not only inherited the
pain of their experiences but also the profound duty to
remember, to honor, and to ensure that the world never
forgets the horrors of the Holocaust. We must tell the
stories of those who perished, of the millions of innocent
lives that were extinguished in the darkness of hatred. We
must also tell the stories of resilience, of survival, and of
the unwavering human spirit that refused to be broken.

The Holocaust is not just a chapter in a history book; it is
a chilling reminder of the depths to which humanity can
sink when hatred, bigotry, and intolerance are allowed to
thrive. It is a stark warning of what can happen when we
turn a blind eye to discrimination and prejudice, allowing
them to fester and grow.

Today, as we gather to remember the past weeks
unmentionable atrocities in Israel, the slaughtering of
innocent children woman and men – I want to look to the
future. It is our moral obligation to ensure that the world
never again witnesses such atrocities. We must teach our
children the lessons of tolerance, empathy, and respect
for all people, regardless of their background, religion, or
ethnicity. We must stand up against hate in all its forms,
knowing that silence can too easily become complicity.

In a world where hatred still rears its ugly head, it is up
to us to be vigilant, to protect the values of freedom,
democracy, and human rights. We must ensure that the
lessons of the Holocaust are not buried in the past but
are carried forward into the future as a living testament
to the power of resilience, compassion, and the
indomitable human spirit.

As a second-generation Holocaust survivor, my family's
history is a haunting reminder of the importance of
remembrance and the responsibility we all share to
ensure that such horrors are never repeated. I honor
the memories of my loved ones by standing together
against intolerance, hatred, and injustice, and by creating
a world where the light of humanity forever banishes the
shadows of hatred and cruelty.

Thank you for listening to me in this solemn
remembrance, and let us pledge to work together to
make "Never Again" –not just a slogan but a promise to
future generations. Please do not remain silent.

Councilmember Bernard Einstein

HOW FAST THIS YEAR HAS GONE BY.

In reflecting back it has been a year with many blessings,
but also despair including the tragic events in the Middle
East and one of our Sergeants being shot while pursuing
car thieves. Still, many other great things have transpired
in Golden Beach, especially with all of the progress with
different infrastructure projects being developed to make
this community the envy of South Florida.

All things considered, as we enter the holidays we still have
some concerns that must be addressed to minimize the
chance for you to become a victim of a crime of opportu-
nity. Our officers continue to notice that residents are still
leaving their vehicles unlocked with the car/house keys
inside the vehicles. They have also noticed that residents
are leaving the garage doors as well as their front gates
wide open.

We need our residents to understand that crime doesn't
occur spontaneously, and may occur days after the prop-
erty was being surveilled/observed by a suspect(s). Crime
Pattern is a way of explaining why crimes are committed
in certain areas. Crime is not random, it is either planned or
opportunistic. Crime happens when the activity space of
a victim intersects with the activity space of an offender.
A person's daily activity and/or pattern such as the arrival
time at home, work, school, shopping areas, entertainment
areas, etc. The course or route a person takes to and from
these locations are called personal paths.

There is a Crime Pattern Theory that claims that a crime
involving an offender and a victim can only occur when the
activity spaces of both cross paths. Therefore, a pattern of
behavior and/or daily routine will help assailants determine
your daily routine and schedule and plan when to commit
a crime.

Rules to Crime Pattern




1. Criminals travel on a day-to-day basis making decisions
based on the daily activities of their victims. When de-
cisions to commit crime are made, this is called a "crime
template."
2. Usually criminals do not function individually, they are
almost always involved in some type of network such as
family or friends.
3. The accumulation of newspapers and mail is a sign that
no one is home. Stop the correspondence and newspaper
while on vacation.

4. Do not leave windows or doors
unlocked. Close garage doors when
not in use.
5. You might be surprised that not all of the homes are
burglarized by strangers. A report from the U.S Department
of Justice revealed that 66% of burglaries are committed
by someone who knows the victim. Be cautious of who you
allow into your home.
6. Limit visibility of valuables and make it hard for an in-
truder to see them from the outside.
7. Light up your house at night. It's a deterrent and it helps
police search for offenders.
8. Instruct your Alarm Company to call the Golden Beach
Police Substation before calling you or calling the Miami
Dade Police Department. We don't mind checking your
house, even if it is a false alarm.
9. Be vigilant. If you see something suspicious call us imme-
diately. We would rather check the complaint and assure
that everything is ok than risk potential criminal activities
occurring. "SEE SOMETHING - SAY SOMETHING"
10. Document serial numbers of all electronics, watches,
etc. and take pictures of valuables.
11. Request a "Residential Security Survey" from the Golden
Beach Police Department, which provides a general assess-
ment of the vulnerability of your residence. For information,
call the Executive Assistant to the Chief, Patricia Bocio at
(305) 936-2444.
12. One final safety tip is that as you head home or even to
work, if you believe that you are being followed, consider
the following;
 - > Call and/or go to the nearest police station.
 - > If you decide to call, stay with them on the line and
if possible give the 911-dispatcher a description of the
car and how many occupants, while advising your
trajectory.
 - > If you are heading back home to Golden Beach, you
need to advise the Guard House so we can wait for you
at your residence and at the same time stop the occu-
pants and question their motives.




Thank You

Rudy Herbello, Chief of Police



SEASON'S GREETINGS



**The Mayor and Town Council
would like to wish our Residents
a Happy & Healthy Holiday Season!
We look forward to continuing
to serve YOU
as we enter an exciting
and eventful 2024!**



Mayor Glenn Singer
Vice Mayor Kenneth Bernstein
Councilmember Bernard Einstein
Councilmember Judy Lusskin
Councilmember Jaime Mendal
Town Manager Alexander Diaz



Make History, be a part of the Golden Beach Time Capsule

The Town is collecting items for the Civic Center time capsule. Items must be no larger than shoe-box sized. The items will be sealed within the walls of the Civic Center and will be opened in 25 years. What will life in Golden Beach be like in 2049? Write a message to future Golden Beach, include items that speak about you and your families' experience in Town! Items will be collected at Town Hall through Friday, December 22, 2023. For questions, please contact Director of Resident Services, Michael Glidden at mglidden@goldenbeach.us.



A Simple Way to Say Thanks

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

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



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



NOTICE

From the Golden Beach Police Department

RE: Lost/Abandoned Property

If you have any property that is in the possession of the Golden Beach Police Department, (GBPD) Property and Evidence Section, and you have been cleared to pick it up, please make an appointment to pick up your property. You must bring the following items with you: A Golden Beach Police Department Case Number or Court Case Number; A Picture Identification (State Driver's License, State ID Card, Passport, or U.S. Armed Forces ID Card); An original Return of Property court order (if applicable); A Golden Beach Police Department issued Property Receipt.

Lt. Leila Perez is the Property and Evidence Custodian, and anyone who has legal claim to said property, may contact the Lieutenant at Leilaperez@goldenbeach.us or you may call her at 786-859-5346 to set up an appointment.

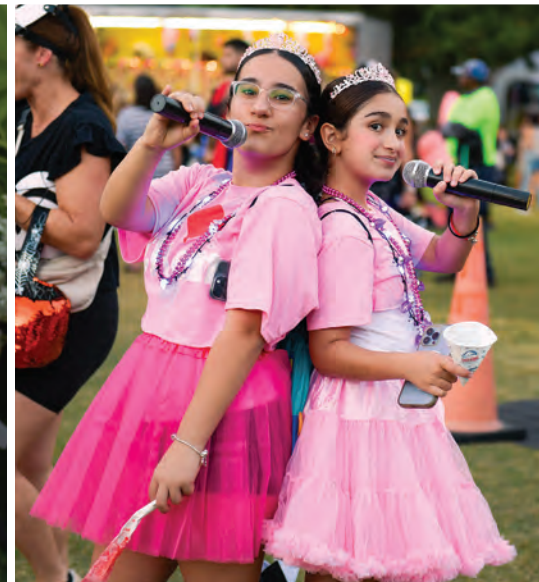
Also keep in mind that there is lost and found (abandoned) property items that are in the custody of our Property Room. If you have a photo or description of what you lost, it would be helpful to reunite you with your found property.



Pursuant to Section 705.103, Florida Statutes:

After 90 days, the Golden Beach Police Department may elect to destroy the property, retain the property for its government agency, donate the property to a charitable organization, sell the property, or surrender the property to the finder, if it remains unclaimed.

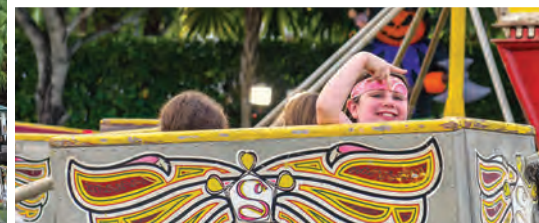
AROUND TOWN



Golden Beach welcomes The Addams Family!

The Town celebrated Halloween with a “mysterious and spooky” Addams Family themed event in North Park!

It was a festive and fun time for Residents of all ages. Check out our special keepsake photo album of event, and be sure to stay tuned for more upcoming activities in Town!



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The annual Halloween event is organized by the Resident Services Department, Jisel Krepp (seated) and department director Michael Glidden.

