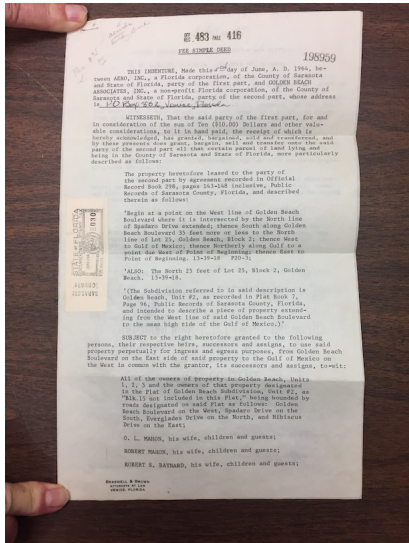




## Golden Beach Newsletter March 2021



### The Treasure of Golden Beach (or) Ten Dollars Well Spent

GBAI banks with SunTrust in Venice. SunTrust is in the process of merging with BB&T. Combined, they are the 6<sup>th</sup> largest bank in the United States.

On a recent routine bank visit, GBAI officers renewed our safe deposit box agreement with SunTrust. As part of the process, our box was pulled from the vault for a review of the contents. Naturally, speculation ran high on what would be found in the box, with the legendary Treasure of Golden Beach in the lead. A good size bag of Gold Doubloons and Pieces of Eight seemed a pretty reasonable expectation.

In reality we found only some old papers, a bit disappointing at first. A closer look revealed the papers to be a rich history of the foundation of Golden Beach neighborhood. The 1964 document shown here is the *Fee Simple Deed* documenting the transfer of ownership of our beach access easement from AERO to GBAI for “... the sum of Ten (\$10) Dollars ...” Certainly \$10 well spent!

**Beach Parking** Parking at the beach access lot is in very high demand. GBAI and Venice Parking Enforcement are no longer honoring 2020 passes. To ensure space for all, please park no more than one vehicle per household in the lot during peak season, and display a 2021 GBAI Member parking sticker (*installed on the lower front windshield, driver’s side*) or guest pass (*placed face up on dashboard*). In the month of February, seven parking warnings were issued by GBAI and one parking ticket was issued by the City of Venice.

**Dick Heavern** Our neighbor Dick Heavern passed away in February. Dick is survived by his beloved wife Eleanor and his extended family of children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends. Dick was a sportsman, a long-time member of MIT Lincoln Laboratory, and a good neighbor.



### **A Meal Fit for a King**

Venice is a Monarch-friendly city. Monarch butterflies are seasonal residents of Golden Beach, wintering here on a stopover in their lengthy annual migration. The Monarch has a symbiotic relationship with the milkweed plant – each is essential to the welfare of the other. Neighbors Susan and Bill Fender, retired from careers in the orchid business, turned their green thumbs to propagating Monarch-friendly milkweed plants. They sponsored a recent Sunday ‘giveaway’ event, providing free plants to Golden Beach residents. The event enabled over 100 new milkweed plantings, creating Monarch-friendly yard environments. *Bonus: the plants grow easily and flower beautifully.*



## Good Samaritan Bird of Paradise?

*Q: What kind of bird wears Adidas?*

*A: A Good Samaritan Bird of Paradise*

Locals report that this photo documents the retrieval of a Pickle Ball, which was lost to the tree during an impromptu neighborhood street game.

The retrieval of the lost ball shows kindness, thrift, ecological awareness, athleticism, and good taste in footwear ... so we know that this must be a Golden Beach neighbor, but can't be certain exactly who from the legs alone.



## Golden Beach Valentine

If Omar Khayyam had known of the Golden Beach benches when he penned his *Rubaiyat* back in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, the famous verse might read *a jug of wine, a loaf of bread, a sand shovel and thou.*

Neighbors Karen and John Calder shared a Valentine's Day picnic on Golden Beach this year, bringing along a shovel and together excavating a bench that had been half-buried in sand by a recent winter storm.

Omar would give two thumbs up!



*Before and ...*



*After*



### **A little off around the ears, please**

One day an observant person looked up and realized our palm trees had gotten a bit shaggy and needed a trim. The result looks terrific.



### **Free Karmic Bonus Points Available, BYOS (bring your own shovel).**

The outdoor shower drain has filled up with sand again. Anyone who cleaned it out would accrue many Karmic Bonus Points, which always prove useful in a pinch.

The clean out process itself is very simple ...

- 1) Lift the grate
- 2) Shovel out the sand
- 3) Replace the grate



**Coming to the easement near you:** our existing beach storage shed will be replaced soon with a larger version. The new 8'x12' cottage-style shed will be an attractive structure, painted and roofed to blend in nicely with the environment. The current shed doesn't provide enough storage to meet community needs.