



Golden Beach Newsletter June 2024

New Security Camera System

Four years ago, Golden Beach Associates assessed the overall condition of the beach access property. Needed repairs and improvements were identified, including an extensive upgrade to

the electrical service, renewal of a failed well and irrigation system, installation of a new fence and gate, replacement of a rusted utility shed, reseeding areas of grass, refreshing and expanding the shell topping, and more.

Planning and implementing the projects was a puzzle: *“B is urgent, but we can’t do B before A... C can probably wait a bit... D we can do when we have 6 strong volunteers”*, etc.

One of the needs was installation of security cameras, so that we would no longer be reliant on the Beachcomber system when a visual record was needed. Upgrade of the electrical system and installation of a weather-tight shed were prerequisites, so the security camera project was put on hold until those were completed.



This year GBAI revisited the project, deciding that needs would be best met by a camera system that was inexpensive to install and maintain, completely stand-alone (not connected to the Internet or any outside service), physically secure, and offering good visual coverage of the property. Mike Muhlbauer led research into security camera systems, and the board selected a system that met all of the criteria. The system was installed; looking closely in the photo above you can see the very unobtrusive cameras, located on upper corners of the shed.

Hopefully the system will sit ignored and un-needed for many years to come! However, in the event that there is ever a need for a visual record of events on the property, the new system should provide it.

Life Preserver and Safety Signage

The life safety ring and signage about rip-tides and water hazards was a long-time presence near the beach access path. Over the years many observed that these could be even more useful if they were located closer to the water.

Deterioration of the old timber post gave an opportunity to make that change. The life preserver and warning signs, now mounted to a sturdy 4 x 6 post, have been relocated to the Gulf end of the beach access path.



Particular thanks to Peter Virgilio for obtaining our nice new sign, and to John and Karen Calder for beautiful execution of the new installation!



Adopt a Turtle nest!

MOTE Marine Laboratory volunteers patrol the beach daily, marking new nests with yellow stakes and bright tape so that we can avoid disturbing the nests before the baby turtles hatch later this summer.

MOTE offers a program for individuals, families or organizations to “Adopt a Nest”:

<https://www.mote.org/turtlenestadoption>

Below is a photo of a turtle nest on Golden Beach. Hooray for turtle mommas and the hatchlings to come!



A letter to potential volunteers...

Dear Neighbors,

Many in Golden Beach are already contributing much time and talent working with community organizations. This note is directed toward those who may wish to explore volunteering with Tidewell Hospice. During the past 10 years it has been my privilege to support neighbors during their final months and days in a variety of optional roles, from baking cookies to holding hands. If you're interested in learning more, without any pressure, please email me at:

pamelabythesea@verizon.net

Thank you for all you are currently doing on behalf of our community!

-- Pam Marble

Golden Beach Food Drive – a great outcome

Our recent food drive was a huge success. The drive was focused primarily on providing food to children over the summer holidays, but also addressing the general needs of the Venice community. The drive concluded with an increase of about 25% in the number of items donated as compared with the previous year. Thank you to Golden Beach residents who made this possible!

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.

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.

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 1st no lights are allowed that are visible from the beach. This restriction stays in effect until October 1st. Also, leave no obstacles on the beach that might hinder turtles leaving or returning to Gulf waters.

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.

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!

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 and contact@goldenbeachassociates.com

Contacting Golden Beach Associates -- 2 easy ways!

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Email: contact@goldenbeachassociates.com

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