



## Golden Beach Newsletter July 2023

### ***Special Underground Edition***

***Featuring the Exciting Things You (mostly) Cannot See --***

***A New Well!***

***Our New Irrigation System!***

***The Safe New & Improved Electrical Service!***

***And with a Special Guest Appearance by...***

***Thousands of Incubating Baby Turtles!***

July is a quiet month here in Golden Beach, so quiet that we must literally dig for news. The most exciting neighborhood news this month is found mainly underground.

Beginning several years ago, GBAI noticed the existing infrastructure of the beach access had aged and needed maintenance work. The infrastructure (wiring, lighting, plumbing, irrigation, etc.) is subject to coastal marine conditions. The sun, sand and salt are lovely for beach-goers, however they do make for a high-maintenance environment. We found that much of the infrastructure had received little or no maintenance over the years, and some was simply. . . kaput.

**The Irrigation System** One of the first observations was that we were using expensive City of Venice potable water to keep grass, flowers and palms alive during annual dry spells. The watering was being done manually as the existing well and irrigation system were broken beyond repair. Between cost of the water and the labor-intensive watering approach, our plants were receiving strictly “keep alive” amounts of water, and were far from thriving.

Bids were obtained from reputable local contractors for the drilling of a new well and installation of a new irrigation system. The GBAI Board approved the well and irrigation system projects, both of which were completed this spring.

**The Electrical System** Superficially, the existing electrical service appeared fine – for the most part the gazebo lights and fans operated when switched on. A closer inspection of the entire electrical system revealed that it needed upgrading.

To enable the well, irrigation, gazebo lights, and fans, and for future possible needs, the decision was made to replace and upgrade the existing electrical service to current code. Bids were obtained from reputable local contractors, the GBAI Board approved the project, and the new service was installed, inspected, and approved by the City this spring.

Although much of the new infrastructure is buried and cannot be seen, we now have safe, reliable electric service, powering our own well which distributes water evenly through a computer-controlled, multi-zone irrigation system.

Many thanks to Andy Liscow for staying on top of these projects, and to everyone involved in this multi-faceted upgrade.

## **Behind the Scenes . . . other infrastructure news**

Thank you to Katie Flynn for her service to Golden Beach in the monumental task of organizing and managing member data over the past year! The “Database Queen” crown is passing to JoAnn (Gigi) Bova. Thank you to Gigi for taking on this critical behind the scenes infrastructure role.

Thank you to Dale Kunz for his services as Treasurer for Golden Beach and for his careful stewardship of our treasury. And thank you to Andy Liscow, who has stepped in to take over the Treasurer role for the rest of the year.



## Turtle Season 2023

The other big “under the sand” news is the proliferation of turtle nests on Golden Beach.

Turtle nesting season, which officially runs from May 1 to October 31, began early this year with MOTE announcing the first documented nest on April 19. Over time the number of nests on Golden Beach has been steadily increasing. The buried eggs are maturing, and beginning to hatch. What we see “above sand” are only the temporary markers installed by MOTE volunteers – these markers help beach-goers avoid damaging the nests.

## 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**

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

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



## Eddie Palmer

Golden Beach recently lost Eddie Palmer, a neighbor on Flamingo Drive since 1997. Eddie passed away April 27, 2023 at his home, under the care of his wife Wilma and many faithful friends. Eddie was a past president of Golden Beach, elected in 2002, and was very involved with the projects and upkeep of the Beach Access. Here is a link to John Edward “Eddie” Palmer’s obituary:

<https://www.hamlettdobson.com/obituaries/john-palmer>

## **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.



## **GOLDEN BEACH SUNSET HAPPY HOUR**

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

Sunday August 6

Sunday September 3

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

*See you at the Gazebo!*

## **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!

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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>

