



## Golden Beach Newsletter January 2021

### 2021 Parking Passes & Directory

New Parking Passes and the Membership Directory have all arrived from the printer, and are now on their way to you. Please expect to receive them in the near future. The delay in distribution was caused primarily by a printing problem: the 'stickers' originally received were printed without the 'stickum', and had to be redone. Due to the delay in distributing our parking passes, *2020 GBAI parking stickers and guest passes will be honored through the end of January.*



*Volunteers led by Elizabeth Virgilio prep GBAI Parking Pass mailing*

**Parking Enforcement** When parking at the beach access, please display a GBAI Member parking sticker (lower front windshield, driver's side) or guest pass (face up on dashboard). In recent weeks 23 warnings or citations (with fines) have been issued to vehicles illegally parked in the Golden Beach Associates beach access lot. If a car doesn't have a parking pass, ticket writers assume it doesn't belong to a GBAI Member. We don't want any members ticketed or towed in error, so please display your beach access parking credentials.

**Pavilion Reservations** In keeping with guidelines on minimizing Covid-19 spread via social gatherings, the restriction on reserving the beach access pavilion will remain in place this month. Stay safe and well.



**Mystery Benefactor?** As reported last month, dog water bowls at the beach access have been disappearing. A mystery benefactor left the dogs of Golden Beach a surprise holiday gift – five stainless steel water bowls! The gift was delivered during Christmas week, so on behalf of the thirsty pets of Golden Beach ... thank you Sandy Claws!

**Electronic Directory** GBAI is researching ways to reduce the large amount of volunteer labor required in projects such as our directory, while simultaneously improving communications among members. To that end, a survey of GBAI membership was done to determine whether an electronic membership directory would meet member needs. A high percentage of members responded, with 87% of respondents stating that an electronic directory would meet their needs, 12% stating that it would not, and 1% with no opinion. A team of GBAI Members will continue to look at options for creating an electronic directory, retaining the ability to create a printed directory if needed, and improving communication among members.

### Neighbor in the Dunes

Hiroshi Teshigahara's 1964 film classic *Woman in the Dunes* has perplexed generations of liberal arts undergraduates with this question: *what does it mean?*

To those of us who live near a beach, the simplest answer to that existential question may be best -- sand gets everywhere, and it is a constant challenge to keep it where it belongs. So belatedly we thank our neighbor Frank DiLorenzo for his great unprompted work in digging out beach benches that were half-buried in sand by Tropical Storm Eta during her visit to Venice last November. Thank you Frank!



*Bench with a sand problem from Eta ...*



*and after shovel work by Frank.*