



Golden Beach Newsletter November 2025



Our GBAI Annual Meeting -- Mark Your Calendars!

Monday, December 8 6:30 pm City Hall Auditorium

Come meet your neighbors and hear what is happening in the 'hood.

If you haven't joined Golden Beach Associates for 2026 -- today is the day!

It is easy to download a Membership Application:

- 1) Go to the Golden Beach website: <http://www.goldenbeachassociates.com>
- 2) In the upper right hand corner of the homepage click on: CONTACT US
- 3) Click on 2026 Membership Application
- 4) Print the 2026 Application from your computer
- 5) Fill in the form and return it by mail, along with your \$50 membership

***Among the many other benefits of membership,
members are welcome at all of the wonderful
Golden Beach social events!***

Please plan to join your neighbors in 2026:

January 10, 2026 Chili Party

February 7, 2026 Italian Club Night Out

March 14, 2026 Corned Beef & Irish Stew

April 18, 2026 Taco Fiesta

May 3, 2026 --- back by popular demand! --- Ice Cream Social

October 10, 2026 Oktoberfest

November 14, 2026 Tailgate Party

CPE's recommended actions can be divided into **near-term** and **long-term**.

Near-term are those directly controlled and funded by the City itself, and consist largely of:

- raising several streets to meet a +5' grade above sea-level. This would reduce street flooding to allow emergency vehicle access
- purchasing an easement to install a storage pond for the rainwater that previously collected in those low-lying streets
- increasing the diameter of existing drainage pipe
- installing a water-level monitoring system

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS



- Grant Applications
- Real-time Water Level Monitoring
- Storage: Purchase easement and excavate Lot 2 BLK 11 of Golden Beach Development (~0.24 acres)
- Pipe Improvements:
 - Flamingo Drive Pipe: make one-way and increase pipe size from 15" to 18"
 - Villas Dr / Gardenia Dr Pipes: further investigate
- Elevate: Raise road sections on Flamingo Drive and Villas/Gardenia to +5'
- Divert: Consider partial diversion along Harbor Drive to Deertown Gully
- Surge Barrier: Coordinate with USACE



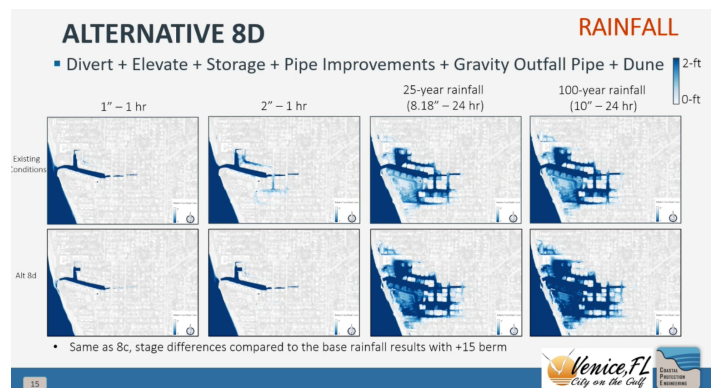
These near-term improvements would reduce flooding from normal seasonal rains, but have little to no impact on reducing flooding from major storm rains.



The most effective **long-term** improvement, as suggested by the Mayor to CPE, would involve diverting some excess water from Flamingo Ditch (with its poor drainage) to Deertown Gully (which has much better drainage). This would entail a major construction project installing underground pipes along Harbor Drive, with an estimated cost in the \$10M range.

The **long-term** diversion approach, when combined with the **near-term** actions (raise streets, retain run-off, increase pipe sizes etc.) could significantly reduce flooding in all but the worst of rain storms. These two approaches together appear to represent the City's best option to truly address future rainwater flooding.

Also discussed was the impact of a 15' barrier berm (dune) to help prevent flooding. Modeling showed that a barrier berm could actually increase flooding by preventing normal water drainage back to the Gulf. Top right square of graphic to right is today; bottom right square is with the dune. Note the increased blue (flooding) in the lower far right square.



Thanksgiving SNAP Food Drive -- Through November 24

One person out of every eight in Florida relies on SNAP (the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) to help put food on the table. Closure of SNAP leaves millions of Florida residents struggling to afford groceries.



Local 501(c)(3) charitable organizations, whose resources are stretched thin even in normal times, have put out requests to the community to please help them ensure that all in Florida have enough to eat this Thanksgiving season.

Neighbors have volunteered their time to organize an impromptu (*snap!*) food drive in Golden Beach. They will collect food contributions to help local food-banks in their mission to ensure that all are fed.

If you have a food contribution, please drop it off at the Gazebo any day through November 24. Food items should be non-perishable, unopened, and unexpired.

Food banks have also said that cash contributions are particularly helpful, and allow them to make bulk purchases of needed items at discount prices. If you would like to make a monetary contribution, ideally by check, please contact GBAI Board member Julia Paulucci at juliapminor@gmail.com

From the Archives

History of our Beach Access **AERO, Inc.** was an organization formed by the original developers of our neighborhood: **A**nthony Spadaro, **E**dward Darling, **R**obert Baynard, and **O**rlando Mahon. AERO established a 50 foot wide beach easement.

Golden Beach Associates, Inc. (GBAI) was incorporated in 1958, with membership open to all neighborhood property owners. GBAI purchased the easement property from AERO in 1964 for the sum of \$10.00, with the proviso that Golden Beach property owners can '*... use said property in perpetuity for ingress and egress purposes ... from Golden Beach Boulevard ... to the Gulf of Mexico*'. For sixty years the property has been maintained and improved by GBAI for the benefit of Golden Beach neighborhood.

Beach Access News

The Wall is Fixed!

Months ago a driver knocked a sizeable hole in the wall dividing Golden Beach and Ocean Sands properties. It was an impressive feat -- from a standing start, in a subcompact vehicle, up and over a parking barrier -- but they managed somehow. Repair was delayed by the more critical damages done by 2024 hurricanes, but the wall has now been repaired. Ocean Sands and GBAI shared the expense of making the repair.

New Palm Trees!

Last year's back-to-back storms wreaked havoc on the lovely palms planted in front of our beach benches. Knowing the amazing recuperative powers of Florida plants, we gave the palms a year in the hope that they would spring back to health, but they could not. After consulting with local planting experts, GBAI has appropriated funds to replace them with 4 new Sabal Palms. Sabal palms are known to tolerate beach conditions well.

A Beach Access Clean-up!

On Saturday, November 22 neighbors will gather at the beach access to do a bit of seasonal maintenance, plant trimming and general sprucing up. If you would like to lend a hand, join us from 8:00 to 11:00 for a morning of light work.

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)



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*.)

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.

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 an event – birthday parties, graduation celebrations, etc – please make a reservation in advance by contacting a member of the Social Committee.

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/>