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Community Background Report

Town of Golden Beach

County

Miami-Dade

Boundaries

North: Countyline Road

South: N.E. 195th Street and Collins

West: Intracoastal Waterway

East: Atlantic Ocean

Community Type

Municipality

History

Golden Beach is nestled in northern Miami-Dade County just south of Broward County. The municipality occupies 1.8 square miles of land at the northernmost portion of the Miami-Dade County, along State road A1A. Golden Beach is located within proximity to other exclusive municipalities such as Bal Harbor and Sunny Isles. The town of Golden Beach became incorporated in 1929 as part of the 1920s real estate boom that took place in Northern Miami-Dade. Like many of the early northern municipalities, Golden Beach originated as a portion of the purchases made by real estate tycoon, Arthur Griffing. ... The town faced a problem with its aging septic tank system; during high water times the water from the tanks would contaminate the city's surface water. In 1986, Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Authority installed a new system to replace the previous sewage system. The municipality has a private beach and three parks. In October of 2004, the town celebrated its 75th anniversary.

Community Dynamics

The Golden Beach crime rate is very low in comparison with other municipalities. In 2002, there were no reports of murders, robberies, or assaults. The town provides its own security through its police department. To further protect the community the town has proposed a 50-camera security

system that would be stationed throughout the town and a proposal is to require non-residents who work in Golden Beach to wear identification badges. The municipality contains 370 single-family homes located on the intercostals and its waterways or on the Atlantic Ocean. The city follows the same strict building and zoning codes enacted at the time of incorporation. The current town charter prevents commercial activity of any kind and prohibits the construction of high-rise condominiums.

In 2004 the town dedicated their manatee-viewing platform over the intercoastal waterway to Harold Kronstadt, an author and long time Golden Beach resident. The city possesses a highly informative and organized website. The newsletter is an excellent example of the consideration that the community has for its citizens and the environment they inhabit. For example, a typical Golden Beach newsletter will contain yearly advisories to their citizens about Sea Turtle nesting season and how the citizens can assist in the protection of these species. The town has also enrolled the service of a new mosquito-fighting device called, The Mosquito Magnet to combat its historical mosquito problem that has plagued the area for years.

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