



Golden Beach Newsletter June 2021

A Letter to Golden Beach Family

To Golden Beach,

We are often questioned on why we chose Venice, and specifically Golden Beach, for our permanent home. We really couldn't put into words what it was that drew us here. We just knew that after searching and arriving here, this was home. There is the weather, amenities, a nice downtown and the beach, but other places have those, too. What makes this place, Golden Beach, so special is that it isn't just a neighborhood.

One of our two dogs, Vinny, recently became ill and died during a brief period of time. Like so many of the dogs in the neighborhood, he was known by name and personality. He never knew a stranger and was often seen being petted as neighbors met and chatted on the street. The outpouring of empathy and compassion shown to us when we lost Vinny has been very humbling. Tears were shed, cards and texts were received. Those thoughts and expressions have meant so much to us and have eased the grief we have felt in our loss. It wasn't just words tossed our way as a social norm. It has been the personal knowledge of Vinny's personality, interactions with him, offers of assistance and suggestions, caring for Snoopy who was also suffering.

We have lost other dogs, but this community, in this place and at this time, is a very special place with heart and soul, a sense of both community and respect for individuality, and a love of dogs we haven't experienced anywhere else. Golden Beach is not just a neighborhood, it is a family of unique individuals, all getting along, sometimes squabbling, sometimes not. Always banding together as a family does when needed.

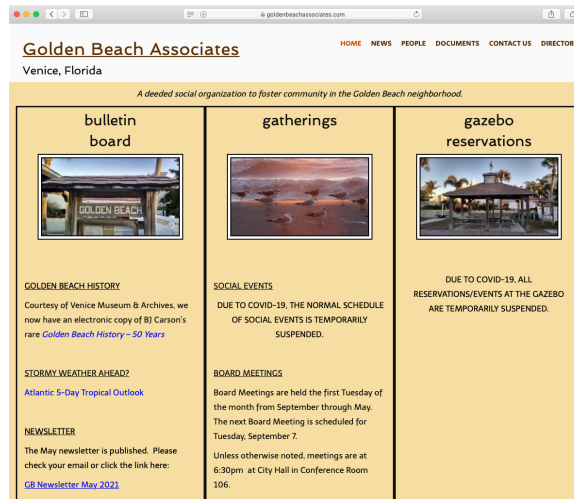
So when people ask what is so special about Golden Beach, our new answer is, "YOU, our family, something and everything we should never take for granted."

Thank you,

Gigi, Sandi and Snoopy

Golden Beach Website

In 2020, GBAI began a two-phase project focused on communication. Phase one concentrated on improving beach access signage, making clearer the simple rules on who may use our beach access, and how – messaging targeted primarily to the general public. Phase two, underway now, is focused on easy communications among ourselves as residents of Golden Beach.



Earlier this year a committee of Golden Beach members began the evaluation of commercial solutions offered by popular ‘association management’ software companies. After a rigorous study of our specific needs (“*Hey, that feature would be really useful!*”) and a cost/benefit analysis of the pricing plans for turn-key packages from established vendors (“*They want how much?? For what??*”), the committee recommended GBAI instead pursue the possibility of meeting most of our needs, at a fraction of the cost, through enhancements to our existing website. After some further exploration, that approach appears promising.

The GBAI website – www.goldenbeachassociates.com – is a live site. You can visit it today. You will find both long-standing and newer content. Some features – for example improved security through protocol migration from http to https – are less obvious but no less important.

Our home page has its traditional column layout: bulletin board, gatherings, and gazebo reservations, plus tabs linked to each section below.

Under *News* tab: newsletters

Under *People* tab: board members, committee members, street captains

Under *Documents* tab: Charter & Bylaws, meeting minutes, [Golden Beach History-50 Years](#) booklet

Under *Contact Us* tab: membership application, Contact Us form

Under *Directory* tab: page is currently under construction.

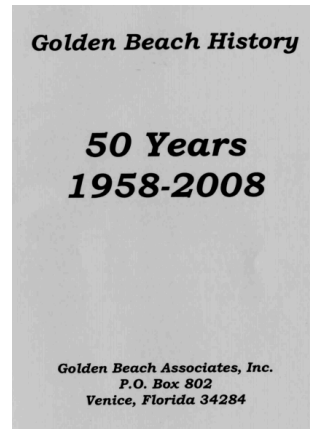
More information to come as the project progresses.

Golden Beach History - 50 Years

With the help of the team at Venice Museum & Archives (<https://www.venicemuseum.org>), GBAI has secured a digital copy of BJ Carson's hard-to-find limited edition classic publication: *Golden Beach History – 50 Years*.

Our copy is available online on the Golden Beach website (<https://www.goldenbeachassociates.com>), in the Documents section.

The history includes information on the formation of Golden Beach, our first houses, hazards of feeding alligators, digging the big ditch, intro of the 3-wheel bicycle to the neighborhood, even political shenanigans from 1967 with the attempted secret annexation of our beach – but mostly, it includes a fascinating cast of neighbors over the years!



Seemed like a clever idea at the time... The driver of a vehicle parked illegally at your beach access lot recently received a warning ticket. In a moment of pre-school level cleverness, they thought *"I'll solve this problem by just moving the warning to another car!"* But wait ... although he or she doesn't see it, a record of the violating car license plate number still exists, logged separately when the warning was issued. Yes, it is true: that GBAI parking violation is on the Permanent Record. If the driver continues to violate parking rules, one day they may return from a lovely day on the beach to find their car has been towed due to repeat violations. As for the neighbor who's perfectly legitimate car was mis-papered by this miscreant ... neighbor, you have nothing to worry about, and thank you for displaying your parking credentials when parking at the beach.

Gazebo Reservations Due to Covid restrictions, Golden Beach Associates has a moratorium on formal reservations of the easement and gazebo. The moratorium was adopted to best comply with CDC and City of Venice guidelines on public gatherings. However, members may informally gather at the gazebo and easement. The board asks that members use their own best judgment as to COVID-19 prevention measures. The question of whether there is a continued need for the moratorium, or it can be lifted based on then current conditions, will be discussed in the next Board meeting in early September.



**Now Available
By Popular Demand**

Discerning drivers often see the beautiful Golden Beach license plates on vehicles in the neighborhood, and ask "how do I get one of those for my ride??"

Golden Beach Associates Vice President Mike Mueller recently confirmed the availability of a limited number of these genuine and unique collectible plates. *Do not be deceived by shoddy discount knock-offs offered elsewhere: these plates are the real deal, and obtainable only through Golden Beach Associates.*

For the ridiculously low sum of just \$10 one can be yours. If you would like a Golden Beach license plate of your own (or as a thoughtful gift for that special someone!) contact Mike by phone at 314-477-7844 or by email at mikemueller33@att.net.

Special Offer! With each purchase of a Golden Beach license plate in June, buyer will also receive a high-quality rust resistant Stainless Steel Universal License Plate Mounting Kit including four (4) Fully Adjustable Helical Precision Mounting Devices! →



Mounting Kit

FINE PRINT: Offer good while supplies last. First come, first served. Quantities limited unless we find more. Prices may rise in the future if we come to our senses. Eligibility limited to all who want one. Volume Purchase Discounts: After purchase of first plate, every additional plate is only an additional \$10. Mount plate wherever you like, subject to local laws, but do not replace your existing state license plate. Not a substitute for a GBAI parking sticker or guest pass!



Turtle Nesting Precautions Visitors to the beach this month have seen the proliferation of turtle nests, with new ones being marked daily by MOTE Marine volunteers. MOTE says that turtles (both nesting moms and new-born hatchlings) are very easily confused by lights.

MOTE suggests that we not use flashlights or flash cameras on the beach through September. The turtles thank you!

