



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!



~TIME TO REMOVE THE POOL DIVIDER!

Every Fall, we install our Pool Divider to make sure the water of the Indoor Pool stays nice and warm! We keep it a therapeutic 92 degrees, which our Snowbirds love. In late Spring, once overnight temperatures are warmer and Hang Out Festival is over, we remove it. During the winter, we warm the Hot Tub with the Outdoor Pool heater so it's really hot like it should be on chilly winter mornings! All Summer, the Swim Through between pools is open!

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BULLET POINTS!

ENTRY LOCKS MUST BE EMERGENCY ACCESSIBLE TO OUR MASTER KEY

Our thanks to all of the Condo Owners who have complied with this legal necessity! EMERGENCY ACCESS must be enforced. The Board has determined this will be observed by each entry lock being keyed to the Association Master Key, the same key that our local First Responders use for emergency access. We are sending final notice to Owners who have, so far not complied. 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: Tara Pickens

In each of our newsletters, we feature a person of interest to Crystal Shores West. In this edition of News from the Beach: Tara Pickens, Weekend Custodian. Tara has served Crystal Shores West since 2016.

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By Staff



Tara Pickens

The staff one day discussed cleaning the tile on the Indoor Pool. Guess who volunteered?

Tara has been a great addition to the staff here at Crystal Shores West! She loves her job and can be seen every day on almost any part of the property!



Don't tell Tara she can't do something, like that day we laughed when she said she wanted to run the leaf blower! If you want to know why the property looks so good, Tara is a big reason for it! (Her baby shower is June 2nd. Don't tell her we told you!)



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LOCAL NEWS: Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge adds more land

A jewel of an ecosystem just grew by more than 350 football fields

By Mark Davis, public affairs specialist, USFWS

Excerpted from OBAwebsite.com



The land in question: the Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge, a roughly 7,000-acre tract near Gulf Shores, Alabama. It's called the Little Point Clear Unit — two parcels comprising 470 acres, enough land to accommodate 355 football games. It became a formal part of the refuge April 26. The Conservation Fund and the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources worked with the Service to acquire the land, located on the Fort Morgan Peninsula. (Marked in yellow.)

The total purchase amount was not disclosed, but \$10.2 million came from grants from the National Fish and Wildlife Federation's (NFWF) Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund. A federal court established the fund following the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill, and directs \$2.54 billion to NFWF to pay for projects along areas of the gulf coast that the spill affected.

Among the winners: plovers — snowy, piping and Wilson plovers — plus the endangered Alabama beach mouse. They all live along the shoreline and interior terrain, as do young Kemp's Ridley sea turtles. Conservationists also think manatees migrating through the northern Gulf of Mexico could benefit; the acquisition increases protected coastal habitat by about 25 percent. Last year, more than 120,000 outdoor enthusiasts visited the refuge...

OUT & ABOUT



Aaron Powers pressure washing a breezeway ceiling.



Not all of the beauties are on the beach! She came for the show at The Wharf, but stayed here with us!



Formosan Termites were swarming! The next day, we had our specialists out to protect the property from these pests, much harder and more destructive than standard termites.



The new epoxy flooring is in place in Elevator #1! We had to wait for warmer weather and lower occupancy to apply it, but this finally completes the renovation work on the elevator cars and doors.

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).

A sign titled "BEACH WARNING FLAGS" with the Spanish translation "BANDERAS DE ADVERTENCIA EN LA PLAYA". It lists five flag types: 1. Red flag with a white circle: "Water Closed to Public" (Agua Cerrada al Publico). 2. Red flag: "High Hazard" (High Surf and/or Strong Currents) (Peligro Alto, Resaca Alta y/o Corrientes Fuertes). 3. Yellow flag: "Medium Hazard" (Moderate Surf and/or Currents) (Peligro Medio, Resaca Moderada y/o Corrientes Fuertes). 4. Green flag: "Low Hazard" (Calm Conditions, Exercise Caution) (Peligro Bajo, Condiciones Calmas, Tenga Cuidado). 5. Purple flag: "Dangerous Marine Life" (Vida Marina Peligrosa). At the bottom, it states "Absence of Flags Does Not Assure Safe Waters" (La Ausencia de Banderas No Asegura Aguas Seguras) and features the City of Gulf Shores logo.

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.