



## Golden Beach Newsletter May 2023



**THANK YOU...** to everyone who contributed to the recent Food Drive! Golden Beach neighbors gave generously to the Food Drive organized by the South County Food Pantry, contributing a grand total of 336 items. Contributions covered a full range of needs -- including personal care and hygiene items, beverages, a wide variety of canned items (soups, vegetables, meats, fruit), peanut butter, desserts, and more. The drive was successful and Food Pantry was very appreciative of Golden Beach support!

Special thanks to the Golden Beach neighbors who helped behind the scenes with coordination and collection for the Drive -- notably Mary Ann Smalley, Patty Meyer, Rina and Bruce Caldwell, Katie Flynn and Steve Oglethorpe, and Karen and John Calder.

Many of the items donated by Golden Beach neighbors looked both highly nutritious and pretty tasty! Congratulations to the collection team for resisting the natural urge to sample the donated package of Pecan Sandies cookies...



Great job, everyone, in making a difference for others less fortunate than ourselves!

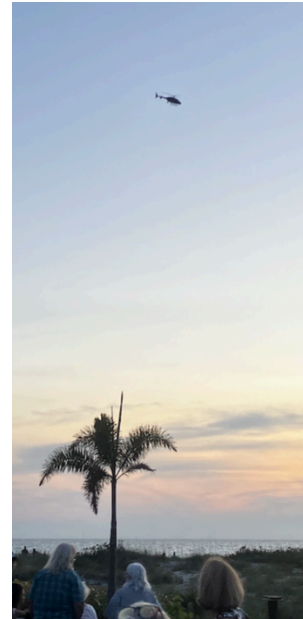


### **A bit of excitement**

Neighbors were enjoying the sunset at the Gazebo on April 26<sup>th</sup> when sirens were heard, coming from several directions and all converging fast on ... Golden Beach. Three Police and Emergency vehicles arrived at the beach access with lights flashing and sirens wailing, and several uniformed Officers

went quickly down to the water. Then a helicopter arrived and began circling overhead. Why? It seems there was a man on a paddleboard far offshore – a tiny dot on the horizon! – and people on the beach were concerned that he might be in trouble, so called 911. The police stayed on the beach as he paddled towards shore, until they were comfortable that he was not in distress. When it was clear that he was going to be o.k., the helicopter flew off and the police drove off. The priceless part? When the paddler reached shore, he asked *“Hey, what was all the excitement about?”*

In all seriousness, it was reassuring to see just how quickly Police, Fire and Emergency personnel responded to what might have been a life-threatening situation.



### **Landscaping Update**

The old well at the beach access was out of commission. Last month we drilled a new and deeper (128') well. Difficult to see in the photo, but when new pump was hooked up and switched on, the well produced a steady flow of lovely clean, cool water.

This month we are installing a new sprinkler system to use that water for irrigating the lawn and plants. As a sprinkler system is by nature underground and invisible, there are no photos; please use your imagination.

**Water!**



Later this spring, when the irrigation installation is complete, we will replace or upgrade portions of the electrical service infrastructure that need attention.



## New Pavers & Bulletin Board

Neighbors pointed out that the area immediately surrounding the Gazebo gets a great deal of foot traffic, and as a result always looks a bit shabby. The uneven sandy surface and heavy foot traffic make it difficult to maintain any grassy surface cover in decent condition. Several suggested it would be a good idea to expand the existing

pavers to create a safer and more functional walkway around the Gazebo, and also to reach the new storage shed. The GABI board approved the idea, and the paver upgrade was done this month. The new pavers are the same product as the old – over the course of time, the new pavers should fade to a very good color match with the originals.

In the process of planning the installation, we discovered that the existing bulletin board was literally on its last legs, and in danger of falling over from a slight push. Rather than rebuild the existing structure, a new weather-proof bulletin board was installed on the northern wall of the storage shed.



## FOR TURTLES IN NEED WHO YOU GONNA CALL? (Turtle Season begins May 1)



### 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**



## **GOLDEN BEACH SUNSET HAPPY HOUR**

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

Sunday May 7

Sunday June 4

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!*

### **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.

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.

## 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](mailto:news@goldenbeachassociates.com) and [contact@goldenbeachassociates.com](mailto: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](mailto:contact@goldenbeachassociates.com)

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

