



Golden Beach Newsletter August 2021

Lasting legacy of the Spadaro brothers

Joseph and Antony Spadaro are significant figures in local history. Without their vision, the Golden Beach we know today would not exist. Venice author Larry Humes recently wrote a fascinating article in the *Venice Gondolier* focused on the Spadaro brothers. Larry was kind enough to give Golden Beach Associates permission to reprint his article. The full article, published in the July 18 edition of the *Venice Gondolier*, can be found on the Golden Beach website:



<https://ecbiz238.inmotionhosting.com/~golde288/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/JSpadaro-GB.pdf>

Beach Access Incidents

There have been several incidents at the Golden Beach access in recent months, ranging from the simply unfortunate to the potentially dangerous. These have included the discarding of sacks of household garbage, theft of Golden Beach property, public urination and defecation, use of the beach shower and gazebo by the apparently homeless, and threatening behaviors from individuals receiving warnings or tickets for illegal parking. These incidents generally involved individuals who were believed to be trespassing on Golden Beach property.

Please be aware as you use the beach access that your safety, and the safety of your neighbors and guests, is paramount. Do report any inappropriate activity you observe both to the Venice police (**941-486-2444**), and to the Golden Beach board (contact@goldenbeachassociates.com). Please do not place yourself at risk.

Multiple neighbors have requested that Golden Beach Associates consider additional security measures to better regulate use of the beach access and parking lot. This fall the GBAI board will discuss what actions could be taken to reduce the incidence of trespassing at the Golden Beach access, and whether those actions would be beneficial to the experience of living in Golden Beach.

2022 Golden Beach Membership Application

Applications for 2022 Golden Beach Membership will be mailed in early September. BOLO (*be on the look out*) for the 2022 membership application coming to your mailbox soon!

Contacting Golden Beach Associates -- 2 easy ways!

If you need to contact Golden Beach Associates with a problem, a question, or a suggestion there are two quick and easy ways:

Email: contact@goldenbeachassociates.com

Or use the *Contact Us* page on the Golden Beach website:

<https://www.goldenbeachassociates.com/>



Please do not contact Elizabeth!

Mote Distressed Sea Turtle Reporting: 941-388-4331

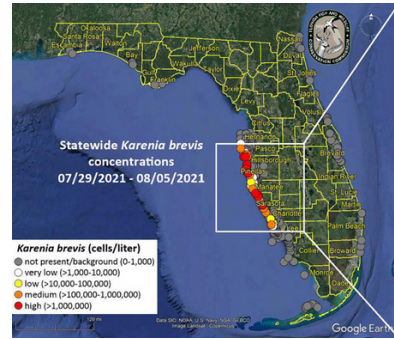
Notice a problem with sea turtle nests, eggs, hatchling or adult nesting turtles? Call Mote's Sea Turtle number: **941-388-4331**. At the end of the message an after-hours number is given.

If you find a disoriented hatchling or a hatchling in distress and cannot reach Mote immediately the most important thing to know is: ***Put the hatchling in a bucket with a damp towel or damp sand, but NO water.***

Red Tide

August brought a bloom of Red Tide (*Karenia brevis*) to the southwest coast of Florida, with accompanying respiratory irritation and fish kills. The City of Venice made major efforts in cleaning our beaches of dead animals, significantly reducing the unpleasant effects here in Golden Beach. For up-to-date information and forecasts on Red Tide, please visit this state maintained Red Tide website:

<https://myfwc.com/research/redtide/statewide/>



Hurricane Season

Golden Beach was very lucky in the first months of hurricane season, with only a single tropical storm impacting us. The season continues for the next several months, and we will almost certainly see more storms. For storm forecasts, travel paths, arrival times and local impacts please see:

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/gtwo.php?basin=atlc&fdays=5>

Florida also publishes a useful guide to preparedness:

<https://www.stateofflorida.com/articles/hurricane-preparedness-guide/>

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.



Turtle Nesting Precautions

The turtle nests covering the beach are now hatching! MOTE tells us that turtles (both nesting moms and new-born hatchlings) are very easily confused by lights.

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

