



Golden Beach Newsletter February 2023

Golden Beach BBQ

*It was wonderful to see neighbors and
thank you to all who supported this fabulous event!*

Dee Leatherbury and Karen Calder,
who led the organization and preparation of this wonderful community event,
ask that we all recognize the following people for making the BBQ at Maxine Barritt Park
such a success -- despite the chilly, windy January 14th weather!

John Calder and Andy Liscow, for installing wind-break tarps at the gazebo

Sandi Knepp, for finding space heaters on very short notice

*Golden Beach Social Committee members
Jeanne Johnston -- Ellen Hotchkiss -- Nancy Liscow -- Abby Roos
Jill O'Connell -- Bebe Teichman -- Mary Wilbur
Susan Berman-Sherwood -- Diane Dixon -- Joan Bauerlein*

Dee specially thanks her husband George for his support throughout!

Please watch your email for updates on the following events:

Feb. 18: Mardi Gras at the Gazebo

March 11: St. Patty's Day – will need cookers for the corned beef and cabbage

April 1: Annual Cookout – hamburgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers

Oct. 14: Oktoberfest – brats and stuff

Nov. 11: Chili party

Event information will also be posted on the bulletin board at the beach.

Scenes from the BBQ



Some of the great Golden Beach Volunteers who made the event possible ...

Neighbors bundled up and enjoying the event ...

Special guest appearance by the Gas Space Heaters ...

The main course – BBQ Ribs! ...

And proving that Golden Beach does not live by BBQ alone, a table laden with desserts.



Next up at the Gazebo ...

Mardi Gras Red Beans & Rice!

Please watch your email for Paperless Post updates for the following event:

Feb. 18 -- Mardi Gras at the Gazebo @ 5 pm

(Rain date is Sunday.)

Please respond to the Paperless Post so we have an accurate count of attendees. If you would like to cook a pot of red beans and rice --

with or without sausage -- contact Dee Leatherbury at dleatherbury@peoplepc.com

Don't forget to bring your chair, your beverage and an appetizer or dessert!

Golden Beach joins in the annual Venice 'Make A Difference' Event



Saturday, January 21st, was Venice's eighth "Make A Difference" day, in which the citizens of Venice came together to spend a morning beautifying Venice. Supervised by the Keep Venice Beautiful team, hundreds of volunteers – ranging in age from 6 to 86 – worked together on maintenance and

upkeep projects throughout the downtown. Golden Beach neighborhood fielded one of the officially registered teams in the event. Organized by Karen Calder, Golden Beach neighbors got their hands dirty helping spread hundreds of bags of mulch along the center median plantings of Venice Avenue, with lovely results! If you are interested in being involved in future Golden Beach volunteer activities, please contact Karen by email at: kcalder127@gmail.com

Thank You, and an opportunity

Elizabeth Virgilio, a long-time supporter of Golden Beach, is stepping out of her role managing the Golden Beach Membership Directory to devote full-time attention to her full-time (paid!) job. Thank you Elizabeth, for all you have done. This does create an opportunity – if you are interested in possibly managing preparation of the 2024 Directory, please send a message to contact@goldenbeachassociates.com.

Compensation negotiable -- GBAI pays extremely well, but in community thanks and appreciation rather than cash.

Venice Chorale Performance

The Venice Chorale will perform *"Peace and Harmony, What the World Needs Now"* on February 19, 7pm, Venice Performing Arts Center, 10 Indian Avenue, Building 5, Venice, FL, adjacent to the High School.

Tickets are available at <http://veniceperformingartscenter.com> or the box office: 941-218-0627. (At least one of your GBAI neighbors will be performing -- can you find the neighbor in the chorus?)

Beach Parking Passes: Grace Period is OVER

Please display your 2023 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.

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.

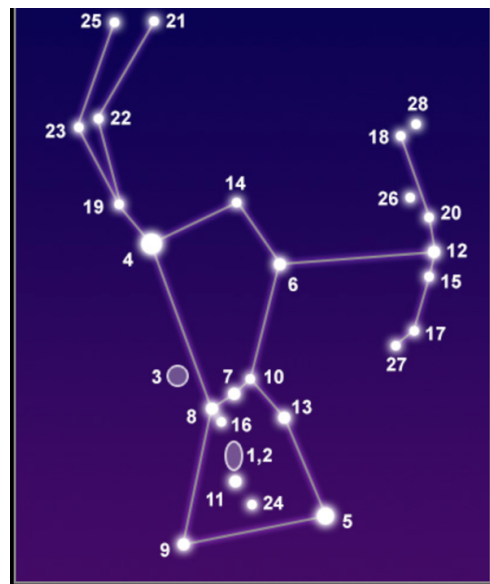
What's up? Look up!

This is hopefully going to be an ongoing article about the night sky, and what you can see if you look up! Did you ever wonder what that bright star is that you see in the night sky? Or maybe it's a planet? Or maybe it's a plane, or even a satellite? This February go out at night and look up as there's a lot to see: constellations, planets and even a comet. Oh my!

Let's start with the comet, named 2022 E3 (ZTF) but often called "The Green Comet". To spot the comet you will need a pair of binoculars or a small telescope, and a dark viewing site away from streetlights. It lies towards the north star Polaris, in the constellation called the Little Dipper. It should be about two fingers under Polaris, and will look like a green fuzzy spot.

If you are standing at the Gazebo by the beach, with the ocean at your back, look up and slightly left to find Polaris -- not a very bright star contrary to popular belief. Ten p.m. or later will offer the best viewing of the comet.

Constellations -- There are 48 constellations named by the Greek astronomer Ptolemy in the second century. This month we will focus on one of those constellations, named **Orion** (the hunter). The constellation is large in the sky, and very prominent all winter long. Using this chart (and use your imagination!) you can see a hunter with a bow. His right arm is extended holding the bow (stars 28, 18, 26, 20, 12, 15, 17, 27). Star 14 is his head, stars 4 and 6 are the shoulders. Stars 8, 7, 10 are his belt. Stars 16, 11 and 24 are the sword. Stars 9 and 5, his feet. This constellation is towards the eastern sky and will look as if he is tilted to left. Also the famous Orion Nebula is located below the belt stars (16) in area 1,2.



There are also 5 planets visible to the naked eye all month.

Mercury -- visible just before sunrise with an unobstructed view of the eastern horizon.

Venus -- Is visible right before and after sunset. Again, you will need an unobstructed view of the horizon... but here we have the beach to help us! Come watch sunset at the beach access; Venus will be to the left and just above the horizon as the sun sets.

Mars -- Can be seen for more than 8 hours after sunset, and is recognizable by its slightly orange color. To spot Mars, look North-Northwest starting around 7:30pm. In a telescope you can see some structure on the planet, and at times the ice caps.

Jupiter -- Can be seen in the western sky after sunset, above Venus and Saturn. Jupiter is the biggest planet in our solar system and is very bright, almost as bright as Venus. In a telescope or with very good binoculars on a tripod you can see the Galleon moons orbiting around Jupiter. They will look like very tiny stars on either side of the planet.

Saturn -- Right below Venus and very close to the horizon will be Saturn. This winter this beautiful planet will be high in the sky and nicely visible -- if you have never viewed this ringed planet in a telescope it's a sight to behold. With a telescope you may also see cloud structures and, if you are looking at the right time, the giant red spot.

Remember to look up when you are taking your nighttime stroll, and enjoy the beauty of the night sky.

-- Courtesy of Bob Mondelli

GB emails going into your Spam/Junk folder?

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

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