



## Golden Beach Newsletter November 2023

### ***Upcoming Election of Golden Beach Board of Directors***

The Golden Beach Associates, Inc (GBAI) board consists of a President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, and a Secretary (the five *Officers*), plus 9 *Directors*. Four of the Officers are elected for two-year terms, while the 2nd Vice President position is filled by the out-going President. As each of our current Officers has one more year in office, those positions will not be on the upcoming ballot.

Directors are elected for three-year terms, with three Director positions elected each year. This allows for consistency on the Board, with only three directors positions normally changing annually.

This year there will be 5 Director positions open on our GBAI board: three for full three-year terms with terms beginning January 2024, and two for just a single year to replace two Directors unable to complete their elected terms.

The three highest vote totals from this year's ballot will fill the three-year terms, the fourth and fifth, the one-year slots.

Ballots will be mailed mid-November.

Election results will be announced at the GBAI Annual Meeting.

Time: Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. Location: Venice City Hall.

The Board meets once a month except for a summer recess in June, July, and August.

Our By-Laws, published on the GBAI website, describe Board responsibilities:

<https://ecbiz238.inmotionhosting.com/~golde288/documents/>

## A Visit to the Bird Spa

During the beach access cleanup in early October, we took a close look at the bird sculpture near the entrance. You may never have noticed this bird as it was nearly covered with vegetation and rusting to the point of decomposition: the ankles had rusted through and the feet were falling off. If you were pecked by this bird, a case of tetanus was likely. However if you looked at the bird with a certain optimism, it had potential. Might it rise from its own ashes like its fabled cousin the Phoenix?

Step one: give the anonymous bird a name. After a quick consultation among members we landed on “Aero”. Why? A nice connection with streamlined flight, and a homage to the corporation who sold GBAI the lot. AERO, Inc -- named for Anthony Spadaro, Edward Darling, Robert Baynard, and Orlando Mahon—sold the beach access lot to GBAI in 1964.

Pictures show Aero’s visit to the bird spa. A little defoliation, some good foundation, and a new suit of feathers make him a new bird.

Pay Aero a compliment when you see him next: *“Hey Aero, you’re looking good!”*



Aero was rescued from the vines and sent to the spa for tender loving care. First step, a good scrub bath with a coarse wire brush in a power drill to exfoliate the worst of the rust.



Feet re-attached with epoxy plumber’s putty, and a foundation coat of vinyl acrylic resin to halt the rust process. Ready for some color!



Aero gets a new suit of feathers, replete with colors to complement the Venice parrots. Note Aero’s very own Golden Beach sunset neck feathers.

## Golden Beach Chili Fest

A reminder: the Golden Beach Chili Fest will be held on **Saturday, November 11 at 5:00** at the beach access. If you haven't had a chance to RSVP to your Paperless Post invitation please do, so there can be an accurate headcount.

For those who volunteered to make chili, please label your chili (for example: beef, veggie, chicken, spicy, mild, etc). You may want to tape an index card label to your crockpot. For those not making chili, please bring an appetizer, salad or dessert to share. Everyone attending should bring their favorite beverage and chair. Small tables are also helpful.



Hope to see you there!

*The Golden Beach Social Committee*

## Venice Cares Volunteers

Golden Beach neighbors joined in the 10<sup>th</sup> city-wide Venice Cares "Make a Difference Day" on Saturday, October 28. The project, in which multiple teams of volunteers were tasked with one or more simple clean-up or maintenance "chores" around the city, helps maintain the lovely environment enjoyed by Venice residents and visitors. The Golden Beach team spread mulch, cleaned playground equipment, and picked up debris in John Nolen park southwest of city hall. Organization of the Golden Beach team was led by neighbor Karen Calder... thank you Karen!



## Golden Beach Directory Cover Photo Contest

Another year approaches and with it a new 2024 Golden Beach Associates Membership Directory. This gorgeous photo from our 2023 directory cover, taken by neighbor Bob Mondelli, will retire ... to be replaced with ... what?

If you have a photo you think should grace the 2024 cover, please email a copy to [contact@goldenbeachassociates.com](mailto:contact@goldenbeachassociates.com) by December 1. An impartial group of neighbors will pick a winner from among the submissions. *(Sorry, no cash prize.)*



## Toys for Tots

The Charitable Committee will be providing the Golden Beach Community with a convenient opportunity to donate toys to disadvantaged children this holiday season, through the Toys For Tots program. Beginning Saturday, November 11th, a collection box will be available at the Golden Beach Access for you to drop off your donation of an unwrapped toy or book. Our collection will end on December 4th. (If it is easier for you, Publix has a collection box, as well.) Your gift is sure to bring joy to a child this holiday season!

**Help light the lights!** The City of Venice hosts an annual celebration of the winter holidays with a beautiful display of lights and decorations at the Arboretum in West Blalock Park. The celebration, which was put on pause for the past several years due to the Covid emergency, is back this year. Golden Beach has participated in the past, installing an amazing 3-D full-motion multi-color (but tasteful!) display. This year's event is in the planning stage now, with installation to begin in late November. If you would like to lend a hand, please contact Jeanne Johnston ([jeannej1106@gmail.com](mailto:jeannej1106@gmail.com)) a.s.a.p.



## Great American Eclipse of 2023

A 'crescent sun,' as viewed from our Gazebo using the high-tech pinhole camera safe viewing technology described in the October Golden Beach newsletter. Although this looks like a crescent moon, it is in fact an image of the moon passing in front of the sun. We were lucky to have a typically gorgeous October day with blue skies and few clouds – perfect viewing conditions at our astronomical observatory.



### WATERING RULES

City of Venice residents are permitted to irrigate lawns **one day** per week:

**Even addresses on Tuesdays**

**Odd addresses on Thursdays**

Before 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m. for properties under 2 acres. For properties 2 acres or greater, watering is allowed before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.

Hand watering hot spots and micro-irrigation of other plants is allowed on any day, at any time.

New and replaced lawns get a 60-day exemption. Irrigation can occur any time of day on the day of installation, and during the restricted hours on any day thereafter for up to 60 days.

There are no restrictions on car washing, pressure washing, use of fountains or use of reuse or reclaimed water. A shut-off nozzle on hoses should be used for car washing and hand watering of garden plants. Conservation is encouraged.

## City of Venice Lawn Watering Rules

Our neighborhood – in fact, southwest Florida in general – has experienced a very dry year. To help ensure we continue to have water available, the City of Venice has in place regulations on watering of lawns and plants. The regulations, shown here, are simple. Complying with these regulations on lawn watering benefits everyone. There are no regulations on car or pressure washing, though conservation is encouraged.



## From the HISTORY CORNER...

### “History @ Venice Library”

3 p.m, November 17,  
300 S. Nassau Street, Venice

PowerPoint presentation featuring an audio interview with Bud Wimmers for the 1976 “History of Venice” movie, with images selected by Gary Youngberg

**PLUS** never before seen color moving images of Venice and Nokomis from the late 1930s.

Sponsored by *Venice Heritage*



### **Off The Page event at our local library:**

**Sarah Penner, author of historical fiction,** is giving an author talk at 6 p.m., November 16, at William H. Jervey Jr. Venice Library. She is the New York Times and international bestselling author of “The Lost Apothecary” and “The London Seance Society.” Talk will be followed by a book signing. More info: [OffThePageFL.org](http://OffThePageFL.org) or call 941-861-1110.

### **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.

### **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 MARINE LIFE IN NEED WHO YOU GONNA CALL?

### Contact Numbers:

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

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**

### Dogs want a vacation on the Beach?

***According to the City of Venice, dogs are not permitted on the beach except at Venice's wonderful Brohard Paw Park, a beach park dedicated to canine fun:***

*"The Brohard Paw Park features a fenced dog play yard that leads to the only beach area in Sarasota County where dogs are allowed."* 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.

### 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>



The screenshot shows the header of the Golden Beach Associates website. On the left, the text reads "Golden Beach Associates" in a large, bold, brown font, with "Venice, Florida" in a smaller, black font below it. To the right of the logo is a horizontal navigation menu with the following items: "HOME", "NEWS", "PEOPLE", "DOCUMENTS", "CALENDAR", "CONTACT US", "ACCESS SECURITY", "BEACH VIEWS", and "TURTLE SEASON". The "CONTACT US" link is highlighted in orange. A red arrow points from the left towards the "CONTACT US" link.