



## Golden Beach Newsletter October 2023

### Openings on the Golden Beach Board!

Four of our neighbors -- Kelly Scolaro, Dee Leatherbury, Bill Sinibaldi and Rick Tuss – are ending terms as Directors this year. We thank them for all their service! As a result, Golden Beach Associates, Inc. has four Director positions opening. The pay is low (none),

but the prestige is high. The next time someone asks you what you do with your days, you might answer *“I guess I’m just sort of a beach bum, like my teachers all predicted.”* Or instead you could say *“I serve on the Board of a small non-profit Florida corporation chartered with fostering community in the Golden Beach neighborhood.”* If you are interested in the possibility of joining the Board, please contact Mike Mueller ( [mikemueller33@att.net](mailto:mikemueller33@att.net) )



*Board meetings are like this, but in shorts and sandals.*

### 2024 Golden Beach Membership

Your 2024 membership application has been mailed to the address you requested. Please renew your Golden Beach membership by returning your renewal application and payment of annual dues -- ***still only \$50!***

If you would like to purchase name tags or license plates, please include that information in the appropriate location(s) on the application.

# Fall Cleanup at the Beach Access

Nearly 30 neighbors came together on a beautiful Autumn morning to give the beach access a bit of tender loving care! Trimming the trees and palms, pruning the bushes, cleaning old vines off the walls, digging out benches buried by Hurricane Idalia, raking seaweed, moving piles of pavers and more.

Fortunately it is very true that many hands make light work!





### **Golden Beach Field Trip**

Golden Beach year-rounders Lilly and Fernando Ferrer and their friends visited Golden Beach winter-season friends Kate Harrigan and Bill Collins at their home in Ottawa, Canada this September.

The building in the background is the home of Canada's Parliament. Crafted of solid stone, and roofed in beautiful copper sheathing with a lovely patina ... hurricane-ready?

Wonderful to see friendships flourish across thousands of miles.

***A most amazing detail: wearing jackets, In September!***

### **Golden Beach Oktoberfest -- October 14 -- mark your calendar!**

Our first Golden Beach social event of the season is on Saturday, October 14th. The theme is Oktoberfest. By now, you should have received a paperless post invitation. If you haven't RSVP'd, check your Sept. 17 email for your invitation and details! If you did not receive an invitation and you are planning on attending, please contact Dee Leatherbury at [dleatherbury@peoplepc.com](mailto:dleatherbury@peoplepc.com) -- we need a headcount for planning the food. Rain date is Sunday, October 15.

**Chili Fest on November 11** Mark your November calendar for our Chili Social... Saturday, November 11th (rain date November 12th). You will receive a paperless post invitation for this event. Contact Dee Leatherbury at [dleatherbury@peoplepc.com](mailto:dleatherbury@peoplepc.com) if you are interested in cooking chili.

### **"Make A Difference Day" -- Saturday, Oct 28, 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.**

This is the 10th year for the Venice Community to join together to clean up and improve the parks and common spaces throughout the city. If you would like to participate along with other GBAI members, or have questions, please contact Karen Calder at [kcalder127@gmail.com](mailto:kcalder127@gmail.com) or 309-208-3526. For a **FREE event t-shirt**, your t-shirt size will be needed by October 15<sup>th</sup>. A free lunch will be provided.

***Let's Make a Difference!!!***

## Halloween Treat for Kids of All Ages

10<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Haunted Trails

at Oscar Scherer State Park

October 20 & 21, 2023 • 8:00pm-10:00pm  
for the kids Trick or Treat Trail open 7:30-9:30

Haunted Trail winds along the *dark*, haunted road to  
A *terrifying* Haunted House for  
those who truly *dare* to be scared!  
(both open at 8:00pm)

A fun kids Area and Lil' Monster Manor  
Food is Available, more Games, more Fun!

**TICKET SALES ONLINE ONLY**  
(beginning Sept. 4, 2023)  
Limited tickets available at:  
[www.halloweenhauntedtrails.com](http://www.halloweenhauntedtrails.com)  
Get yours before they're sold out!

Food Drive to support South County Food Pantry  
nonperishable items only

- Adult: \$14
- Child ages 6-12: \$6
- Ages 5 and under:  
FREE

All proceeds benefit the Friends of Oscar Scherer Park, Inc., Nokomis Volunteer Fire Department, and the Osprey Nokomis Chamber of Commerce  
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There will be a special Halloween event at Oscar Scherer State Park on October 20 & 21.

The event will benefit the Nokomis Fire Department, Friends of Oscar Scherer Park, the Osprey Nokomis Chamber of Commerce and the South County Food Pantry.

Good fun, for good causes!

## Beach Parking Passes

Please display your 2023 member parking pass in the lower driver's side windshield area, or ask your houseguests to display a guest pass face-up on the dashboard when parking at the beach access lot. Please park just one car at a time, per household.

**Gazebo Reservations** If you would like to use the gazebo for a large event – birthday parties, graduation celebrations, etc – please make a reservation in advance by contacting Dee Leatherbury at [dleatherbury@peoplepc.com](mailto:dleatherbury@peoplepc.com).

The gazebo cannot be reserved on holidays, or when Golden Beach is holding a neighborhood social event. The schedule of reservations is posted in the bulletin board at the beach easement.

When you use the gazebo for an event, remember: only Golden Beach members or their houseguests may park in the parking lot, and parking is limited to one vehicle at a time per household. Because trash facilities are limited, we ask that you remove perishable trash when you leave.

## **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**

## **Dogs want a vacation on the Beach?**

***By law, dogs are not permitted on the beach*** in Venice ... ***except*** at Venice’s wonderful Brohard Paw Park, a beach park dedicated to canine fun. Imagine, a beach where your dog can frolic, run free, and play with other dogs – without other beach goers giving you dirty looks, or running the risk of ruining your day with a hefty fine from the city.

***Brohard Paw Park – it’s the place to be for your dogs!***

## **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.

# View the Great American Eclipse 2023 from your beach chair on Golden Beach!

On October 14, starting around 11:03 am, the Venice area will be treated to a solar eclipse. This type solar eclipse is known as an annular solar eclipse: the Moon will not totally cover up the sun, but will still cover about 60 percent.

***During this eclipse it is never safe to look directly at the Sun without glasses specifically designed for solar viewing!*** These glasses can be obtained from Amazon -- just make sure they are CE and ISO certified for direct sun viewing. Or, you can make a simple pinhole projector with the instructions below. Finally, if you just want to view the eclipse on your computer, here is a link you can use starting at October 14 at 10:30am:

<https://www.timeanddate.com/live/eclipse-solar-2023-october-14>

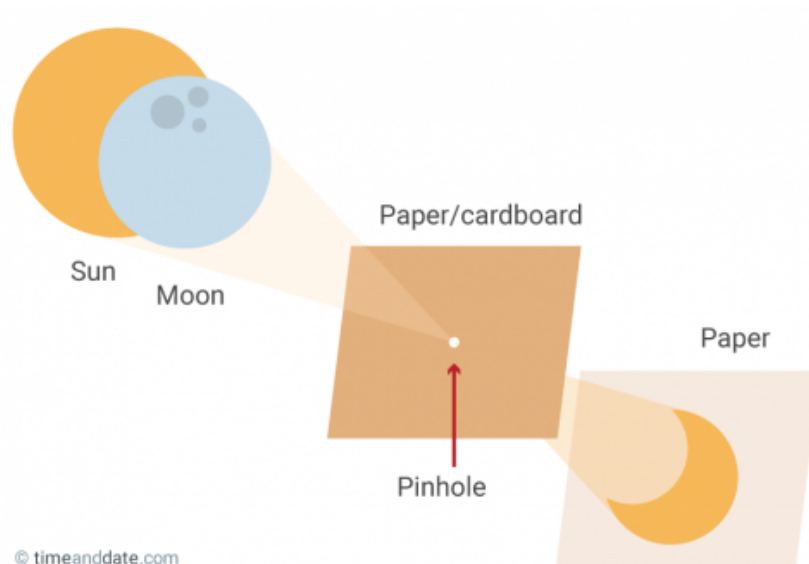
## The DIY Approach: Simple Card Projector *(Construction Time: under 60 seconds)*

The simplest and quickest way to safely view a solar eclipse is with a basic projector, made from just 2 pieces of card or paper.

### You Need:

- 2 pieces of stiff white cardboard, e.g. 2 paper plates
- alternatively, 2 sheets of plain white paper
- a thumbtack, a sharp pin, or a needle

### What to Do:



1. To make a pinhole projector, take a sheet of paper and make a **tiny** hole in the middle of it using a pin or a thumbtack. Make sure that the hole is round and smooth.
2. With your back towards the Sun, hold that piece of paper above your shoulder, allowing the Sun to shine on the paper.
3. The 2nd sheet of paper will act as a screen. Hold it at a distance, and you will see an inverted image of the Sun projected on the paper screen through the pinhole.
4. To make the image of the Sun larger, hold the screen paper further away from the paper with the pinhole.

A [box projector](#) works on the same principles. It requires a little more time and a few extra items to construct, but it is more sturdy.


## Keep Safe!

- **Never look at the Sun directly** without protective eye gear. Sunglasses cannot protect your eyes from the damage the Sun's rays can do to them.
- Always keep your back towards the Sun while looking at a pinhole projection.
- Do not look at the Sun through the pinhole, binoculars or telescope.

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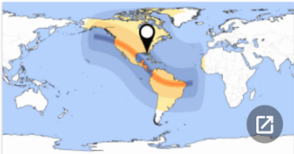
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**Max View in Sarasota, Florida**

<b>Global Event:</b>	Annular Solar Eclipse
<b>Local Type:</b>	Partial Solar Eclipse in Sarasota, Florida
<b>Begins:</b>	Sat, Oct 14, 2023 at 11:50 am
<b>Maximum:</b>	Sat, Oct 14, 2023 at 1:26 pm 0.690 Magnitude
<b>Ends:</b>	Sat, Oct 14, 2023 at 3:04 pm
<b>Duration:</b>	3 hours, 14 minutes

All times shown on this page are local time.



## 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>

