



Golden Beach Newsletter November 2021

Annual Meeting The Annual Meeting of the members of Golden Beach Associates will be held on Monday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Venice City Hall; www.goldenbeachassociates.com will be updated with the room number as soon as it is provided to GBAI. All members welcome!!

2022 Golden Beach Membership 252 membership applications were received by November 1. *Thank you* to all who joined GBAI for 2022! If you haven't yet joined but do want to – membership is still available. Do you need an application? Go to: www.goldenbeachassociates.com. Click on *Contact Us* on the upper right. On the Contact Us page you will find a link to the 2022 Membership Application.

Thanksgiving Visitor to Golden Beach?

In the first days of November, neighbors were surprised to spot an unusual visitor in the neighborhood. Speculation ran high on what kind of bird it was, but eventually all believed their eyes and agreed: it was a turkey, and just in time for Thanksgiving!

Further study identified the bird as an Osceola turkey – full name *Meleagris gallopavo Osceola*. These large birds are not snowbirds, but are Florida natives and a subspecies of the eastern wild turkey. The Golden Beach bird is probably a hen or a nearly grown juvenile.



The bird roamed the neighborhood for several days, visiting here and there, foraging for food and roosting in the trees at night.

Realizing that turkeys are flock birds, and that our visitor was probably lost and anxious (*'hey, where's the rest of the flock??'*), neighbors made a multi-day effort to humanely capture the bird and take it to an animal rescue organization for evaluation. For obvious reasons – that is to say, because birds can fly and turkeys are also excellent sprinters – the capture proved challenging. Corn kernels ultimately proved irresistible, neighbors' efforts were successful, and the bird was secured without harm.

The Golden Beach turkey is well and healthy, and has been re-united with a flock of Osceola turkeys living on a private holding along the Myakka River.

An Update on Beach Access Trespass

Venice has grown greatly over the past few years, and continues to grow. Along with that growth, Golden Beach has experienced an increase in trespasser traffic through our private beach access property – a problem which will also continue to grow.

We have installed improved signage informing visitors that access is private, but unfortunately that has had only a minimal effect in limiting trespassers. Therefore, the Board is now considering the option of installing fencing and gates to better secure the property and preclude increased trespasser traffic.

Trespass is an issue because exclusive use of our private access to the beach is both a desirable feature and a valuable asset to all property owners in the Golden Beach subdivision. The increase in unauthorized public use of our private property diminishes the value of this feature and, therefore, diminishes property values in Golden Beach.

In order to protect property values in Golden Beach, we need to secure our beach access property with appropriate fencing and gates so that only Golden Beach property owners will have access through the property to the beach. Completing the existing fencing and installing gates would preserve the exclusive use of our beach access for Golden Beach property owners only.

You will be receiving a GBAI annual election ballot in the near future. Along with that ballot, you will be asked your thoughts on better securing our beach access property in order to protect our exclusive use of the access and preserve property values.

Golden Beach Social Event

After a long hiatus in our calendar of social events, a Sunset Happy Hour is planned for Saturday, November 13, at the beach access, beginning at 5 p.m. To minimize

possibility of virus transmission, no food or drink will be provided – please bring your own food, drink, and lawn chairs if you want them. Use your own discretion regarding masking, please do be aware that neighbors may wish to maintain a social distance, and enjoy the sunset!

Need a Vaccination?

If you need either a flu or COVID vaccination, Good Samaritan Pharmacy and Health Services <http://www.goodsamrx.org/> is offering vaccines to anyone, with or without insurance. Walgreens is the sponsor, and the date is Wednesday, November 17th from 5:30-7:30pm. Appointments are required. Call 941-445-5687 for information and appointments.

GB emails going into your Spam/Junk folder?

GBAI *manually* sends out emails, a batch at a time. To help guide GB emails to your inbox, add 2 emails to all your computer address books and contacts (Gmail webmail, Apple mail, Contacts, Outlook, Thunderbird, etc). Add: news@goldenbeachassociates.com and contact@goldenbeachassociates.com

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/>

