



Golden Beach Newsletter March 2022



Snowbirds?

It's been peaceful in Golden Beach. Beautiful days – cool in the mornings, sunny and warm in the afternoons – with even a touch of frost to make us grateful to live in Southwest Florida. The highlight of February may be the flocks of White Ibis that stroll through Golden Beach neighborhood. The downside – *traffic holdup!* Inquiring minds want to know: why did the Ibis cross the road?



"Ibis is symbolic of balance, adaptability, purity, mystery, and unity."

For more info: https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/White_Ibis/id



Social Event

Golden Beach will have a social event at the beach access on Sunday, April 3rd from 5 pm until 7 p.m. Please bring an appetizer to share, and your beverage of choice. Please feel free to bring a chair.

An Update on Golden Beach Access and Trespass

In February, the GBAI Board reviewed a proposal for a fence / gate option designed to help reduce trespass. The approach is based on member suggestions: that we significantly reduce vehicle and foot trespass, without significant inconvenience, while maintaining or improving the visual appeal of our beach access, and at a reasonable cost.

The proposal appears to meet these goals, and the Board approved an advisory vote mailing to all Golden Beach property owners asking their response to this question:

Are you in favor of installing a pedestrian gate at our beach access?

Are you opposed to installing a pedestrian gate at our beach access?

The mailing, including a stamped return envelope addressed to GBAI, went out to all property owners in mid-February. To ensure owners have ample time to receive the mailing and return their response, balloting is open through March 25th. The Board will take community response into consideration in making any decision.

Possible designs can be seen on the Golden Beach website:

https://goldenbeachassociates.com/beach_views/

A random sample of the parking situation on four recent afternoons:

Day 1: 14% of vehicles in the lot were trespassing

Day 2: 33% of vehicles in the lot were trespassing

Day 3: Lot 100% full (members were turned away), 20% of vehicles were trespassing

Day 4: Lot 100% full (members were turned away), 27% of vehicles were trespassing

If you haven't sent in your ballot on this Golden Beach community issue, please do. Your opinion is important!

Back by Popular Demand!



Our February order of these custom personalized Golden Beach name tags was a huge hit! They proved so popular that the original offer has been extended and another order is being prepared.

If you missed out, you can still get your very own, including deluxe magnetic fastener, for just \$9!

Contact Mike Mueller by March 23 to place your order: mikemueller33@att.net

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

Signs Over the Years

Neighbors have asked whether installing better signage could eliminate trespassing. There have been suggestions for more signage, less signage, clearer signage, larger signage, more colorful signage, more explicit signage, and just plain different signage. It's interesting to see some of the signage that Golden Beach has tried over the years. Signage definitely helps, but no type of signage has succeeded in stopping trespass at the access.



What's the hidden message?

Recently at the beach access, a fellow who had no parking pass pulled into the lot. He parked his car right next to one of our "Private" signs, walked down to the beach, strolled around, walked back, spit in the bushes and drove off. Signage did not work in his case.

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.