

Golden Beach Newsletter 4/10/20

**GOLDEN BEACHERS.:**

Venice may be an island but you are not, we are all in this together. "Social Distancing" needs to be replaced by "Physical Distancing". I'd encourage you to reach out to friends and family through text, phone or video. We need to be resilient through positive self talk, humor, exercise and embracing meaning. Even though we are all quarantined it is wonderful to see so many of you biking and walking while keeping a socially appropriate distance. Many feel blessed that the weather has been sunny and pleasant during this time. Snowbirds, hope you had a safe travel home and you are missed. Keep staying positive!

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED IN OCTOBER** for bringing garbage to the curb on Monday and Thursdays. Please contact Mike Mueller or any board member.

**CHARITY EVENT NEXT SPRING:** Please contact Peter Virgilio at 617-413-6301 if you want to be part of the committee that organizes this event that raises money and awareness for a cause of the committee's choosing from suggestions submitted by Golden Beachers.

**PARKING:**

Remember to put your Golden Beach sticker or guest pass in your drivers side windshield. The parking lot is being monitored daily if not hourly. Those that do not have passes have and will be ticketed and towed.

**SEA TURTLE SEASON STARTS END OF APRIL:**

Sea Turtle nesting season is almost here!

**REMEMBER: NO LIGHTS ON AT BEACH. NO DOGS ON BEACH**

With all the struggles the sea turtles had last year with red tide, we hope they find our beaches more welcoming this year! Each of us can assist in protecting Golden Beach's environment for the shore's wildlife of sea turtles and shore birds by becoming aware of some environmental reasons why dogs are not allowed on any Sarasota County beach other than Brohard Beach Paw Park in Venice and by complying.

The overarching environmental reason for this rule are that nothing should disturb sea turtle or shore bird nesting or nests. The impacts that dogs can have on nesting and nests are:

- Disturbing nesting female sea turtles on the beach forcing them to abandon the nesting attempt
- Disturbing sea turtle nests causing turtle eggs stop embryonic development
- Exposing the eggs or hatchlings in the nest to predators

– Scaring adult birds off their nests, leaving eggs and hatchlings unprotected from heat or an easy target for other predators

Service dogs are the one exception. In accordance with Americans with Disabilities Act Title III regulations, disabled individuals are allowed to be accompanied by service dogs on any beach open to the public. Emotional support animals, comfort animals and therapy dogs are not considered service animals under Title II and Title III of the ADA.

**NO SMOKING ZONE:** By popular demand, the beach access area (from Golden Beach Boulevard entrance to the water line) is now officially a No-Smoking zone. We ask that you be considerate of your neighbors.