



## Golden Beach Newsletter December 2024

### PUBLIC MEETING

**Date:** Monday, December 16

**Time:** 1:00 PM

**Location:** City Hall Community Room

**Address:** 401 West Venice Avenue

An in-person meeting hosted by the City of Venice and their consultant agency Coastal Protection Engineering to solicit public input on the flooding surrounding Flamingo Ditch.

**All are welcome and urged to attend!**

**If you would like to speak, you must pre-register within the 72 hours before the meeting.**

Pre-register to speak via this URL:

<https://app.thereceptionist.com/contactless/ND0f6B/x0ZSeN>

or via the QR code on the the announcement to the right >

**FLAMINGO DITCH FEASIBILITY STUDY**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**WHEN** MONDAY DECEMBER 16, 2024 AT 1 PM

**WHERE** CITY HALL, COMMUNITY HALL ROOM  
401 W. VENICE AVE.  
VENICE, FL 34285

Coastal Protection Engineering (CPE) is conducting a study at the request of the City of Venice (City) to assess potential alternatives to reduce or stop the flooding on the roadways and properties surrounding the existing Flamingo Ditch (Outfall 5). An in-person meeting will be hosted by the City and CPE to solicit input from the public to be taken into consideration in the study. After a brief presentation by CPE, comments will be heard from all those who are signed up to speak. Register to speak in advance by scanning the QR code below no more than three days prior to the meeting. For more information or to submit comments electronically, visit [www.flamingoditch.com](http://www.flamingoditch.com).

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REGISTER

If you cannot attend but wish to comment, you can do so on-line at [www.flamingoditch.com](http://www.flamingoditch.com)

If you cannot attend in person, you can attend virtually by viewing the meeting online via the following link to the City of Venice Meeting Calendar: <https://venice.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>. Once on-line, click on "In Progress" to the far right of the City meeting on this date.

# ***Welcome 2025 Golden Beach Associates Directors and Officers***

Thank you in advance to each of these Directors and Officers for their service to the community in months to come! And Thank You to all who served in 2024!

A big welcome to these **new Directors**:

George Leatherbury (3 year term)

Stephen Meinsen (3 year term)

John Spada (3 year term)

Jay Fuchs (1 year term)

And to this **new slate of Officers**:

Peggy Parys, President (2 year term)

Steve Oglethorpe, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (2 year term)

Sandi Knepp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (2 year term)

Karen Calder, Secretary (2 year term)

Andy Liscow, Treasurer (2 year term)

Our By-Laws, published on the GBAI website, describe Board responsibilities:

<https://ecbiz238.inmotionhosting.com/~golde288/documents/>



## **Golden Beach Chili Fest**

The **Golden Beach Chili Fest** will be held **Saturday, January 11 at 5 pm** at the beach easement.

(Rain date: Sunday, January 12 at 5 pm.)

Your invitation for the Chili Fest will be emailed to you via Punchbowl, so be on the lookout for it. Once received, please send in your RSVP, so we can have an accurate headcount.

**We're looking for cooks who would like to contribute a crockpot of their favorite chili.**

**If you are able to contribute chili for the event, please let Dee Leatherbury know -**

[deeleatherbury@gmail.com](mailto:deeleatherbury@gmail.com). For those not contributing chili, please bring an appetizer, salad, cornbread or dessert to share. Everyone attending the party should also bring their own chair and beverage (water not provided). ***Hope to see you there! -- The Golden Beach Social Committee***

# PARKING PASSES

The 2025 member parking stickers and guest parking passes are going in the mail soon. Stickers and passes are mailing to the address provided on your membership application. If you haven't received yours by January 15, please send an email to: [contact@goldenbeachassociates.com](mailto:contact@goldenbeachassociates.com).

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.

***2024 parking stickers and guest parking passes will be recognized as valid through January 31, 2024.***

## In good company!

***GOLDEN BEACH BLVD, MAHON and BAYNARD hanging out with other lost signs at the Post-Milton Venice Street Sign Party... Including a glimpse of the rare Golden Beach Sign Topper***



## 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 her new email address: [deeleatherbury@gmail.com](mailto:deeleatherbury@gmail.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.

The gazebo is for use of Golden Beach members and their guests only.

## 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 – temporarily closed, presumable due to storm damage.***

## 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>

