



## Golden Beach Newsletter March 2025

### February Golden Beach “Soup’s On” Social was ... a souper evening!

We had 12 fabulous soups -- soups for every taste, and everyone got to sample several. The weather was perfect, Mother Nature put on a beautiful show at sunset, and Ron Boltz’s music had neighbors dancing in full swing as the planets aligned above us.

Thank you to all our Soup Chefs! If you’d like a soup recipe, we can ask the Soup Chefs for them. Just let us know.

– Golden Beach Social Committee



### Up next: **Corned Beef & Cabbage Event**

**When:** March 15

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

This month is the annual Corned Beef & Cabbage event, featuring a special new treat: Irish Stew! Interested in cooking a corned beef and cabbage dish? Contact Dee: [deeleatherbury@gmail.com](mailto:deeleatherbury@gmail.com)  
GBAI buys, you cook and deliver to the gazebo.

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

***April 5***

***Taco Night***

***October 18***

***Tailgate Mixer & Hamburger Cookout***

***November 15***

***Italian Night***

***December 6***

***(stay tuned)***

## **Tuesday, March 11 -- 9:00 a.m. -- Venice City Hall**

### **Coastal Protection Engineering presentation at the Venice City Council meeting**

On March 11th there will be a presentation by Coastal Protection Engineering (CPE) at the City Council meeting. The meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. and is held in Venice City Hall Room 165. Everyone is urged to attend, and also to speak at the morning audience participation session. Over 100 Golden Beach residents attended the first meeting with CPE last December.

CPE was hired by the City to study the city's public stormwater drainage infrastructure that relies on the Flamingo Ditch Outfall, and to provide recommendations and cost estimates for any re-engineering and construction.

The Flamingo Ditch Steering Committee (with the help of Ron Smith, Venice Council member) was instrumental in getting this consultant hired.

The Committee is currently pressing the City to have CPE include at least some preliminary recommendations and estimates at its March 11 presentation. This is important because disaster recovery grant funds are now available, funds that can pay for some of the project expense. Decisions on grant fund allocations will be made in the near future. If the City does not ask for funds in a timely manner, it will not receive them.

Sue Lang and Steve Meinsen, representing the Committee, recently attended a Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council workshop in Punta Gorda. Representatives of several regional, state, and federal programs were present. The purpose of the workshop was to hear the needs of local communities regarding flood mitigation, disaster resiliency, and recovery. Sue Lang presented two key Venice community needs: the Flamingo Ditch project; and the need for our City to purchase roll-off (dumpster) containers, delivery trucks, and claw trucks so that the City need never again rely on outside haulers after a disaster.

Representatives at the workshop stated that the **Flamingo Ditch project is eligible because it is public stormwater drainage infrastructure, and that the best funding source appears to be the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Relief program**. Speaking with Council Member Ron Smith the next day, the SWFLRP Council Executive Director offered to help with grant applications.

***Please attend on March 11th and ask City Council to make this project one of their highest priorities.***

Submitted by:  
Béat Lehmann, *Flamingo Ditch Steering Committee Chair*  
Sue Lang, *Flamingo Ditch Steering Committee Member*

## How do you spell ... 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](http://nationalmahjonggleague.org). Any questions? Please contact either Ferris Rinko (215-913-9224 or [formanrinko@gmail.com](mailto:formanrinko@gmail.com)) or Diana Geiss (513-503-2487 or [dkaygeiss@yahoo.com](mailto:dkaygeiss@yahoo.com)).

## John Kelly Moore

Longtime Spadaro Drive resident John Moore passed away January 23. In the words of a neighbor, John was "... *Barry Zahnd's (Beachcomber manager) dad - and a retired Virginia judge, decorated veteran, 9-year Venice city councilman and twice Venice vice-mayor. And a great guy.*"

John's obituary is viewable online at: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/venice/name/john-moore-obituary?id=57378449>

## ~~GBERT — one spot remains for 2025!~~

The GBERT (Golden Beach Elite Refuse Team) roster for 2025 is now 100% subscribed.

If you missed your chance in 2025, it is never too early to begin thinking of the future. A new year is just around the corner. Get your 2026 application in early by contacting Mike Mueller at [mikemueller33@att.net](mailto:mikemueller33@att.net)



## **Golden Beach Association Food Drive**

**March 10th - 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 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](mailto: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		941 253-2742	
		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	
	Storm Smart	Ganem Milan Harry Snell	786 810-2681 239 938-1000	<a href="mailto:ganem-milan@gmail.com">ganem-milan@gmail.com</a>
General Contractors	Tropical Renivations	Jeff Lexvold	941 741-3722	<a href="http://tropicalrenovations.com">tropicalrenovations.com</a>
Carpenter	Master Finish Custom Carpentry	Joe Dieter	941 303-0297	<a href="http://www.masterfinishcustomcarpentry.com">www.masterfinishcustomcarpentry.com</a>
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 & 941 497-3963	
Electrician	Palm Island Electric	Matt Brooker	941 468-6375	
	Sunshine Electrical Services		941 441-9300	
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 Neighbor	Lisa Boltz			<a href="mailto:rooro2@comcast.net">rooro2@comcast.net</a>

## 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](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.

## 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](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.

## 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>

