



Golden Beach Newsletter December 2022



The new beach access gate has been installed and the deteriorating older fence replaced.

The process went smoothly and the final product looks like the architectural rendering posted on the access bulletin board last July.

The gate is not currently locked, and opens with a twist

of the handle. The hope is that the simple presence of a gate will reduce trespass across GBAI private property.

The new installation addresses the 4 requests of the community:

- 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 project came in well under budget, at a final cost of ~\$7.5K against the \$12K which had been budgeted.

Thank you to the fence and gate committee and the GBAI board for managing this project.



Original rendering of the planned installation

GBAI Annual Meeting and Elections

The well-attended Annual Meeting of Golden Beach Associates, Incorporated was held at City Hall on December 12. The meeting marked the closure of voting on the proposed slate of Officers and Directors for 2023, and results were tabulated and announced at the meeting.

Please welcome these volunteers, who have graciously offered their time and attention to serve the Golden Beach community!

Sandi Knepp – *President*
Gene Dillahunty – *1st Vice President*
Steve Oglethorpe – *2nd Vice President*
Jeanne Johnston – *Secretary*
Dale Kunz – *Treasurer*

John Burkhardt – *Director (3 year)*
Bob Mondelli – *Director (3 year)*
Margot Urmano – *Director (3 year)*
Peggy Parys – *Director (2 year)*
Karen Fallon – *Director (2 year)*
Dee Leatherbury – *Director (1 year)*

Golden Beach Volunteerism in Action



Earlier this month the tired surface of the Golden Beach parking lot was renewed. A group of community volunteers made short work of the job, spreading eight cubic yards of fresh shell topping and relocating a *heavy* planter in less than an hour. There were no injuries among the work crew, though Tylenol consumption the next morning was reported.

Andy L. leads an impromptu meditation class on the beautifully groomed shell topping.

2023 Directory Cover Photo

The 2023 Golden Beach Directory needed a cover photo and so the request went out to the community. Neighbors offered photos showing how truly lovely Golden Beach is! Many of those photos are shown in the montage below.

This photo, taken by neighbor Bob Mondelli, will be on the cover of the 2023 Membership Directory



The magnificent 'runners up' --



Golden Beach BBQ – 5 pm, Saturday, January 14th Maxine Barritt Park

The social committee has emailed Paperless Post invitations for the Golden Beach BBQ to be held at Maxine Barritt Park on Saturday, January 14th.

The cost is \$20/person and the event is catered by Gold Rush BBQ.

If you have not received an invitation, please check your spam folder. No invitation? Dee will be happy to send you another invitation. Please send an email to Dee Leatherbury: dleatherbury@peoplepc.com.

We must receive your check by January 7th to be included in this event. The information for sending the check is included in the paperless post.

Personalized Pavers Project 2022



26 neighbors commissioned custom pavers with personal messages. The project enabled Golden Beach to contribute \$2,500, plus an additional \$1,000 in matching funds, to a local charity providing emergency relief after Hurricane Ian.

Beach Parking Passes / Grace Period

Beach access parking passes -- two member passes, and one guest pass – for 2023 have been mailed to all GBAI members.

Please display your member parking pass in the lower driver's side windshield area, and ask your houseguests to display a guest pass face-up on the dashboard when parking at the beach access lot.

Mail containing your passes may be slow in reaching you during the holiday season. 2022 passes will be honored through January 15. Parking space in the lot is limited, so please park only one vehicle at a time in the lot to ensure there is space for all who need it. Cars without GBAI stickers are subject to towing.

The History Corner ...

How Golden Beach property owners have private access to the beach...

1954
Golden Beach Subdivision begun by the developer, A.E.R.O. –
Anthony Spadaro
Edward Darling
Robert Baynard
Orlando Mahon

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1958
Golden Beach Associates, Inc. (GBAI) formed as a Florida corporation with membership open to Golden Beach subdivision property owners

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1964
A.E.R.O. sold to GBAI the beach access lot for \$10. The Deed of Sale stipulates that Golden Beach subdivision property owners can ‘... use said property in perpetuity for ingress and egress purposes ... from Golden Beach Boulevard ... to the Gulf of Mexico ...’

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Today
Access property is owned by GBAI corporation. All Golden Beach subdivision property owners have ingress and egress across the private property.

GBAI annual members also enjoy:
Parking for Cars and Carts
Bicycle Racks
Guest Privileges
Beach Benches
Gazebo with Picnic Benches
Beach Shower
Landscaping



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!

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 *Contact Us* on the website: <https://www.goldenbeachassociates.com>

