



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!



~DATE SET FOR CSW ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Crystal Shores West Condominium Association will be the first Saturday in November at 10:00 AM, 11/2/2019 at a location to be announced soon. Last year's meeting was followed by a reception in the Game Room on the property and was so well liked, we will do it again this year! It's a great time to meet fellow owners at CSW. More news in a few months.

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BULLET POINTS!

SEA TURTLE SEASON STILL UNDERWAY!

There is still time for sea turtles to nest on our beach! Keep your eyes open and let us know if you see strange tracks on your morning walk! The season starts May 1st and ends October 31st. We have begun work with US Fish & Wildlife and their experts to officially make Crystal Shores West approved as a "Turtle Friendly" property! That means we will install new fixtures, bulbs, and shades for our parking lot and decks and make other required improvements to the property to comply with Federal regulations under the Endangered Species Act. When USFW approves a plan we will implement it in time for next season.

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. **YOU MAY NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES REUSE RENTAL PASSES!**

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: JALE GRAY

In each of our newsletters, we feature a person of interest to Crystal Shores West. In this edition of News from the Beach: Jale Gray filling in as Custodian during Tara's pregnancy leave! Jale is from the Philippines and has worked at a resort in Wyoming and previously for Brett Robinson. She has a BS in Hospitality and a bright future!



8/9/2019

By Staff



Jale Gray, Young's Suncoast Temporary Custodian at Crystal Shores West. She will be with us here for at least the next three months.

We've got our eye on her and expect to see her get a fine start in America, right here with us.

There she is, working away! Sand is a never ending battle everywhere near the beach! But Jale does not quit!

Jale was born in Manilla, the capitol of the Philippines, twenty-four years ago. She graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Tourism Management from A.B.E. International College. She first came to the States in 2015 to work as a housekeeper for Brett-Robinson. Jale returned in 2017 to work at the Great Wolf Lodge in Wisconsin in food and beverage management for a year. She returned to the Alabama Gulf Coast to marry the love of her life, Kristofer Gray and was working as a teacher at a local day care when she applied for work here, seeking to return to a career in tourism and hospitality.



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NEED TO KNOW: Mobile Bayway Toll Project

The \$2 billion plan has tens of thousands of locals in opposition.

Excerpted from AL.Com – August 9, 2019



ALDOT image of proposed Mobile River Bridge.

Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey, in an Op-Ed piece released online Friday, said that any suggestion to “slow this down” on the Interstate 10 Mobile River Bridge and Bayway project “seems unwise.” “The cost of doing nothing is too high and no one is suggesting it will get any cheaper if we just wait,” Ivey wrote.

Toll critics, like Alabama Auditor Jim Zeigler, took exception to Ivey’s comment that toll critics are advocating a “do nothing” approach. “We are asking the governor to hit the pause button on (the Alabama Department of Transportation’s) plan to put a hurtful toll on the I-10 Bayway,” Zeigler said in an email, and in a post on the “Block the Mobile Bayway” Facebook page which has amassed (over 48,000) followers. “The cost of ALDOT’s toll plan is ... too high,” Zeigler said. “The toll plan would put thousands of families in financial trouble.”

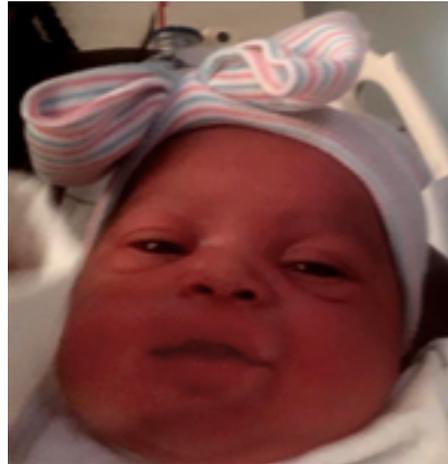
ALDOT has proposed a [one-way toll for 50 years beginning at \$6 not counting administration fees for] financing the \$2.1 billion bridge and expanded Bayway project that will extend from Virginia Street in Mobile to U.S. 98 in Daphne. The Wallace Tunnel will also be tolled. Ivey asked anyone with different suggestions to building the bridge, under the current plan, to attend a 1:30 p.m. meeting on Oct. 7 at the State Capitol in Montgomery before the Alabama Toll Road, Bridge and Tunnel Authority.

Zeigler said the group will ask U.S. Rep. Bradley Byrne, R-Fairhope to file a written request asking to “pause the I-10” project until more federal funding sources can be discovered through the \$287 billion federal bill to fix and maintain the nation’s roads and bridges.

OUT & ABOUT



Another busy beautiful August day on the beach! Parasailing, swimming, sunbathing on the beach, relaxing by the pool or on your own private balcony, enjoying the sultry summer seabreeze!



ABOVE: Long time owners recall the giant log that washed up. We asked **IKE'S BEACH SERVICE** to drag up this smaller one so we could make it a landscape feature! **BELOW:** Have you ever seen the pool from this angle?



Meet La'renziah Zariah-Marie Joseph! She's the brand new baby daughter of Tara Pickens, our weekend custodian, now on maternity leave! As always, Tara did a great job! This is the baby girl she always wanted! We wish them the best and look forward to Tara's return in November!

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.