



# NEWS FROM THE BEACH

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*“News from the Beach” is our 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!**



**~WE HAVE ICE!!!**

In the office, every year, the two most asked questions are:

- 1) *Do you have a bathroom? (Yes!)*
- 2) *Do you have an ICE MACHINE? (YES!)*

While we don't dispense ice on every floor like a hotel (you'd be surprised how many people think they are checking into a hotel), we now have it available on the property. And YES, people have been buying ice! CSW makes 85 cents per bag.

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### ***BULLET POINTS!***

#### **FINAL NOTICE! IS YOUR ENTRY LOCK APPROVED? FINAL NOTICE!**

Non-compliant Unit entry locks are not permitted. EMERGENCY ACCESS must be enforced. **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. If you are not sure if your lock is compliant, call Robert at 251.948.2710.

#### **~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: Melanie Humphrey

*In each of our newsletters, we feature a person of interest to Crystal Shores West. In this edition of News from the Beach: Melanie Humphrey, Owner of Unit 603. Melanie has served on the Board of Directors since 2016.*

4/16/2019

By Staff



Melanie Humphrey

The Humphreys have been owners for six years and for the last three years Melanie has served as a board member for CSW. She has become quite a fixture in our annually returning Snowbird community!

Melanie and her retired attorney husband Randy have been married 51 years and have 3 daughters, 10 grandchildren. They share their time between Crystal Shores West and Estes Park Colorado, spending about half a year in each location.

For 20 years, Melanie has been an international award winning photographer and she has founded three successful businesses. She was High School Class A Varsity Tennis Coach for 22 years. She also was, and still is, a personal trainer who owned and franchised 17 fitness centers in Michigan.



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# **LOCAL NEWS: Gulf Shores named one of 2019's Greenest Cities**

*Greenest City in the State of Alabama*

*Posted March 15 by Ashlyn Irons  
Excerpted from FOX10TV.com*



The City of Gulf Shores has been recognized as the Greenest City in the State of Alabama—in Insurfiy’s 2019 Greenest City Awards. City officials say the environment is what makes Gulf Shores Gulf Shores, and after first hand seeing the effects following the BP oil spill in 2010, they decided to make it more of a priority for the whole city. Award recipients were judged on environmentally friendly behavior of cities, as well as driving behaviors.

We’re told one thing setting the city apart in the state is their full functioning recycling center and green push following the oil spill. Grant brown with the City of Gulf Shores says its all thanks to the hard work of the public works division, residential recycling programs, and drop off center that hand sorts recyclables on site.

“We can have the most beautiful parks, the most beautiful beaches and area, but the environment, if its impacted, negatively reduces our quality of life, reduces our ability to have people come to town for visiting, and the quality of life for our residents. The environment is the reason Gulf Shores is so successful,” said Brown. Brown says the city plans on keeping environment the top priority—as it has such a large effect on quality of life and tourism.

## OUT & ABOUT



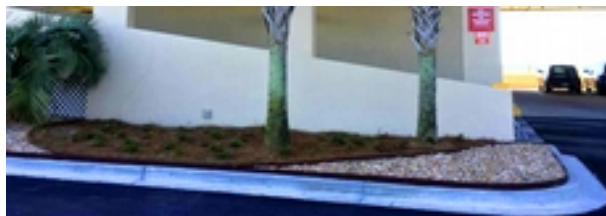
### THE RED RIVER ROCK IS HERE!

*The Pool Gate has long been an area that captured water when we clean the Pool Deck or when it rains. Not only does this island look better, and we have a ground cover that won't blow into the pool, but we have a DRY WELL under the rocks. We've hidden a big pocket of rip rap, landscape fabric, with pavers and drains.*

"Red River Rock" gives our landscape islands adjacent to the building a clean and professional look. The colors of the border and the rock were chosen to match the building palette. This also exactly matches the original river rock that was installed years ago when we erected "Crystal the Dolphin". Long time owners and guests will remember that we replaced the plants (that did not survive the salty wind of the garage exit!) with gravel. When we replaced the fountain, we chose the river rock for the matching color and with an eye toward eventually making all of the building landscape uniform.



*"Crystal" approves!*



# 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

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

Absence of Flags Does Not Assure Safe Waters  
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## 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.