



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!



~ONE WARNING ZERO TOLERANCE SPRING BREAK

We are again this year, posting notices to warn unruly Spring Breakers against disruptive or lawless misbehavior. We love our college visitors and encourage them to have a great time, making memories and friends to last a lifetime. But we also love our family visitors, because Spring Break is not just for colleges, but also for grade school and high school students and their families, too. Plus, we still have quite a few of our Snowbirds roosting here. This policy has helped us keep a lid on trouble and we've enjoyed Spring Break around here ever since!

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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 lock-sets, the Association must enforce compliance with the By-Laws. **Our audit of the entry locks is concluded and individual owners will soon 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.

~PET FRIENDLY? NO. SERVICE DOG FRIENDLY? OF COURSE!

Our owners are given written permission at the Board's discretion to keep individual pets on a case by case basis. Certain breeds have a notorious reputation and can certainly frighten people, even if the pet in question is just a sweet timid baby of a dog. But even if given permission, if a dog becomes a nuisance, the Board has discretion to rescind that permit.

Service dogs are permitted to guests, however, this is often abused across the hospitality industry. A service dog is usually a "working breed" and must be trained to perform a specific task to help the owner cope with a disability. A service dog may not disrupt the normal course of business, and must be non-aggressive and under control at all times. Emotional Support Animals are not permitted to short term renters, even if the prospective renter supplies a doctor's prescription.

~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: BRIAN JOHNSON

In each of our newsletters, we feature a person of interest to Crystal Shores West. In this edition of News from the Beach: Brian Johnson, Owner of Unit 1105. Brian has served on the Board of Directors since 2014.



Brian & Ann

By Lake & By Beach

March 14, 2019

I grew up on a grain and livestock farm in north-central Iowa. I spent most of my business career in the Twin Cities and retired in 2010 from the venture capital business.

My wife, Anne, and I live on a lake in western Wisconsin. There we enjoy boating, jet-skis, swimming, golfing and watching the Osprey & Bald Eagles fly by our dock. I go pheasant hunting in South Dakota every fall.

When we are in Gulf Shores we enjoy eating the fresh seafood, walking at the State Park, golfing, sitting on the beach, having coffee or a drink on the balcony while we watch the weather, dolphins & stingrays go by. We are usually down here about three months of the year.



AVERAGE TEMPERATURES		AVERAGE RAINFALL
HI 71	LO 52	7 Days

LOOKING AHEAD: More Lifeguards & A New Police Substation

*Gulf Shores stepping up protection
For visitors on the beach*

*Posted Feb 21 by WPMI Web Staff
Excerpted from MyNBC15.com*



GULF SHORES, Ala. (WPMI) — Gulf Shores is stepping-up their protection of visitors at the gulf, even in parts of Gulf State Park. Gulf Shores now protects 9 miles of beachfront. Areas without stands will be patrolled by roving lifeguard patrols. New arrangement between the city and the state park system involves covering public beaches to the east. It will cost \$25,000 to add a lifeguard and a lifeguard stand at Gulf State Lodge. Now adding lifeguards to the beach west of Gulf Shores, near Fort Morgan, is not part of the expansion plan.

The City of Gulf Shores is finalizing construction of a third phase at Gulf Place adding 115 new parking spaces east of the Pink Pony . It's part of the city's safety commitment to the beach. The construction also includes a new police substation on the beach scheduled to open in May.

OUT & ABOUT



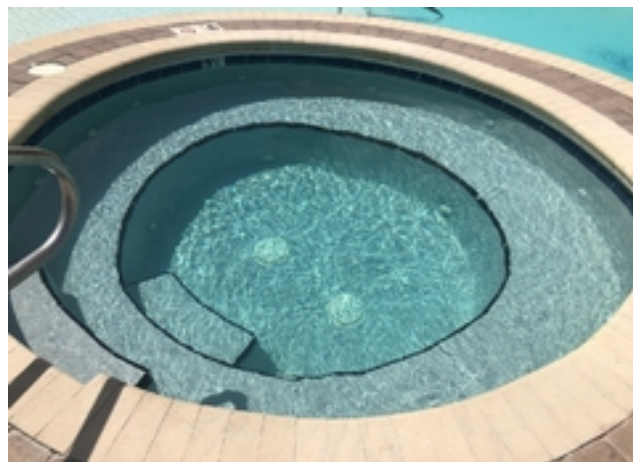
The last parking spaces have been sealed and striped where the elevator construction trailer rested.



Melanie Humphrey staked out the Bald Eagle nest on Windmill Ridge Road until she took this amazing photo. The young eagles are growing fast!



A couple of additions to our elevators give a cleaner look and greater security.



The water supplied to West Beach and the Fort Morgan peninsula for irrigation, fire suppression and water amenities has a high mineral content. We have learned to fight the stains this with sequestering agents and by adding additional Calcium Chloride to "blue" the water and extend the life of the plaster shell.

LOCAL INFORMATION

Parking Pay Stations

The City of Gulf Shores operates a pay-by-space parking system in the following public beach parking locations:

- Gulf Place (main public beach area)
- West Beach
- West 6th Street
- Little Lagoon Pass

Pay stations are in place from March 1st through November 30th each year.

The parking fee at all locations is \$5 for up to 4 hours or \$10 per day. Gulf Shores residents and property owners who have a valid Hurricane Re-Entry Decal may park at all paid public parking locations without payment. Hurricane Re-Entry Decals should be clearly displayed on the drivers side of the front windshield of the vehicle at the time of parking.



Leave Only Footprints

The following regulations have been established by Ordinance 1792 and enforced on our beaches.

All non-permitted personal items such as beach chairs, umbrellas, tents, ice chests and beach toys are to be removed from the beach each night.

Keep off the dunes. Staying off the dunes will help us to preserve our dune system and the habitat it provides. Use beach walkovers and boardwalks where provided.

For current surf conditions call 251-968-TIDE (8433).

BEACH WARNING FLAGS

BANDERAS DE ADVERTENCIA EN LA PLAYA

-  **Water Closed to Public**
Agua Cerrada al Publico
-  **High Hazard**
High Surf and/or Strong Currents
Peligro Alto, Resaca Alta y/o Corrientes Fuertes
-  **Medium Hazard**
Moderate Surf and/or Currents
Peligro Medio, Resaca Moderada y/o Corrientes Fuertes
-  **Low Hazard**
Calm Conditions, Exercise Caution
Peligro Bajo, Condiciones Calmas, Tenga Cuidado
-  **Dangerous Marine Life**
Vida Marina Peligrosa

Absence of Flags Does Not Assure Safe Waters
La Ausencia de Banderas No Asegura Aguas Seguras



Hurricane Re-Entry Beach Parking Passes

New residents / property owners may obtain two initial passes at City Hall at no cost.

Proof of residency or property ownership along with Driver's License for identification, will be required for the purchase of additional hurricane / beach decals in the form of a deed, lease, or utility bill that bears the street address of the property for which the decal is being purchased.