



Golden Beach Newsletter May 2025

Pavers Program Returns!

After requests from multiple neighbors, our engraver will return to the workbench to produce a ***limited run of custom pavers for Golden Beach members.***

You can sponsor a custom personal Golden Beach Paver of your own! Pavers engraved with your custom message and installed at the beach access, available for a contribution of just \$250 each ... no change from 2023 cost.



For information, please email: contact@goldenbeachassociates.com

Sundae Sunday

On Sunday May 4 the Golden Beach Social Committee brought us a special bonus social event at the beach:

Sundae Sunday.

76 neighbors joined the festivities on a beautiful Spring evening.

A picture is worth a thousand words...

Most of the major food groups were respresented.

Dairy, obviously -- vanilla in 3 varieties!

Plus fruit (cherries, strawberries and blueberries) and vegetables (chocolate comes from cocoa beans, and beans belong to the vegetable group.)



Golden Beach Food Drive Update

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Golden Beach food drive supporting the South County Food Pantry, particularly four volunteers who managed the collection on behalf of all neighbors: Julia Minor, Peggy Parys, Karen Calder and Katie Flynn.

Over 1000 food items were collected! Your donations will fill food backpacks for children this summer and be available to local families through the food pantry program.

Susan McCue



Our neighbor Susan McCue of Mahon Drive passed away in April. Loving spouse of Joe Wernet and companion of Finn McCool, Susan arrived in Golden Beach at the end of 2016 and found her paradise. Shortly after moving to Florida, Susan was diagnosed with a hereditary genetic condition known as Pulmonary Fibrosis. She was actively engaged in support of national efforts bringing information and support to others through her work as an Ambassador for the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) organization that gladly welcomes [donations](#). Susan loved her time here walking the beach and finding shells for her collection. She will be missed by all who knew her.

First Turtle Nest

First mama turtle has arrived at Golden Beach!
Welcome, and Happy Mothers Day.

The expectant mother came ashore here on the night of May 9, and made her nest just to the north of our beach access path. MOTE volunteers tagged the turtle nest on Saturday morning.

Exact incubation period for baby turtles depends on temperatures, humidity, and rainfall. Typical is about two months ... so these baby turtles should head back to the gulf around mid-August.

Annually, sea turtles make between 40,000 and 84,000 nests along the Florida coast.



Sea Turtle Nesting Season is Underway

How to protect sea turtles

During nesting season, it is important to keep local waters and beaches sea turtle friendly. Sea turtles are swimming just offshore to mate before the females come ashore to nest, juvenile turtles are feeding along the Gulf Coast, and by early summer the first hatchlings will venture into Gulf waters. On the nesting beaches, light from waterfront properties can disorient nesting female turtles and their young, who emerge at night and use dim natural light to find the sea. Beach furniture, trash, and other obstacles can also impede sea turtles and their young.

Onshore

Do:

- If you encounter a nesting turtle or hatchlings, remain quiet and observe from a distance.
- Shield or turn off outdoor lights that are visible on the beach from May through October.
- Close drapes after dark and stack beach furniture at the dune line or, ideally, remove it from the beach.
- Fill in holes that may entrap hatchlings on their way to the water.

Do Not:

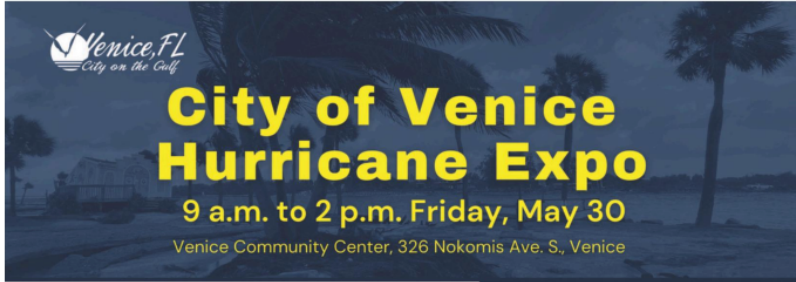
- Approach nesting turtles or hatchlings, make noise, or shine lights at turtles.
- Use flashlights or fishing lamps on the beach.
- Encourage a turtle to move while nesting or pick up hatchlings that have emerged and are heading for the water.
- Use fireworks on the beach.
- For more details, please refer to local sea turtle ordinances, including [the City of Venice marine turtle protection ordinance](#) and Sarasota County's marine turtle protection code (which includes Lido, Siesta, Casey, and Manasota Keys).



Summer Forecast: *possible storms...*

Information brought to us by the [Venice City E-News](#)

Don't miss the upcoming City of Venice Hurricane Expo, Friday May 30, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Venice Community Center.



Download the City of Venice 2025 Hurricane Guide

Your local information for how to prepare for, respond to and recover from a storm, setting realistic expectations for living in a low-lying coastal community. Includes emergency contacts, City department information, and a preparedness checklist!



Your local information for before, during and after a storm.

- ▶ Speak with City staff from Utilities, Public Works, Engineering, Public Information and Building departments
 - ▶ Pick up a printed copy of the 2025 City of Venice Hurricane Guide and register for emergency alerts
 - ▶ Speak with Sarasota County Emergency Management, Stormwater, Mosquito Management, Resilient SRQ, and Libraries
 - ▶ Speak with volunteer services and neighborhood associations including Red Cross, United Way, and more!
- Enter FREE raffles for your chance to win generators, weather radios and more!
- ▶ Visit with more than 20 storm preparedness and recovery-related businesses

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

9:30 AM

Frank Giddens
 Venice Fire Chief
 with
Mat Sauchinitz
 VPD Special Ops Lt.

10 AM

Christina Rimes
 City CRS Coordinator
Flood zones, NFIP, floodplains

10:30 AM

Patience Anastasio
 City Assistant Utilities Director
Water and sewer services

11 AM


Derek Applegate
 City Building Official
Damage assessments, permits

11:30 AM

Sandra Tapfumaneyi
 Sarasota County Emergency Management Chief
Emergency operations

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Bob Harrigan
 ABC-7 Chief Meteorologist
Hurricane season forecast

 Sponsored by our partners at the Venice Gondolier

Hurricane Season is June 1 - Nov. 30. Now is the time to prepare!



REGISTER NOW 

Alert Sarasota County can send alerts to users via landline phone, cell phone, text message, email, TDD/TTY, or a combination of these methods.



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*.



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/>

