



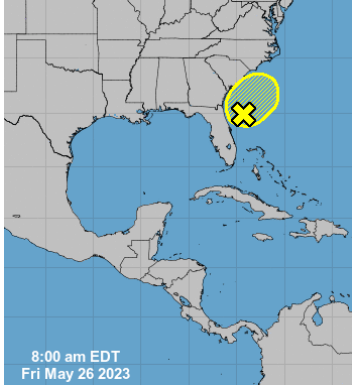
Golden Beach Newsletter June 2023

The rains return to Golden Beach!

First afternoon thunderstorm, May 24

By late May the neighborhood was parched, after no measurable rain for months on end. The lawns were browning, the trees looked parched, the flowers were covered in dust. On the afternoon of May 24th the dry season finally ended, with the arrival of Golden Beach's first afternoon thunderstorm. By the morning of May 25, it was a different world – the lawns, trees and flower all looked happy again, and you could almost watch the grass grow.





And the flip side of lovely summer rains ...

After months with no storms shown on the “Seven-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook” (courtesy of our National Hurricane Center) we are again seeing tropical depressions on the map – which sometimes grow into tropical storms, then full-fledged hurricanes. To know how bowling pins feel as they watch the bowler lift his ball and get ready to roll -- bookmark the Atlantic Basin weather website and watch the action over the coming months!

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/gtwo.php>

Turtle Season 2023 is HERE!

Turtles have begun nesting on the beach. Volunteers from MOTE mark the nests and monitor them throughout their gestation period, from egg laying through to the hatch, and when the baby turtles emerge provide assistance to any who have difficulty reaching the water.



FOR TURTLES IN NEED WHO YOU GONNA CALL?



Key Turtle Conservation Contact Numbers:

Hatchlings that appear injured or heading away from water? Call STCRP at **941-388-4331**

Nest being vandalized or turtle harassed? Call Florida Fish & Wildlife at **888-404-3922**

Sick, injured or dead turtles or marine mammals? Mote Stranding Hotline at **888-345-2335**

What makes a community?

None of us are strangers to medical issues. Our neighbor Evie recently had total hip replacement surgery. Her husband Jan asked that we publish this thank-you to the many neighbors who provided both physical and emotional support throughout the process.



God bless Golden Beach friends

We have been blessed to live in such a good neighborhood, what we call our paradise. Evie recently had a total hip replacement, and she was overwhelmed by people's support! Special thanks to Cynthia and Renee who live in this community -- they deserve a medal for coming to our house and taking care of myself and Evie. It would have been very hard to do it without them. Also we want to thank all the people from sunset who gave their support. Evie said God bless all the Golden Beach friends! We want to thank everybody for your kindness.

Sincerely -- Evie and Jan

Beach Access & Gazebo – a shared Golden Beach treasure

Our beach access is shared and maintained by our community. Please use the facilities as you would any treasured resource. Pick up your trash and, if it's large, take it with you. And if you use the picnic facilities, please clean up afterwards. You and your neighbors reap the benefits.

Beach Parking Passes

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.

“And the Winner is ... “

Golden Beach is a community of travellers. Ask a neighbor at random *“so, been anywhere interesting lately? Or heading out soon?”* and you are likely to hear *“we are off to London next week to see a game,”* or *“a couple of us are going hiking in the Utah back country,”* or *“looking forward to fly fishing on my favorite creek soon,”* or *“I need to go pack for a cruise to Alaska”* or *“we’re going diving in Bonaire”* ... pretty amazing travels.

If we had a competition on wow holidays, the award this month would have to go to Susan McCue and Joe Wernet, who stayed at a villa in Nice for a relaxing week on the French Riviera, followed by a visit to the Principality of Monaco for the Formula One 2023 Monaco Grand Prix viewed from the balcony of the Ermanno Palace.

We have a lovely beach here, and lots of would-be race car drivers on I-75, but when it comes to relaxing on the Riviera plus Formula One in Monaco ... just have to say **WOW!**



Lawn Irrigation

Sarasota County and local municipalities – including Venice – have adopted codes regulating the use of water for irrigation. These apply to all sources of water except reclaimed or recycled water. In the City of Venice, these are the irrigation basics:

- Even-numbered addresses may water on Tuesdays
- Odd-numbered addresses may water on Thursdays
- Locations without a discernable address may water on Tuesdays and/or Fridays
- Irrigation is prohibited between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on any day
- During their first 60 days, new lawns or landscape may be watered any day



For details on water restrictions in the City of Venice, visit: <http://bit.ly/venicewr>

Life Ring For safety, a life ring and throw rope is kept by the path to the beach. After a recent near-drowning incident at the Venice breakwater, we inspected the ring. The old ring had begun to perish from constant exposure to the sun, and needed replacement. A nice, new, high-viz ring has been installed. Hoping it is never needed, but remember – it is there in an emergency.



What's up? Look up! *(courtesy of resident astronomer Bob Mondelli)*

As the seasons change and the Earth continues its journey around the Sun, the night sky reveals ever changing celestial objects. For those in Florida, June 2023 offers a chance to observe a range of constellations and planets -- plus a meteor shower!

Constellations (Florida)

- Summer Triangle: The Summer Triangle, formed by the stars Vega, Deneb, and Altair, will be visible high in the sky during the evenings of June.
- Scorpius: The constellation Scorpius will be visible in the southern sky during the evenings of June. Look for the distinctive shape resembling a scorpion.
- Hercules: The constellation Hercules will be visible in the eastern sky during the evenings of June. It contains the notable globular cluster M13.
- Lyra: The constellation Lyra, home to the bright star Vega, will be visible in the eastern sky during the evenings of June.

Meteor Showers (Florida)

- June Bootids: The June Bootids (so named because they appear in the constellation Bootes) meteor shower is active from June 26th to July 2nd, with peak activity around June 27th. To observe the June Bootids, face towards the northeast or east-northeast direction in the sky during the peak nights. However, please note that the June Bootids meteor shower is not known for producing a high number of meteors.

Planets & Moons (Florida)

In June 2023, if you're observing the night sky, you'll have the opportunity to see several planets and other celestial objects. Here are some highlights:

- Venus will be visible as the "Evening Star" in the western sky shortly after sunset. It will be quite bright and easy to spot. Just look towards the Gulf and you can't miss it -- it will be very bright the first weeks of June.
- Jupiter will also be visible in the evening sky. Look for a bright object towards the southeast. Jupiter will be highest in the sky around midnight.
- Saturn will be visible in the evening sky, close to Jupiter. It will be located towards the southeast and can be observed throughout the night.
- Mars will be just under Venus as an orange color star. It will not be visible during the last weeks of June 2023, as it will be too close to the Sun from our perspective. Mars will return to our sky in later in 2023.
- The Moon's phase will change throughout the month. On June 3rd, you will see a waxing gibbous, followed by a full Moon on June 4. By June 10th, it will be a last quarter Moon, followed by a new Moon on June 18th.

For Golden Beach neighbors currently stuck in some chilly Northern locale:

- Ursa Major (the Big Dipper) will be visible in the northern sky during the evenings of June. The Big Dipper is a well-known asterism within this constellation.
- Lyra, home to the bright star Vega, will be visible in the eastern sky during the evenings of June.
- The constellation Cygnus, also known as the Northern Cross, will be visible in the eastern sky during the evenings of June. It contains the bright star Deneb.
- The constellation Hercules will be visible in the eastern sky during the evenings of June. It contains the notable globular cluster M13.
- The June Bootids meteor shower is active from June 26th to July 2nd, with peak activity around June 27th.
- Venus will be visible in the western sky after sunset, appearing as a bright "evening star."
- Jupiter will be visible in the southern sky during the evenings of June and will remain visible for a few hours into the night.
- Saturn will rise in the southeast after sunset, visible throughout the night.

Observing Tips -- Remember that sky visibility can be affected by factors such as light pollution, weather conditions, and your specific location. For the best experience, find a dark and clear observing site away from city lights. Also, consider using star charts or astronomy apps to help you locate specific objects in the night sky based on your precise location and time. To observe constellations and planets, it's best to find a location with minimal light pollution, such as a park or open field. A pair of binoculars or a small telescope can enhance the viewing experience and allow you to see more. Be patient and give your eyes time to adjust to the darkness -- it can take up to 30 minutes for your eyes to fully adjust to the darkness to see the most detail in the night sky.

Sky Guide and **Stellarium** are both popular mobile apps designed for stargazing and astronomical observation. Stellarium has one notable advantage: it is free!



GOLDEN BEACH SUNSET HAPPY HOUR

Starts **one hour** before sunset through the Summer season!

Sunday July 2

Sunday August 6

Sunday September 3

Bring your chair and beverage and enjoy our beautiful Golden Beach sunset.

See you at the Gazebo!

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