



Golden Beach Newsletter March 2024

Big News In Our Quiet Neighborhood!

New blue city-style signs replace old green county-style signs –
“hey, they go with the Golden Beach sky!” says one observer.

The news doesn't rival "Apollo Mission Lands First Astronauts on the Moon!" but in quiet Golden Beach it is headline stuff. In late February the City of Venice began updating and upgrading our street signage. Interviewed on-site, Venice's street sign specialist (Jess) explained that the new signs are lighter, more reflective, and better engineered. Comparing the badly corroded mounting system of the old signs with the high-quality corrosion-resistant stainless steel bolts used in the new system, the difference is clear. And ... our Golden Beach sign-toppers remain in place with new signs.



Dragon, Winds, Flowers, Seasons...

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



Mah Jongg is a tile-based game that was developed in the 19th century in China and has spread throughout the world. The game is played with a set of 144 tiles based on Chinese character and symbols. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahjong>

Please contact Ferris Rinko with any questions:
215-913-9224 or formanrinko@gmail.com

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.

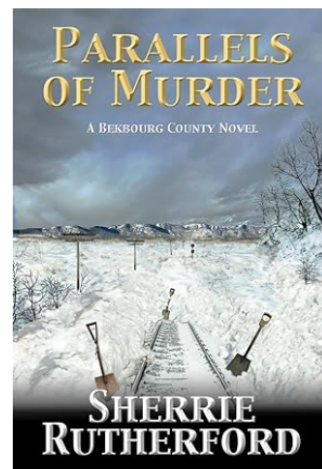


If you would like to participate in protecting our beach from the devastation of polluted water and red tide, consider joining the organization "Captains for Clean Water". They are fighting for funding to get the water back to a natural southern flow through the Everglades -- not out through the Caloosahatchee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

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

Upcoming at the Bookshop: Meet the Author

The Island Bookshop located on Venice Island is hosting a Meet the Author event on Saturday, May 4, at 5:00 pm. Sherrie Rutherford, a Golden Beach resident, will be discussing her latest mystery novel, "Parallels of Murder." Aimee Odette and Michael Rank, owners of The Island Bookshop, look forward to welcoming guests. Please RSVP by calling 941.416.5511 or visiting their website: theislandbookshop.com. The Meet the Author event will take place next door at the Collectors Gallery & Framery, 114 Nokomis Ave S, Venice, FL 34285 in the Merchants of Venice building.



***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 -- event starts at 5:00 pm.



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)

PERSONALIZED PAVERS – ACT NOW!

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 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 before April 13.** We will follow up with details on message length, payment, etc when at least 20 neighbors sign on to the program.

Walk for a Vet Walkathon

Date: 03/09/2024, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Airport Festival Grounds

At the Walk for a Vet event, the Venice airport will come alive with delightful arts & crafts vendors, non-profit organizations, and food vendors, many of whom are proud supporters of The Long Walk Home. It's a celebration of unity and goodwill, where you can enjoy shopping, food and music while supporting a vital cause. The course is 3.5 miles, with a couple pit stops to hydrate and snack. There is a track that will take you to the finish after 2.5 miles if you choose. Your participation is greatly appreciated. If your financial circumstances allow it, kindly ask donate and make a positive impact on this suicide prevention programs. If you wait to register on the day of the walk, a minimum of a \$20.00 donation is suggested, or what you feel you would like to give to support work in preventing suicide.



**“Walk For A Vet”
Walkathon**

Join a fundraising walk to support The Long Walk Home’s mission to prevent Veteran suicide.

Venice Airport Festival Grounds 

**Saturday
March 9th 2024**

8am - 2pm
Opening Ceremony: 8:30am

★ Music

★ Vendors & Food

Register Today! www.thelongwalkhome.org

Hosted by: The Long Walk Home, Inc (a non-profit dedicated to ending Veteran suicide).
For more info, contact Ron Zaleski 305-399-5354 or info@thelongwalkhome.org

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>

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.



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.

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**



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.

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!

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

Or use *Contact Us* on the website: <https://www.goldenbeachassociates.com>

