



Golden Beach Newsletter February 2025

Oops!...

At 5:07 pm on January 8th the driver of a KIA Soul pulled into Golden Beach parking lot. The driver failed to stop. The car jumped the concrete parking bar and smashed into the concrete block wall.

Captured on security camera video, the driver appears to be a young woman. We know very little about her and her friends, as they did not leave any note behind.



If you recognize the vehicle, please do contact Golden Beach Associates: contact@goldenbeachassociates.com. It would be good to identify the driver for insurance purposes.



Dragon, Winds, Flowers, Seasons... Mah Jongg!

Experienced players in Golden Beach meet every Friday 12:45-3:00 at the Venice Island Firehouse, 112 Harbor Drive to play Mah Jongg.

Starting Friday April 4, they will also be giving lessons to anyone who would like a refresher course or to learn to play Mah Jongg. Lessons are at 3:15, at the Firehouse (112 Harbor Drive), from 4/4 – 4/18.

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>



If you are interested, please order a 2025 Mah Jongg card from the National Mah Jongg League: nationalmahjonggleague.org. Any questions? Please contact either Ferris Rinko (215-913-9224 or formanrinko@gmail.com) or Diana Geiss (513-503-2487 or dkaygeiss@yahoo.com).



Soup's On! for our February Social Night

When: Saturday, February 22, 2025 (Washington's birthday 🍒)

Where: Beach Access **Time:** 5:00-7:00 PM

Bring your appetite! We will have a variety of hearty soups and breads, rolls, and crackers. Please bring a salad to accompany the soups or an appetizer or dessert... perhaps chocolate or cherry theme to celebrate February holidays. And, please remember to bring your chair and favorite beverage. FYI, if you left a serving item at Chili night, check in with the Social Committee.

Next month is the Corned Beef & Cabbage event. Please contact Dee if you are interested in cooking a corned beef and cabbage dish -- we buy, you cook. Dee's address: deeleatherbury@gmail.com

And the balance of our 2025 Golden Beach Social Calendar...

March 15

Traditional Corned Beach & Cabbage plus Irish Stew!

April 5

Taco Night

October 18

Tailgate Mixer & Hamburger Cookout

November 15

Italian Night

December 6

(stay tuned)



You can't keep a good bench down

Pre-Milton and Helene, there were 2 old Golden Beach benches among the dunes, providing convenient places to take a break on a beach walk or to watch the sunset. Post-storms, all that could be found of them was one tiny bit of concrete rising from the ground, like something from *Planet of the Apes*. Nothing invites digging like the thought of buried treasure, and a succession of volunteers – kids, visitors, neighbors -- gradually moved a great deal of sand. In the end the entire bench was revealed and brought back to the surface. It seemed to be no worse for the experience, and is again available for your sitting pleasure.



GBERT – one spot remains for 2025!

A single spot remains open on GBERT, the Golden Beach Elite Refuse Team. The open spot is for the month of May 2025. The position entails rolling the wheeled trash and recycling bins to the curb for morning pickup on Mondays and Thursdays, and back to their place by the shed later in the day. Interested in joining this celebrated team? Contact Mike Mueller at mikemueller33@att.net





Water Project Update

Deertown Gully is the next major drainage south of Flamingo Ditch. A large construction project there is nearing completion. It was prioritized in the City of Venice’s “Comprehensive Plan: Capital Improvement Schedule Fiscal Years 2022-2025” addressing “Deertown Gully Water Quality Improvements” and

“Deertown Gully Headwall Replacement.” The project includes a 13-foot retaining wall, three large drainage management culverts, elevated retention berms of soil to the north of the primary structure, and stone rip-rap in the drainage channel for erosion control. Flamingo Ditch deserves this level of attention.

Golden Beach Road Safety

Chris Derbak hosted an in-person meeting with Louis White of the Venice Police Department on January 17. The meeting focused on neighbor concerns about speeding, pedestrian safety, and other traffic-related issues in the Golden Beach neighborhood.



PARKING PASSES

The 2025 member parking stickers and guest parking passes have been mailed 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. 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.

GBAI directories have been distributed or members not here right now contacted. If you haven’t received yours, please contact your street captain listed on the website.



Golden Beach Community Resources

Emerging from the 2024 hurricane season Golden Beach began building a list of useful resources, as recommended by members of the community based upon their own experience. The list as it stands today is published here. If you would like to join Julia in maintaining and developing the ongoing list, there is an opportunity! Please contact Julia Paulucci (jpminor@optonline.net) if interested.

FINE PRINT: LIST BASED SOLELY ON RECOMMENDATIONS BY NEIGHBORS. YOUR EXPERIENCE MAY VARY. GBAI TAKES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR VENDOR PERFORMANCE.

Specialty	Company Name	Contact	Phone	Email
Gutters	Johson Gutters	AJ	813 245-1134	
Power Washing	Sabrina's Integrity	Chris	941 253-2742 941 223-1801	
Landscape & Clean up	Exotic Landscape Tupelo Landscape Lawn Service Inc Diaz Lawn Service	Sam Crosen Russell	941 809-3551 941 266-7016 941 812-3863 561 633-9315	
Screens / Pool Cage	All About Aluminum Storm Smart	Jordan Ganem Milan Harry Snell	786 810-2681 941 876-4779 786 810-2681 239 938-1000	ganem-milan@gmail.com
General Contractors	Tropical Renovations	Jeff Lexvold	941 741-3722	tropicalrenovations.com
Sprinklers	Pacific Lawn Sprinklers Palm Irrigation Clark Connections	Jimmy Tom	941 462-2070 941 800-5674 941 493-2777	
Roof	Kirkey Roofing		941-474-2113	
Windows	Absolute Windows	Mark Lamb	41 232-0004	
Counter Tops	Sunmac of Sarasota		941 271-4326	
Plumber	Babe's Plumbing		941 488-2402	
Floor Clean up / Repair	Intergrity Crew	Kevin	808 725-0059 & 941 497-3963	
Electrician	Palm Island Electric	Matt Brooker	941 468-6375	
Fencing	H&Y Fence		941 379-3444	
Heating AC	Venice Cooling & Heating		941 485-8572	
Handyman	GranRooster LLC	Rui Grangeiro	248 705-1222	
Volunteers to help Neighbors	Lisa Boltz			rooroo2@comcast.net

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.

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

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.

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>

