



Golden Beach Newsletter January 2022

Golden Beach gets a New Shed



Neighbors remove ratty old doll-house size shed

Golden Beach starts the new year with a new shed! Our old shed was both tiny and dilapidated. Early in 2021 we began the odyssey of replacing the old shed with a newer, larger and more useful one. What would seem a very simple process (haul off the old shed, put in the new one) turned into a voyage of discovery about governmental agencies, jurisdictions, environmental regulations, and construction permitting. Both the Florida State Department of Environmental Protection and the Venice Building Department were involved in ensuring that we secured exactly the right set of approvals, based upon our supplying letter-

perfect documentation and 17 pages of architectural plans. The new shed is very solidly constructed, and is rated to withstand winds of up to 160 mph.

The old shed has retired to the country, where it will enjoy a second life storing gardening supplies.

A big thank you to our good friends at the Beachcomber, who generously offered GBAI a place to store the contents of the old shed during the transition!



Goodbye, old shed ...



John sets a hurricane anchor

Thanks for the leadership of John Calder, who shepherded the project through the entire planning, permitting and construction process. Thank you to the volunteers who had the shed site and foundations ready and waiting. Actual installation involved moving the shed from the delivery truck, precise final positioning, and structural attachment of metal tie-down straps to ten separate four-foot hurricane sand anchors.



Moving the new shed into place



No more "ouch, I banged my head!"

Golden Beach Nametags



Neighbor John Heyer discovered these great Golden Beach nametags. They are available from Suncoast Engraving & Awards here in Venice, customized with your name, for less than \$10.00. GBAI is investigating pricing for a bulk purchase, enabling those who would like one of their own to get an even better price – look forward to more information in the near future. Soon the days of your neighbors trying to remember “Who is that? Fred? Bob? Jane? Kathy?” will be over. You’ll be helping them out by wearing your own customized Golden Beach nametag to future social events!

2022 GBAI Parking Passes

Snappy red member and guest parking passes for 2022 were mailed to all members in December. Please replace your old, faded, out of style 2021 passes now. Member parking passes go in the bottom, driver-side corner of the windshield. Guest parking passes should be displayed face up on the dashboard. To ensure everyone has time to make the switch, 2021 passes will be honored through January 15.



Sunset Happy Hour There will be an informal Sunset Happy Hour at 5 pm on January 30, at the Gazebo. Bring your own beverages and chairs if you wish to join

An Update on Golden Beach Access and Trespass

History: In the November survey of GBAI members, 79% of respondents said that “increasing trespass and public use of the Golden Beach private access property is an issue that impacts the value of our properties, and that Golden Beach Associates should take measures to ensure that our private property remains private.”

Many members also expressed their concerns regarding other negative impacts on quality of life related to trespass: safety, trespasser aggression, and trash. Helpful suggestions were made on how we might manage those negative impacts.

Based on the voice of the community, the GBAI Board of Directors assigned the beach access trespass working committee this goal:

“For the February meeting, bring us a detailed proposal that will

- *significantly reduce vehicle and foot trespass,*
- *without any significant inconvenience to our members,*
- *while maintaining or improving the visual appeal of our beach access,*
- *all at a reasonable cost.”*

The committee believes it is possible to meet each of these requirements with a solution based upon the suggestions offered by members. Many of those suggestions converged on a very practical set of ideas for addressing the problem.

The majority of ideas were for a “middle of the road approach” – keep it simple, but make it effective, and preserve the view of the gulf. The ideas converged on installing a pedestrian gate at the narrow access area where the Bird of Paradise plant now sits. The working committee is focusing on that direction, with the four goals -- reduced trespass, minimal inconvenience, visual aesthetics, and reasonable cost – as guides.

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/>



If you haven't joined GBAI but do want to -- memberships are still available. 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.