



**Golden Beach Newsletter April 2024**

# **Taco Night!**

**Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm**

**Golden Beach Gazebo**

*Rain Date: Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>*



*Inquiring minds want to know –  
when did Golden Beach adopt new signage?*

There will be chicken and beef available for Tacos, or you can make your own Taco Salad Bowl.  
Toppings provided include cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, sour cream, black olives and salsa.

Feel free to bring anything else that you like on your tacos.

Please remember to bring your own beverages (including water), your chair  
and an appetizer, salad or dessert to share.

**Golden Beach Association Food Drive  
April 1<sup>st</sup>- April 30<sup>th</sup>**

***Benefiting South County Food Pantry, Venice, FL***

***This summer the pantry is filling backpacks with food and snacks for children ages 10 and under. Needed are non-perishable foods: cereal, juice, boxed milk, applesauce, crackers, raisins.***

***Also needed are all types of nonperishable food items: canned food, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, soup, beans, rice & canned meats.***

***No opened or expired items can be accepted.***

**Collection bins are located at:**

**\* GBAI Beach Access**

**\* Katie Flynn's (444 Darling) /**

**\* Karen Calder's (812 Serata)**

***For more information:  
Julia Minor (201 618-7559)  
Peggy Parys (402 707-2920)***

***Thank you  
for your generous  
donations!***

***Southcountyfoodpantry.com***



## ***A Golden Beach Food Drive Collection Bin on Day 2 of the Food Drive:***



### **Remember the 24 Hour Giving Challenge:**

### **Double Your \$\$ from Noon April 9<sup>th</sup> to Noon April 10<sup>th</sup>!**

Your contribution of \$25 to \$100 to your selected charity will be matched by the Patterson Foundation - doubling your money during that 24 hour period. Just go to the website [www.givingchallenge.org](http://www.givingchallenge.org) and select the group you want to support. Two organizations our members volunteer with and work to support are (1) The South County Food Pantry and (2) Venice Meals on Wheels (Venice Area Mobile Meals, Inc.). We're sure there are other organizations supported by GBAI members! Find them on the Giving Challenge website and make your contribution during the 24 hour period so it will be doubled.

### ***\* Mark these dates concluding our 2024 Social Calendar \****

**October 19 -- Italian fest at Golden Beach Gazebo**  
*(rain date Sunday, October 20)*

**November 16 – Tailgate Party**  
*(rain date Sunday, November 17)*

## **PERSONALIZED PAVERS – LAST CHANCE FOR 2024!**

Based on popular demand, the Personalized Beach Access Paver program has returned. The custom engraved pavers will cost just \$250 each. The Pharoahs had their Pyramids, the Druids had Stonehenge, the ancient Paleolithic artists had their artwork in the Lascaux caverns – this is YOUR chance to arrange a permanent, personalized monument at lovely Golden Beach.

**If you are interested, please send an email titled “Yes, I want a personalized paver!” to [contact@goldenbeachassociates.com](mailto:contact@goldenbeachassociates.com) before April 13. We will follow up with details on message length, payment, etc on April 14.**

## **Joyce Ranalli**

Joyce Ranalli, our neighbor at 409 Mahon, died of cancer recently. Her brother Jim and sister-in-law Kathy had been caring for her. Joyce was in hospice care at the end of her life, and had a very peaceful death at her home. Joyce was of great service to the Golden Beach community, serving on the GBAI Board of Directors as an officer (Secretary) for more than 10 years. Joyce was also a published author, and active in a local writing group.

## ***Want to Learn Mah Jongg?***

Experienced players who are residents of Golden Beach meet every Friday 12:45-3:00 at the Venice Island Firehouse 112 Harbor Drive to play Mah Jongg. Starting Friday April 5, they will also be giving lessons to anyone who would like a refresher course or would like to learn to play Mah Jongg. Lessons are at 3:15, at the Firehouse (112 Harbor Drive).

If you are interested, please order a 2024 Mah Jongg card from the National Mah Jongg League: [nationalmahjonggleague.org](http://nationalmahjonggleague.org)

Please contact Ferris Rinko with any questions:  
215-913-9224 or [formanrinko@gmail.com](mailto:formanrinko@gmail.com)

## **WHAT’S UP – LOOK UP!**

**On April 8, 2024 a total solar eclipse will sweep a path across much of the US, from Texas to Maine. Florida is slightly outside that path, and we will experience a partial eclipse here in Golden Beach.** For more details and a map of the eclipse:

<https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/where-when/>

Florida will only see a partial eclipse, starting around 1:42 pm in the Venice area. The moon will not totally cover up the sun here, but will still cover about 64 percent of the sun.

### **How can I safely watch the solar eclipse?**

By wearing specialized eyewear designed for solar viewing. It is never safe to look directly at the Sun without glasses specifically designed for solar viewing. These can be obtained from Amazon or other dealers, but make sure they are CE and ISO certified 12312-2 for direct sun viewing. **Don't use sunglasses**, they are not dark enough to block the harmful rays and you will experience serious damage to your eyes.

Another safe way to view is to make a **pinhole projector** with the instructions below, or if you just want to watch it on your computer or mobile device here is a link you can use starting April 8:

<https://www.timeanddate.com/live/eclipse-solar-2024-april-8>

### **Do-It-Yourself Pinhole Projector directions below!**

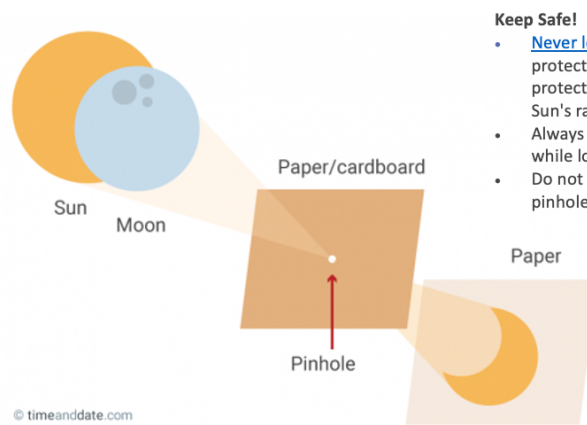
The simplest and quickest way to safely project the Sun is with a projector made from only 2 pieces of card or paper.

#### **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 quick version of the 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 1 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.



#### **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.

## A wet winter, but we are still in a drought for the year...

### WATERING RULES

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

**Even addresses on Tuesdays**

**Odd addresses on Thursdays**

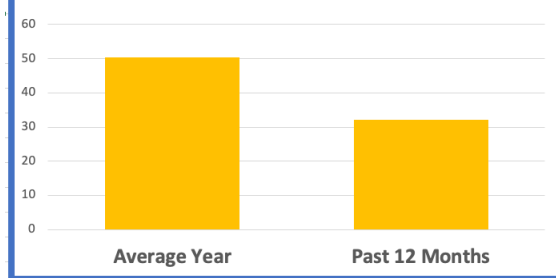
Before 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m. for properties under 2 acres. For properties 2 acres or greater, watering is allowed before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.

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.

### Annual Inches of Rain



The numbers tell a surprising story about our rainfall for the past year. Local meteorologist George Leatherbury tracks annual precipitation, and reports that while statistical annual precipitation in Golden Beach is slightly over 50", over the past year we've had only 32". The

difference is a rain shortfall of 18", or a foot and a half -- nearly knee-deep for most of us. Not only our neighborhood but 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.

## Water quality warning, and what you can do

Many in Golden Beach are here because we love the beach. Water quality is so critical for enjoying a dip into the Gulf. No one likes the smell of dead fish or swimming in stinky green water!

"Red Tide" kills fish and wildlife that wash up on our beach. Red tide is a natural occurrence, but it is fed and worsened by fertilizer and nutrients washing into the gulf.

One of the main sources of these nutrients is water flowing out from Lake Okeechobee. Because of the excessive rain this winter water levels are high in the lake, so starting on February 17th the Corp of Engineers began massive water discharges to make room for summer rains. This polluted water will soon be reaching our beach, if it hasn't already.

These massive flows of polluted lake water not only feed red tide, they also dilute the natural salinity of harbors, killing sea grass and oyster beds. Manatees rely on that sea grass to survive.

If you would like to participate in protecting our beach from the devastation of polluted water and red tide, consider joining the organization “Captains for Clean Water”. They are fighting for funding to get the water back to a natural southern flow through the Everglades -- not out through the Caloosahatchee where it causes our troubles.

Check out their website [www.captainsforcleanwater.org](http://www.captainsforcleanwater.org) and consider supporting the cause. Thank you! (*Information courtesy of Joel Malkerson*)

### **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!***

**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.

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.

## **PARKING PASSES**

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

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

### Contact Number:

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



### Remember:

By ordinance protecting turtles, starting May 1<sup>st</sup> no lights are allowed that are visible from the beach. This restriction stays in effect until October 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, leave no obstacles on the beach that might hinder turtles leaving or returning to Gulf waters.

## 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>

