



Golden Beach Newsletter December 2025



Join your Neighbors for the...

GBAI Chili Party

January 10, 2026 -- 5:00 p.m. at the GBAI Gazebo

Save the date for the Golden Beach Chili Fest to be held on Saturday, January 10 at 5:00 pm at the beach easement. The rain date is Sunday, January 11. If you haven't yet replied to your invitation, please do so, so we can have an accurate headcount.

A huge thank you to everyone who signed-up to bring chili. We had a great response. For those not contributing chili, please bring a salad or dessert to share. The social committee is providing cornbread, chips and oyster crackers.

Everyone attending the party should also bring your own chair and beverage (water not provided). Hope to see you there! -- *The Golden Beach Social Committee*

Golden Beach Installation at the Blalock Park Arboretum Holiday Display

Golden Beach has a beautiful new installation in Venice's famous Arboretum holiday wonderland!

Our previous display -- a glorious light show of waves rolling in from Gulf and breaking on the shore of Golden Beach -- perished in Helene and Milton.



Rina Caldwell led a team of neighbors in the design, fabrication and installation of a wonderful Gingerbread House display! Do visit the Arboretum, both in the day and at night, as the displays are dazzling, and our Golden Beach contribution is straight from a fairy tale.



November Beach Access Volunteer Clean-Up Event

On a beautiful November morning neighbors gathered at the beach access for a fall "spruce up" of the facilities. The property received shrub pruning, fresh shell ground cover around the new bike rack, sand removal from the showers and beach path, and more. Aero, our greeter bird, received a new suit of brilliant plumage.

With many volunteer hands the work was done quickly!
Thank you to all the neighbors who joined in.

< Aero is looking sharp!

And in February, the Social Committee is planning...



GBAI Italian Club Night Out!

When: February 7th, 2026, 5:00 PM

Where: *The Italian American Club*

1375 Ringling Dr S., Venice

Reservation deadline: January 19th 2026

Dinner will be prepared and served by the Italian American Club. Meals include: bread and butter, salad, choice of main course, dessert, and non-alcoholic beverage. Cash-bar with beer and wine, managed by The Italian American Club.

Reservations Are Required!

Cost: \$20/ member; \$25/ guest

Please print and complete the following Reservation form with your menu selection(s). Return your reservation with a check for your meal(s) to:

**GBAI
PO Box 802
Venice, FL 34285**

CBAI Italian Club Night Out Reservation



Saturday, February 7, 2026

5:00 PM

at the Italian American Club

1375 Ringling Dr S

Venice

Members: \$20.00 each; Guests: \$25.00 each

Reservation with payment due NO LATER THAN January 19, 2026

Meals include salad, bread and butter, main course, non alcoholic beverage and dessert. Cash bar: wine and beer.

No cancellations after January 22, 2026

Attendees and Menu Selection (Please check one per person)				
Attending Member Names:	Chicken Parmesan	Spaghetti with sausage & meatball	Stuffed Shells	Gluten Free Spaghetti with sausage & meatball
Total Members:	Total amount for members (# meals x \$20):			
Guests:				
Total Guests:	Total amount for guest (# meals x \$25):			
	Total amount enclosed:			

Send reservation with your menu choice and check to:

GBAI, PO Box 802, Venice FL 34284

Questions: Contact Karen Calder at kcalder127@gmail.com

Golden Beach Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thank YOU

Thank you to everyone in the community for your generous donations to the Golden Beach food drive! In the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving we received ***over 225 grocery items along with monetary donations.***

From the Archives -- ***60 years at the beach access***

When the beach access was acquired by Golden Beach Associates in 1964, the property led to a mostly rocky beach, with 16 steps into the water. The steps were located where the sunset-viewing benches are now.

Throughout the 1970's and 80's, Golden Beach neighbors voluntarily mowed and maintained the beach access. They built picnic tables, bicycle racks, a barbeque grill, and later added electrical and irrigation services. The "sun setter" rock, crafted by a Golden Beach member, was installed in 1995.

In 1981, an unnamed storm washed out much of the beach access, including benches, palm trees, and destroyed the barbecue grill. The grill we have today, built by members in 2006, replaced an interim portable BBQ.

In 1996 a beach renourishment covered 14 of the 16 steps and made a sandy beach. The additional renourishment in 2006, replenishing erosion from storms in 2004, buried the last 2 steps.

In the early 2000's, the gazebo was constructed and members built new picnic tables and storage sheds. One of the sheds housed 20 beach chairs, purchased by GBAI for its members. In 2005, a GBAI member replaced the worn beach chairs with 12 new ones. That same year, ceiling fans and the weathervane were added to the gazebo by our neighbors.

Thanks largely to the generosity of our members over the years, both in service and financially, residents of Golden Beach enjoy a truly wonderful beach access. More about the beach access next month.

(The information provided here is largely obtained from [Golden Beach History -- 50 Years](#), compiled by former Golden Beach Newsletter Editor BJ Carson. The link will take you directly to the booklet on the GBAI website.)

A Custom Golden Beach Nametag -- It Could Be Now or (Maybe) Never!



These one-of-a-kind magnetic badges -- featuring YOUR NAME! -- are supplied to us in small batches by highly skilled graphic artisans here in the great state of Florida.

We are preparing to place an order now.

We have no idea when, or even if, another order might be organized in the future -- so this may very well be your

LAST CHANCE TO HAVE ONE OF YOUR VERY OWN

***Orders close on New Year's Eve
(Wednesday, December 31)***

Price? Still only \$20 per nametag!

If you would like a nametag of your own, please contact

Mike Mueller

(mikemueller33@att.net)

**to confirm the spelling of your name,
and send your payment to**

GBAI

PO BOX 802, VENICE, FL 34285

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

NEW 2026 PARKING PASSES WILL BE MAILED MID-DECEMBER

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 emailing Social@goldenbeachassociates.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/>