



## Golden Beach Newsletter November 2024

***Thank you to all who helped clean up storm damage, begin restoration of our beach access, and support neighbors.***



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Before  
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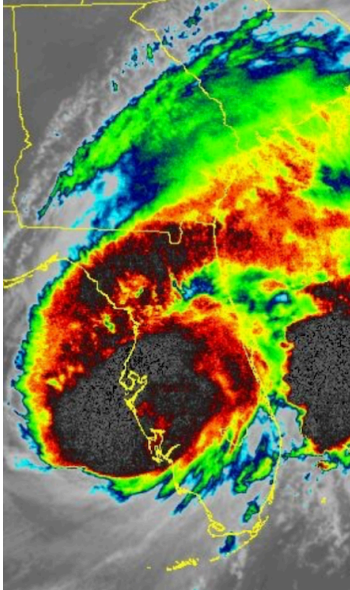


*Sneak  
Preview  
of  
Beach  
2025!*

# *Hurricane Milton ... a less than welcome visitor*

Close on the heels of Helene, Hurricane Milton slammed southwest Florida, doing considerable damage in Golden Beach and throughout the area. This major storm was a Category 5 until shortly before the eye made landfall just north of Venice. Golden Beach experienced the storm as a Category 3, with sustained high winds and storm surge.

Neither Helene nor Milton are invited to return to Golden Beach next year, thank you.



# Beach Access & Street Cleanup

## Saturday November 9, 8:00-Noon

Bring your favorite rake, broom, wheelbarrow, pruning shears or whatever and join your neighbors for a morning of helping tidy up the beach access and clean up debris on nearby streets. Light work!



## Celestial Snowbird Visits Venice



*“Comet C/2023 A3 (Tsuchinshan-ATLAS) was visible to the naked eye in October as the comet, which is sort of an icy space snowball, flew past the sun and Earth.”  
– Space.com*

Comet Tsuchinshan-ATLAS appeared to head directly towards Golden Beach last month. Like many visitors the comet returns to Venice on a regular basis. Based on orbital calculations, astronomers believe it will visit Golden Beach again in just 80,000 years. Unlike hurricanes, comets are welcome back any time, and we eagerly await this comet’s return!

*Photo courtesy of Golden Beach resident astronomer Bob Mondelli*

# Membership & Directory Deadline Extended!

With the disruption caused by storms in October, the deadline for enrollment and inclusion in the Annual Directory is extended to December 1. To join GBAI for 2025 you need only print out the application below and mail it along with your annual dues – which remain just \$50 for 2025!

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## 2025 GBAI Membership Application

Golden Beach Address <b>Must be printed</b>	
	Venice, FL 34285
Owner Name 1 Phone 1 Email 1	
Owner Name 2 Phone 2 Email 2	
Mailing Address <i>Ballot (Nov 1) and parking stickers (Dec 15) are mailed to this address.</i>	

Do you wish to be listed in the directory? \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

Application/dues must be received by **November 1** to be included in the new year directory.

**Return application and a \$50 check to: GBAI, PO Box 802, Venice FL 34284**

<input type="checkbox"/> Check to purchase a GBAI license plate. (Include an extra \$10 <u>each</u> with your dues.)  		<input type="checkbox"/> Check to purchase a GBAI name badge. (Include an extra \$10 <u>each</u> with your dues.)	
			Name (printed) _____
			Name (printed) _____

**Volunteer with GBAI!** Mark areas of interest with your name(s):

A month of trash duty at the easement \_\_\_\_\_

Beach access maintenance & improvements \_\_\_\_\_

Interest in serving on the GBAI Board \_\_\_\_\_

Social Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Charitable Events \_\_\_\_\_

Community Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Administrative support (membership, news, website, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Mark your Calendar...



### **Italian Night at the Gazebo, Saturday November 16, 5 p.m.**

Check your email for an invitation from Punchbowl for the upcoming Golden Beach Italian night. The date is Saturday, November 16, at 5 pm at the gazebo. Rain date is Sunday.

*Italian casseroles will be provided*

*Please bring the following:*

- Chair
- Beverage, including water
- An appetizer, salad or dessert to share

### **Golden Beach Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of Golden Beach Associates, Inc. will be held on Monday, December 9th, at 6:30 PM, at the Italian American Club, on the island.



### ***Even Milton had a bright side***

Post-Milton, Golden Beach went through a period of intensive clean-up and clean-out as neighbors dealt with wind- and water-damage.

A neighbor regarded several surplus serviceable and undamaged bikes in his garage, then contacted several local charities to ask if they had programs to put donated bicycles into the hands of those who might need them. A well-regarded local program – Bike Rescue – did. So the call went out to our Golden Beach neighborhood: “Bring out your bikes!”

Over a dozen bicycles, including beach cruisers, kids bike, and adult road bikes were donated by Golden Beach residents. The bikes will be repaired and restored as needed so they can be used again.

## City of Venice Storm News: Storm-related Permit Fees Waived

Appreciating the challenges residents are experiencing to repair damage to their property caused by two devastating hurricanes, Helene and Milton, effective this date (10/29/24) and retroactive to Sept. 27, 2024, the City of Venice Building Department will waive the application fee for certain permits issued for storm-related damage, including roof repairs, reroofing, electrical repairs, single door and single window replacement, and other minor work permits.

In addition, inspection fees for permits described herein will also be waived. The waiver is intended to facilitate repair and reconstruction of hurricane-damaged structures and will be in effect for applications filed through Jan. 31, 2025.

Read the executive order signed today by Venice City Manager Ed Lavallee granting this temporary waiver [here](#). It should be noted this executive order does not modify the process to acquire a permit for storm-related damage.

**For more information:** <https://www.venicegov.com/government/building-department/permitting>



## FL Storm News: “Check My Contract”

### Florida Department of Financial Services

*The Florida Department of Financial Services' (DFS) Check My Contract service is designed to assist residential or commercial property insurance policyholders who have entered into a repair contract*

*with contractors, restoration professionals, or public adjusters related to an insurance claim.*

*Check My Contract allows these policyholders to submit repair contracts to DFS for independent review to gather any potential evidence of insurance fraud against Florida policyholders, especially following storms and ensure the contract complies with Florida Law.*

*The Department will review:*

- 1. Compliance with Emergency-Specific Protections: Review roofing and public adjusting contracts to ensure they meet Florida’s cancellation criteria outlined in [626.854](#), [626.8796](#), Florida Statutes and Rule [69B-220.051](#), Florida Administrative Code. The consumer will receive the appropriate cancellation form if a contract does not meet these criteria.*
- 2. Consumer Protection in Post-Storm Recovery: Examine storm recovery contracts to determine if they involve an unlawful Assignment of Benefits (AOB), rendering them void under Florida Statute [627.7152](#). If a contract is identified as an unlawful AOB, the consumer will receive a notice informing them that it is void, invalid, and unenforceable.”*

**For more information:** <https://www.myfloridacfo.com/division/consumers/check-my-contract>

## ***Storm Recovery Gardening Advice, from City of Venice “e-news”***



At left, an aerial photo of Heritage Park on West Venice Ave. after Hurricane Milton shows trees with extensive wind burn.

- Light pruning: Once leaves appear, prune out dead twigs and branches, keeping pruning treatments as light as possible for now.
- No fertilizing: Avoid fertilizing now, as fertilizers contain salts that can exacerbate salt buildup in the soil. Plan to fertilize in spring around March.
- Regular irrigation: Continue regular irrigation to flush away salt buildup on plants and in the soil. Many plants will be reacting as if it were spring, so they will need water.
- Water uprooted plants: If you have trees and shrubs that were uprooted and then replanted, water them as if they were newly planted. Their roots are damaged, so they need time to rebuild a root system. Wait to fertilize until spring.

The plant's overall health before the storm will also play a role in how well they recover. Plants will need to use energy reserves to regenerate foliage, so those in good condition will fare better than those in poor health.

Most plants should be just fine, so be patient. Give your plants water and the time they need to recover, and everything will be green again soon.

## **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.

## **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>

