



Golden Beach Newsletter April 2025

Springtime, and the living is easy...

We've had two great social events recently: our March 15 *Corned Beef and Cabbage Celebration*, and our April 5 *Taco Night*. Normally that would conclude the famous Golden Beach social season

but wait ... there's MORE ...

the Social Committee is bringing us a previously unscheduled bonus event on May 4!

Sunday! Sunday! Sundae!

The Social Committee invites you to create your own ice cream sundae on **Sunday, May 4th, 7:30 pm.**

All ingredients provided ... just bring your own chair and beverage. Look for the invitation in your email and be sure to sign up so we have an idea of how many we will be serving. (Rain date Monday, May 5th). Hope you can join us!



BE THERE! ICE CREAM! BE THERE!

Featuring One-Day-Only Guest Appearance...

HOT FUDGE SAUCE!!!

Plus Whipped Cream, Caramel, Nuts and More!

If you did not receive your invitation to the GBAI Sundae Sunday event, please email Dee at deeleatherbury@gmail.com. Make sure that you include a valid email address.

Golden Beach is on Facebook!

GBAI now has a private Facebook group! The purpose is for neighbors to share information on local topics related to Golden Beach and the nearby area:



- water quality / red tide
- beach access / social events
- local politics affecting GB
- flora and fauna
- stormwater / flooding
- hurricane preparedness and updates
- recommended contractors
- etc.

Photos and videos around GB are encouraged! (please describe the location)

Also, check out 4 chats set up for us which address these specific topics:
Beach Access; Golden Beach Drainage; Hurricane Preparedness; Recommended Contractors.

Two options for joining the GBAI FB private group:

1) Via the FaceBook App

- go to: menu
 - go to: groups
 - tap on: discover
 - tap on: magnifying glass
 - enter: GBAI
 - tap on: join
 - fill in the box with your name & address
 - read: group guidelines
 - tap: submit
- After an administrator reviews your request, you will be notified.

2) Via www.facebook.com


- find: magnifying glass / search bar
 - search: GBAI
 - click: join group
 - under: "membership pending approval" fill in the box with your name & address
 - read: group guidelines
 - click: submit
- After an administrator reviews your request, the *join* button changes to *share*.

Venice City Council adds Flamingo Ditch Flood Mitigation Project to Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Project List

In a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Workshop on April 3, the City Council discussed the Flamingo Ditch / Golden Beach situation at length. In this "consensus discussion," initiated by Council member Ron Smith, the Mayor and Council members were unanimous in recognizing the importance of addressing the flooding problem in the Flamingo Ditch drainage area.

On April 8, a unanimous City Council formally approved adding the Flamingo Ditch Area Flood Mitigation Project, along with an Economic Recovery & Resiliency Project Summary Worksheet, to the LMS Project list.

The project, described as "design and construct flood mitigation improvements" is a high priority. Initial engineering options, recommendations, and cost estimates are expected to be presented by Coastal Protection Engineering in June.



MEMORANDUM TO VENICE CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH CHARTER OFFICER: Edward Lavallee, City Manager **E-SIGN:**
THRU: Kathleen Weeden, City Engineer
FROM: Christina Rimes, CRS Coordinator
DEPARTMENT: Engineering
DATE: March 13, 2025 **MEETING DATE:** April 8, 2025

SUBJECT: Update Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Project List to Include Flamingo Ditch Area Flood Mitigation Project

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: At the March 11, 2025, City Council meeting, Council discussions indicated that establishing a flood mitigation project for upcoming grant funding was critical. To accomplish this goal, staff recommends adding the Flamingo Ditch Area Flood Mitigation Project to the LMS Project list in the amount of \$1 Million. Although a project has not yet been formally defined, application deadlines for the newly released federal funds require that the project be listed to be eligible for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding. The intent is to work with Coastal Engineering Protection to submit a design, permit and construction phased project for grant funding assistance. In addition, the Flamingo Ditch Area Flood Mitigation Project Summary Work Sheet was submitted to the Economic Recovery and Resiliency Program for consideration.

SUPPORTS STRATEGIC PLAN: Goal Four: Upgrade and Maintain City Infrastructure and Facilities

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED: For Council Adoption by Consent Motion


Motion to approve adding the Flamingo Ditch Area Flood Mitigation Project to the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Project List and submitting an Economic Recovery & Resiliency Project Summary Worksheet.

Protecting our Waters

Waters ... our lakes, rivers, gulf and ocean ...
 make Florida special.
 They are joined by an unsung hero:
 the clean, clear water
 that flows from our taps.

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters,
 Dr. Abbey Tyrna will explore the modern miracle of
 how clean and clear tap water reaches you.

Monday, April 21
6:00 - 7:00 pm
Venice Community Center




PROTECTING OUR WATERS
 From Surface Water
 To Your Tap

Suncoast Waterkeeper Abbey Tyrna PhD
Will Tell Us How We Can Make a Difference!

Monday, April 21st 6:00-7:00pm
Venice Community Center and Facebook Live
For more information go to lwvsrq.org/events

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
 OF SARASOTA COUNTY



Alert savvy shoppers and snowbirds!
Golden Beach Food Drive is ON until April 30th

*Savvy shoppers -- see a BOGO you like but you don't need both?
Please donate that extra one to the food drive.*

*Snowbirds -- if you are heading north before the end of April,
please check your pantry for surplus non-perishable foods.*

Golden Beach Association Food Drive
Through April 30th!
Benefiting South County Food Pantry, Venice, FL

***This summer the pantry is filling backpacks with
food and snacks for children ages 10 and under.
Needed are non-perishable foods: cereal, juice, boxed
milk, applesauce, crackers, raisins.***

***Also needed are all types of nonperishable food items:
canned food, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter,
soup, beans, rice & canned meats.***

No opened or expired items can be accepted.

Collection bins are located at:

- * GBAI Beach Access**
- * Katie Flynn's (444 Darling) /**
- * Karen Calder's (812 Serata)**

***For more information:
Julia Minor (201 618-7559)
Peggy Parys (402 707-2920)***

***Thank you
for your generous
donations!***

Southcountyfoodpantry.com





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 below. If you have a recommendation for the list, please contact Julia Paulucci (juliapminor@gmail.com) or Wendy Derbak (wwagman@gmail.com).

FINE PRINT: LIST BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS BY NEIGHBORS. GBAI TAKES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR VENDOR PERFORMANCE.

GOLDEN BEACH COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Specialty	Company Name	Contact	Phone	Email
Gutters	Johson Gutters	AJ	813 245-1134	
Power Washing	Sabrina's		941 253-2742	
	Integrity	Chris	941 223-1801	
Landscape & Clean up	Exotic Landscape	Sam Crosen	941 809-3551	
	Tupelo Landscape		941 266-7016	
	Lawn Service Inc	Russell	941 812-3863	
	Diaz Lawn Service		561 633-9315	
Screens / Pool Cage		Jordan	786 810-2681	
	All About Aluminim		941 876-4779	
		Ganem Milan	786 810-2681	ganem-milan@gmail.com
	Storm Smart	Harry Snell	239 938-1000	
General Contractors	S&E Renovations, Inc.	Sam Green	941-313-3310	David@serenovations.com
Carpenter	Master Finish Custom Carpentry	Joe Dieter	941 303-0297	www.masterfinishcustomcarpentry.com
Sprinklers	Pacific Lawn Sprinklers	Jimmy	941 462-2070	
	Palm Irrigation	Tom	941 800-5674	
	Clark Connections		941 493-2777	
Roof	Kirkey Roofing		941-474-2113	
Windows	Absolute Windows	Mark Lamb	941 232-0004	
Counter Tops	Sunmac of Sarasota		941 271-4326	
Plumber	Babe's Plumbing		941 488-2402	
Floor Clean up / Repair	Integrity Crew	Kevin	808 725-0059	
Electrician	Palm Island Electric	Matt Brooker	941 468-6375	
	Sunshine Electrical Services		941 441-9300	
	H&Y Fence		941 379-3444	
Fencing	Venice Cooling & Heating		941 485-8572	
Heating AC	GranRooster LLC	Rui Grangeiro	248 705-1222	
Handyman				
Volunteers to help Neighbors	Lisa Boltz			roono2@comcast.net

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, 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.

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/>

