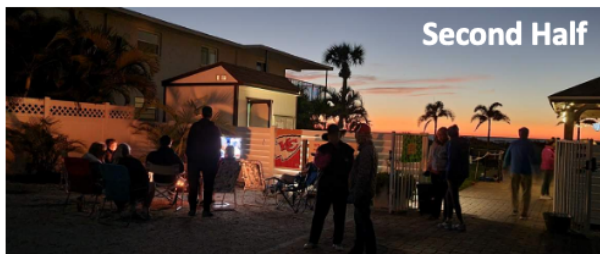
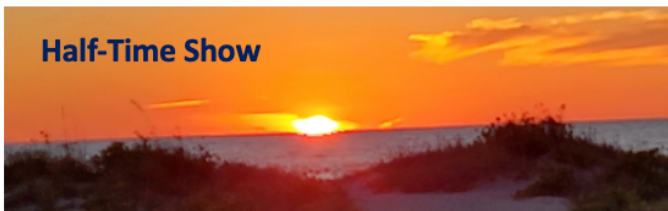




## Golden Beach Newsletter February 2024

### ***Golden Beach Tailgate Party ... a winner!***

Our Tailgate event on January 20 scored big. Conditions were as good as it gets -- first half on a beautiful sunny late afternoon, second half on a lovely early evening, with a halftime show provided by the ever popular Golden Beach Sunset. Many thanks to Dee Leatherbury and the GBAI Social Committee for making this possible, and to all of our cooks for making the Concession Stand so tasty.



***And the balance of our 2024 Social Calendar ...  
Mark these dates!***

**March 9 -- Corned Beef and Cabbage at Golden Beach Gazebo**

The GBAI social committee is hosting a corned beef and cabbage event on Saturday, March 9 (rain date Sunday) at the gazebo. Golden Beach provides the corned beef and cabbage and Dee Leatherbury is looking for volunteers to cook. If you are interested in cooking, please email Dee at [dleatherbury@peoplepc.com](mailto:dleatherbury@peoplepc.com).

**April 13 -- Taco Night at Golden Beach Gazebo**

*(rain date Sunday, April 14)*

**October 19 -- Italian fest at Golden Beach Gazebo**

*(rain date Sunday, October 20)*

**November 16 – Tailgate Party**

*(rain date Sunday, November 17)*



**‘SPLASH TRASH’  
RECYCLED ART**

Seventeen year old Nora Robertson of Golden Beach Blvd. is a distinguished Senior at Venice High School. For the past 12 years Nora has been passionate about curtailing plastic pollution in our ocean. As a Venice resident and Girl Scout, Nora advocates for clean beaches and educates others on the environmental impact of plastics.

Nora is leading 3 interesting sessions at the Venice Art Center (see link for dates). During a class you create a beautiful oceanic creature out of ‘splash trash’ and recycled plastics. Beach treasures will be provided to create your sea creature.

Come and be educated about this topic, and leave with a one-of-a-kind mixed media art piece. Go on-line or call the Venice Art Center 941-485-7136 to register. ***Act fast if you are interested -- at publication time, the first session of three sessions is already full.***

<https://veniceartcenter.com/product-category/classes/a-little-bit-different/page/3/>

## PERSONALIZED BEACH ACCESS PAVERS!

Based on popular demand, the Personalized Beach Access Paver program could return. The custom engraved pavers will cost just \$250 each, and if we have only twenty neighbors subscribe the project is a go. 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 1. We will follow up with details on message length, payment, etc when at least 20 neighbors sign on to the program.

## WHAT’S UP – LOOK UP! SPECIAL SOLAR EVENT

Mark your Calendars -- 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 will experience a partial eclipse.

The total solar eclipse starts in Texas and moves across Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire and finally Maine. Click on this link from Nasa for more details and a map of the eclipse: <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/where-when/>

Unfortunately, this time around, Florida will only see a partial eclipse starting around 1:42 pm in the Venice area. This solar eclipse is known as a partial solar eclipse because the moon will not totally cover up the sun here, but will still cover about 64 percent of the sun. (If you remember back in October of 2023, we experienced a solar eclipse with around 60 percent coverage ... so this one in April will be slightly better, or darker if you prefer.

### **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>

## DIY: Simple Pinhole Projector

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

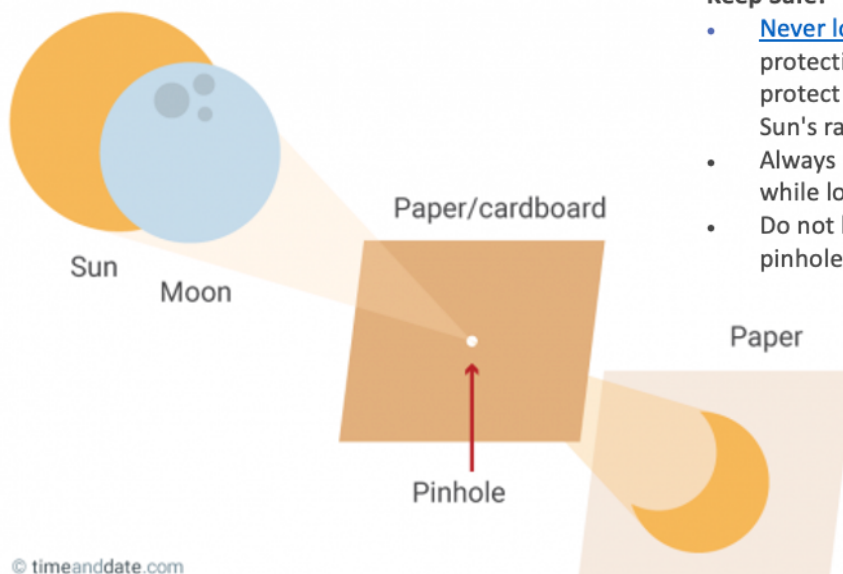
### You Need:

- 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.

## Pinhole Projector:



### 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.

## 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.

### 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.

**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.

## 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!**

## 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**



## 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>

