

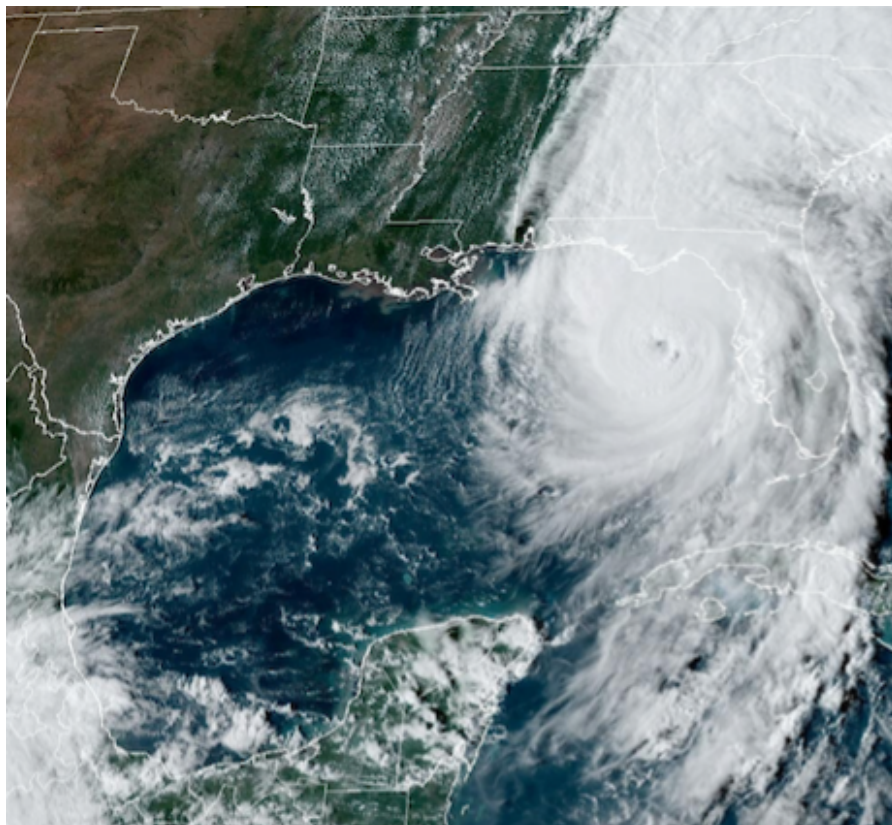


Golden Beach Newsletter October 2024

Hurricane Helene

*On September 27 Golden Beach experienced the worst storm in local living memory.
Our hearts go out to all who suffered personal or property damage in the storm.
Pictures tell the story.*

Satellite photo of Helene at 6:31pm Thursday, after passing Golden Beach.





Reporter for WGBN (Golden Beach News)
Interviews a local resident as storm begins early Thursday.
At 8 am, there was a time for laughter.
That changed dramatically as the storm developed.

Next, the usual hurricane event – street signs fly off poles.



Then the never-before-experienced happened. These photos were taken at 6pm Thursday.
Waves had crested over the dunes and our beach access was knee-deep in water.



*Golden Beach streets in "Zone A" flooded, with water rising throughout the evening.
Golden Beach Boulevard, below.*



Throughout the storm and its aftermath, Venice emergency workers were a constant presence.



Extensive areas of Golden Beach neighborhood north of Spadaro and west of Harbor were deeply flooded, with significant property damage throughout the zone.

Photos below show Golden Beach Boulevard, Everglades and Villas late on Thursday or early Friday. Other streets in the neighborhood experienced much the same degree of flooding.



The aftermath of Hurricane Helene will affect residents of Golden Beach for many months to come. Out of consideration for our friends and neighbors, we've elected not to show photos of the damage to individual properties; suffice to say that in many instances their losses were extreme.

The photos below, of our shared beach spaces, give a sense of the devastation and disruption caused by the storm and flooding. By Saturday morning, neighbors less impacted by the storm had voluntarily begun a clean-up of the beach access.



A city emergency worker “unplugs the ditch” Friday afternoon, draining the Golden Beach floodwaters like a bathtub.



Golden Beach Director positions -- a great opportunity to serve your Community!

Golden Beach Associates holds its annual election in November, with three Director positions open for members of the community. There are no prerequisites or requirements beyond residence in Golden Beach (full time or seasonal) and membership in Golden Beach Associates. Clean work, no heavy lifting required!

The Board meets monthly from September through May to plan community social activities, address maintenance and improvement projects for our beach access property, and consider issues impacting the community. Come join the board: contact Mike Mueller (Chair of the Golden Beach Election Committee). Email Mike at: mikemueller33@att.net



Mark your Calendar...

**Golden Beach
Tailgate Party,
at the Gazebo,
Saturday October 19,
6 p.m.**

Rain date is Sunday.

Bring an appetizer, dessert, or tailgate snack. Wear your team colors.
Keep an eye out at the end of this month for an invitation from Punchbowl.
(Punchbowl Invitations will be replacing Paperless Post.)

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.

Tour the Beachcomber Saturday, October 5th

*Members of the community are invited to visit
our neighbor the Beachcomber
on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
for refreshments and an open house.*



“Since 1956, the Beachcomber in Venice has been making vacation memories. Nestled in the heart of Golden Beach, the Beachcomber is one of the Gulf Coast’s best kept secrets and home to resort accommodations with an Old Florida Style. Each of the 18 fully furnished units, which range in size from efficiency to spacious three bedroom, have full kitchens and expansive views of the Gulf of Mexico. We would like to introduce ourselves or maybe reintroduce ourselves to the wonderful Golden Beach community. Come take a tour, enjoy some refreshments and meet our wonderful property manager, Ms Barry Zahnd.

Next time you have relatives or friends visiting the area, suggest a stay with us, the Beachcomber in Venice. We are the perfect destination for an unspoiled, beachfront retreat.”

For more information, please contact Barry at 941-488-4237 or visit online at www.BeachcomberinVenice.com

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.

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 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>

