



## Golden Beach Newsletter May 2024

# Turtles return!

First turtles of the season are arriving in Golden Beach to dig nests and lay their eggs



### **The City of Venice provides turtle-friendly guidelines for gulf-side neighborhoods:**

*Like many of Florida's coastal communities, the City of Venice has a lighting ordinance requiring residents to turn off beachfront lights during sea turtle nesting season. You should also avoid using flashlights, lanterns or flash photography while on the beach at night.*

*Artificial lights that shine onto a nesting beach can draw turtle hatchlings away from the water and off the beach, where they have a slim chance of survival. These lights can lead them into roads, swimming pools and other danger zones, while causing them to exhaust their energy stores. Beach lights can also scare away females crawling ashore to nest.*

*Residents should go out to the beach at night and identify what lights on their property are visible from the beach. If the lights are not needed for safety, simply turn them off. If the lights cannot be turned off, shield, redirect or lower the height of the lights so they are no longer visible from the beach.*

*Replace problematic lights with turtle-friendly fixtures designed to direct light where you need it and away from the beach. Use red or amber LED bulbs (which are less disruptive to nesting sea turtles and hatchlings) in shielded, downward directed turtle-friendly fixtures. Only light for safety, and avoid decorative or uplights during the nesting and hatchling season.*

# Palace fit for a Monarch



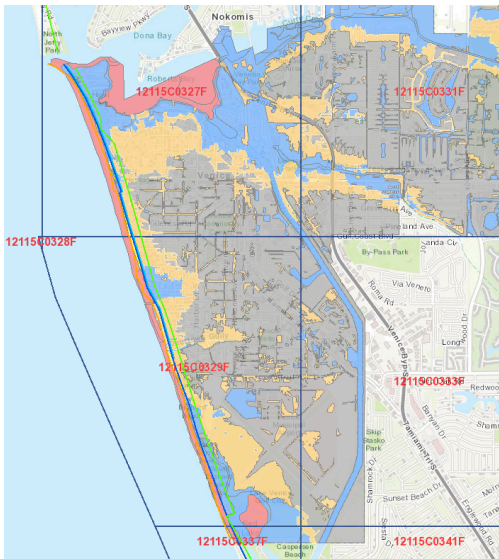
## Neighbor Janice Stevenson recently completed this beautiful Butterfly Versailles

Janice tells the story: *“Several years ago Bill Fender offered free milkweed to Golden Beach neighbors. My husband and I rode down to Bill and Susan’s house and picked up one plant. After sitting the plant on our outside terrace butterflies started egg bombing it. The next thing I knew I had lots of caterpillars! I was thrust into locating and growing milkweed to feed my hungry caterpillars, and I released almost 200 butterflies that year.*

*I bought a cabinet with a vision of a Butterfly enclosure, and started the cabinet design project. My husband Jack graciously supported me in this endeavor and helped me when asked. We removed the back of the cabinet and the glass in the doors, replacing them with screen. Next we cut out part of the center shelf and covered it with vinyl flooring tiles for easy cleanup. I sanded and coated the interior wood with a non-petroleum 100% natural wax made from plant-based materials.. I sanded, primed, painted and antiqued the outside. We added wheels. I found a lucite tray that fit the bottom for easy cleanup. Then I started locating caterpillars to the cabinet! Since Easter, I have released 33 Monarch Butterflies.”*

*“if anyone would like help with starting a butterfly garden or better still a Monarch Group, please contact me. I am happy to share what I have learned. My phone is in the Directory. “*

*-- Janice Perciful Stevenson*



## 2024 FEMA Flood Map for Venice

A new Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) has been created by FEMA to map flood risks. The FIRM shows the BFE (Base Flood Elevation) in high-risk areas. The BFE is the computed elevation that flood waters are expected to rise to during the base flood; the base flood has a 1% chance of equaling or exceeding that level in any given year.

**Everywhere in Florida is in a flood zone, it's the level of risk that differs. Golden Beach neighborhood has updated flood ratings.**

**Check out your updated flood rating** on this interactive map on the City of Venice city portal:

<https://geo.venicefl.gov/portal/apps/storymaps/stories/adcb0117e84c45e8b83bfcf96e378b10>



**Golden Beach Association Food Drive**  
**April 1<sup>st</sup> - April 30<sup>th</sup>**  
*Benefiting South County Food Pantry, Venice, FL*

***Golden Beach Food Drive totals are in ...***  
**438 donations from Golden Beach neighbors!**

*Special thanks to Julia Palucci, Peggy Parys, Karen Calder and Katie Flynn for managing the food drive and collecting donations.*

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

**October 19 - Tailgate Mixer** - Wear your favorite team colors (rain date Sunday, October 20)

**November 16 - Italian Fest** (rain date, Sunday November 17)

**Golden Beach Summer Sunset Get Togethers** are on each first Sunday from May-September.  
*Come on down and meet with your neighbors.*

## Bike Quiz (courtesy of Venice City e-News)

Bonus Question:

*Q: When riding, remember this simple rule: \_\_\_\_\_*

*A: Rubber side down*

### Florida Bicycle Laws Quiz

- Bicycle riders have \_\_\_ rights and responsibilities, compared to operators of other vehicles.
  - more
  - fewer
  - different
  - the same
- When turning left in a turn lane, a bicyclist may \_\_\_\_\_.
  - utilize the entire lane
  - use only the right-hand section of the lane
  - not use the lane at all
  - use only the left-hand section of the lane
- By law bicyclists \_\_\_ must always wear a helmet when riding.
  - under 16 years of age
  - riding at night
  - of any age
  - riding outside designated bike lanes
- It is \_\_\_ to wear headphones while riding a bicycle on a public right-of-ways.
  - more fun, and not really unsafe if they are not too loud
  - unwise, but not illegal
  - unwise and illegal
  - a non-issue
- Under what conditions may bicyclists ride two abreast?
  - never
  - when riding at the posted speed limit
  - when doing so will not impede the flow of traffic
  - anytime
- A bicyclist may slow down and continue through a red light or stop sign if there are no cars coming.
  - true
  - false
- Bicyclists riding at night must have the following visual markers on their vehicles:
  - front (white) and rear (red) lights
  - front (white) and rear (red) lights and a rear (red) reflector.
  - rear light only.
  - front and rear reflectors are enough
- Bicyclists must ride as close to the right-hand side of the roadway as practicable, except when:
  - passing or maneuvering around another vehicle
  - maneuvering around a hazard
  - making a left turn
  - all of the above
- When riding on the road, bicyclists must \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ride against the flow of traffic
  - ride in the same direction as traffic unless indicated
  - ride in marked bike lanes in the detection of marked arrows
  - b and c above
- Bicyclists may ride on the sidewalk, but when doing so, and at pedestrian crossing, must \_\_\_ when passing a pedestrian.
  - keep a distance of at least three feet
  - yield and give an audible signal such as a bell or voice warning
  - slow down and stay behind the pedestrian
  - dismount and act as a pedestrian



Answers: 1. D, 2. A, 3. A, 4. C, 5. C, 6. B, 7. B, 8. D, 9. D, 10. B

**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.

## **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.

## **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](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>

