



Golden Beach Newsletter September 2021

2022 Golden Beach Membership Application Golden Beach Associates membership applications were mailed to all homeowners, and more than 100 applications have already been returned! If you've already returned yours, thank you. If not, now could be a good time.

All the benefits of Yoga?

For a dog, it doesn't get much better than living in Golden Beach. And for people, the pets of Golden Beach are a joy to have in the neighborhood.



Please pick up after your dogs. It isn't hard. Simply bend, stretch, pick up their poop in a bag, tie a knot in the bag and take it home to the garbage. Think of it as a form of Yoga, with all the associated benefits: daily bending and stretching keeps you in shape, and leaving the neighborhood environment clean for all to enjoy gives huge karmic bonus points.

The City of Venice has this to say about owner obligations for pet waste removal:

Code of Ordinances Sec. 10-8. - Removal of animal waste deposited on public or private property.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person owning any animal or having any animal in his care or control to permit or allow such animal to deposit excrement upon public or private property not owned or leased by the animal owner or custodian unless the animal owner or custodian immediately removes the deposited excrement and properly disposes of it in a sanitary manner.

(b) Every owner or custodian of any animal shall carry adequate means of removing any animal excrement deposits whenever taking or accompanying his animal outdoors on property not owned or leased by the animal owner or custodian.

Please do pick up after your pets. Your neighbors thank you!



Wildlife Center of Southwest Florida

Dedicated to rehabilitating wildlife, the Wildlife Center of Southwest Florida is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that cares for native wild birds, mammals and reptiles, with the exception of marine mammals. The organization, originally begun as a backyard project, now has 125 volunteers and cared for more than 6000 animals in 2020. At the very local level ... Wildlife Center volunteers have rescued distressed bunnies from the yards of Golden Beach. For more information on what to do if you find a distressed animal, to volunteer or to contribute materials or funds, please visit <https://wildlifeswfl.org>

Rodent Control

Several neighbors report recently finding dead rats in their yards. Neighbors have also spotted a Great Horned Owl behaving very oddly, as if it may be suffering from exposure to rat poison. Owls – along with other birds, raccoons, dogs, cats and snakes – are all predators who hunt rats and help keep the rat population in check. When they catch and consume a poisoned rat, they are poisoned in turn.



The Wildlife Center suggests that rather than using rat poisons, solving a rat problem boils down to depriving rats of the two things they seek: food and shelter. The best way to keep rats away from your home is to deprive them of food sources, seal any small openings in your home, and keep the predator animals who prey on rats healthy. For additional information on the dangers of rat and rodent poisons in the food web, please visit RATS – “Raptors Are The Solution” – at <https://raptorsarethesolution.org>

A good landing ... is any landing you can walk away from

On the morning of September 9th a cavalcade of emergency vehicles converged on the golf course by Venice Airport. A small plane attempting a landing at the airport had apparently run into difficulties, missed its planned landing, touched down and flipped near the golf course. The very good news is both pilot and passenger were able to walk away from the dramatic landing.



Beach Access

Even in the first half of quiet September, we've had 2 incidents at the beach access that required the services of the Venice police department. Each incident involved individuals who should not have been using the deeded beach access or parking area – they were neither Golden Beach homeowners nor guests of homeowners.

Multiple neighbors have requested that Golden Beach Associates consider additional measures to better regulate use of the beach access and parking lot. A committee of GBAI board and Golden Beach community members are discussing what measures could be taken to reduce the incidence of trespassing at the Golden Beach access, and whether those measures would be beneficial to the experience of living in Golden Beach. If that committee recommends any significant changes to our current beach access arrangements, their recommendation will be placed before Golden Beach property owners for an approval vote before implementation.

Gazebo Reservations Due to Covid restrictions, the moratorium on formal reservations of the easement and gazebo will remain in place until further notice.

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/>

