



NEWS FROM THE BEACH

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“News from the Beach” is our monthly newsletter providing Association Owners with a monthly look at the people and the property. We hope to have some interesting or helpful tidbits of information for you. We will remind you of some of the rules and regulations of the Association and advise you about issues that are common to condominiums on the beach.

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ATTENTION PLEASE!



~NO SMOKING ON THE POOL DECK

We've added polite signage to the pool deck to implement our SMOKE FREE policy in this Common Area. While smoking has always been an issue, times have changed and CSW must change with them. Common Area smoking is no longer stigma free, and has resulted in a greater number of complaints each year and a concurrent shift in rental preferences. To meet modern demands for a healthier smoke free recreational facility, we can no longer permit smoking on the pool deck.

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BULLET POINTS!

~IS YOUR ENTRY LOCK APPROVED?

We've noticed an increasing number of non-compliant Unit entry locks on the property. EVERY UNIT MUST BE EMERGENCY ACCESSIBLE. The Board has determined this will be observed by each entry lock being keyed to the Association Master Key. With units flipping and with changes in Rental Agencies, and the increasing popularity of electronic locksets, the Association must resume enforcing compliance with the By-Laws. After an audit of the entry locks, individual owners will be contacted to correct this life safety and operational issue. Failure to comply within 60 days of notice having been given will result in the Association re-keying or replacing the non-compliant lock-sets at Owner expense. We anticipate every Owner will voluntarily help us eliminate this liability so that we can maintain a lawful and safe property.

~READY FOR SPRING BREAK?

Remember, during Spring Break, our beaches are alcohol-free. And our Association enforces a ZERO TOLERANCE policy for misbehavior. ONE WARNING is the most that rowdy renters can expect. We are always more like Andy than like Barney, but egregious and unlawful behavior will be met with evictions and arrests. FORTUNATELY, since the City of Gulf Shores implemented this ban on our family friendly beaches, the wild, critical mass, dangerous binge drinking has stopped, and our Spring Break is again Fun and Family Friendly for everyone!

~RESERVED PARKING IS RESERVED PARKING IS RESERVED PARKING

When a unit owner who has Reserved Parking arrives, often after a long road trip, and finds ANOTHER OWNER in that spot, that can be quite frustrating. Our Security Officers will see an Owner Decal and not consider that some Owner is squatting on another Owner's property. Please make sure that no one in your family is abusing the privilege of your Owner Decal.

~Parking Passes (\$20) & Wristbands (\$1)

We patrol regularly inspecting overnight vehicles for passes. We need to see an Owner Decal, available on site, adhered to your window (not laminated and passed around). Or we need to see a Complimentary Pass, available on site, if this is a non-paying family member or guest. Or we need to see an enumerated Pass for renters purchased from our central office.

Contact Michele Harrison at Young's Suncoast [251.962.3802] to make arrangements for your renters to receive Parking Passes and Wristbands.

IPSC Security will expect to see the Pass visible on the dash or hanging from the mirror. The Pass must state the unit number and an expiration date and not be recycled from renter to renter.

~Mistakes happen. What if my renters didn't get parking passes?

If a renter has not been provided with a Pass or Wristbands, these may be purchased on site with a credit card during business hours. PASSES WILL COST THE RENTER \$25 EACH, WRISTBANDS \$2. The renter may apply to the appropriate rental agency or individual for a pass if they were already charged for a pass that they did not receive. Otherwise, they must purchase a pass and seek a refund from the responsible rental owner or agency. This service for you and your renter is designed to avoid the inconvenience of sending them to the main office of Young's Suncoast to purchase the security items that should have been provided them as a renter. This Association courtesy is not meant to be used routinely or for bulk purchases.

Get to Know: PEG FRIED

In each of our newsletters, we feature a person of interest to Crystal Shores West. In this edition of News from the Beach: CSW Secretary/Treasurer, Peg Fried, Owner of Unit 404. Peg has served on the Board of Directors since 2015.



Peg Fried – Photo by Melanie Humphrey

“Love my life here and in my northern home in Missouri on Lake of the Ozarks. I call them “Redneck Riviera” 1 and 2. Love boating, golf, friends and travel. Just getting back from Dubai, where I traveled with 7 girl friends. The desert will never be the same! I enjoy working with the present Board and strive to help make improvements for the best for all owners. I'm here more each year and may make it permanent soon!”

Back from Dubai!

CSW Staff Writer
February 14, 2019

Recently, Peg gave the Staff a break from her cheerful, kindly, thoughtful, and PERSISTENT supervision for a vacation overseas. She's back, and we coaxed these words out of her to share with you.

“I'm blessed with a wonderful family, including 2 girls and 2 grandsons, who are the apple of my eye. 30 years as a realtor and a certified financial advisor. Sold my practice and retired at 55, to manage my commercial properties and was lucky enough to buy the condo here, after visiting and loving Gulf shores for over 25 yrs.”



Peg with “Joe Camel”
(Photo not taken on our beach!)



AVERAGE TEMPERATURES		AVERAGE RAINFALL
HI 65	LO 44	6 Days

LOOKING AHEAD: ANOTHER BRIDGE?

Gulf Shores examines Canal Road improvements as part of overall coastal bridge project

*Posted Feb 12 by John Sharp
Excerpted from AL.com*



A traffic jam on Alabama State Hwy 59 in Gulf Shores, Ala. (AL.com File photo)

[T]he recent elevation of a bridge project to a heightened state priority, along with long-awaited improvements to Canal Road, are in the works and are viewed by state and local officials as an investment that motorists will welcome with open arms. The city of Gulf Shores also wants to explore the possibility to having a portion of Canal Road – otherwise known as Alabama State Route 180 – turned into a city street complete with sidewalks and pedestrian or bicycle paths.

The council voted unanimously Monday on a \$284,692 contract with Volkert Inc. to perform a design and engineering study that will include a traffic study of the city's portion of Route 180 from the Foley Beach Express to Alabama Route 59. "The goal is to increase the capacity of the road and improve the efficiency of traffic flow," said Dan Bond, environmental and grants coordinator with the city of Gulf Shores.

The study will take about 6-9 months, around the same time that preparations will continue to build a \$60 million to \$65 million Intracoastal Waterway bridge in Gulf Shores. The bridge project, favored by local officials, is awaiting U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approval and there is no timetable for that process.

The bridge, which Calametti said is being fully funded by the state, will remain owned and maintained by ALDOT. And the section of Canal Road west of the Foley Beach Express, and into Orange Beach, would remain state property.

"What we are doing, what the city of Gulf Shores is doing, has no bearing on the state's bridge project," Bond said. "We want to coordinate with that project on whatever they end up doing obviously."

The city's contract with Volkert is separate from the money appropriated to the overall Canal Road project through the Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council process.

PLANNING OUR LANDSCAPE RENOVATIONS



The river rock ground cover added years ago around Crystal the Dolphin has been a handsome and maintenance-free addition.



We tried the popular treated pine bark ground cover, but this was less successful in the tropical winds!



We plan to dig a "dry well" or French Drain here, remove the Saw Palmettos, and use a river rock ground cover here, too!



Indian Hawthorne here!



And more Indian Hawthorne here!



Hawthorne to replace the Boxwoods AND more River Rock here!



...and River Rock all the way across. We will pull the gravel back under the Ramp and set pavers down for a path from the Parking Lot.



What is Indian Hawthorne? Our most successful shrub! That's the flora in our Parking Lot landscape islands and we have high hopes for it at the Ramp Entrance and the other islands. Oh, and spring will also see a lot of pruning back for new growth! We're greening up!



CONDO HAPPENINGS!



These signs are popping up on the property! We want people to feel safe and we want to deter those who are up for some casual theft or vandalism. Naturally, we are not publicizing the number or location of our cameras, and we are adding more, but critical areas are already under surveillance.



The Indoor Pool, heated to 91 degrees, is a popular winter amenity, for therapeutic and aerobic exercise! Melanie keeps the ladies moving with a lively and fun-filled frolic!



Here's a look at part of the FEAST at our Snowbird Annual Cookout! Owners, Guests, and Staff had a great time! This is an event the Snowbirds organized and carryout themselves. (Photos by Patrick Causey)



The sun came out and Tara won the prize!

Everyone always has such a great time at CSW. For years, we have encouraged our Winter Guests to form a real community, forming bonds of friendship that will last the rest of their lives. It's why the Gulf Shores motto is "Small Town – Big Beach!"



Y'all come again, y'hear?