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COOL SANDS

Newsletter for owners at Sea Shell

HURRICANE IDALIA UPDATE

Sea Shell survives another hurricane as Idalia came blowing in early evening August 29. Other parts of Siesta Key Beach did flood and experience more of a surge than Crescent Beach and roads were closed for a day to allow emergency vehicles to pass through. Other parts of Sarasota took a larger hit such as Lido Beach and St. Armands Circle, where flood waters took over many restaurants and businesses.

Below are some photos taken the morning after at Sea Shell.

On Thursday, all condos were inspected for any water damage and none was found, storage units put back in place, pool furniture was put back out and clean up is beginning for the parking lot area. The sand should be shoveled on Friday. The tiki remains closed for now to remove it of sand and get the grills cleaned from the debris and sand as well. The beach chairs will not be placed back on the beach until it can be raked and it will not be raked until Marine Mote inspects the sea turtle nestings. Please advise your guests of this, as it is not under our control, so chairs will be put out on an as needed basis per guest request.



NEW SEA SHELL STAFF

Two new faces you will see in the office and on the grounds – please join me in welcoming Elizabeth Ward as Rental Manager and Jim Bennett as Maintenance Supervisor! Both are living in Sarasota area and recently joined our staff.



Elizabeth is originally from Michigan and has lived in Sarasota the past 16 years. She has four children and speaks Spanish!



Jim is originally from Massachusetts but has been in Sarasota the past 16 years. He and his wife have a daughter and he just became a grandfather!

NEW TIKI PHOTOS

We have obtained high resolution photos of our new tiki so owners may want to consider using to advertise their units!

If interested in utilizing the new high resolution photos, please contact Maria Mitchell in the front office.



OWNERS SOCIAL UNDER TIKI

HAPPY HOUR SOCIAL

Sunday, October 22

4:30-6:30 pm

Drinks and Appetizers

Door prizes

Beautiful view

Camaraderie

RSVP to Cheryl by Oct. 7
Cheryl.hill2070@gmail.com

GATE CODE CHANGE QUARTERLY



The next gate code change will take place **October 2**.

The new code effective this date will be : **1762**

The change to quarterly has reduced the amount of people coming through our gates that are not rental guests; however, we still see folks coming from across the street and entering with gate code

For those owners not in the rental program, please notify your property management companies, housekeeping, maintenance and your incoming guests of the gate code change.

A reminder will be sent out in a timely manner each quarter of what the code is going to be changed to.

Quarterly dates to expect gate code change are: April 3, July 3, October 2 and January 8.

PLEASE ONLY SHARE THE CODE WITH NECESSARY PERSONNEL!

MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN



Fountain being installed the first week of September.

DOOR LOCKS

For those owners who have chosen to change their door locks from the Board approved locks, keep in mind that in the event of an emergency and the Fire Department would have to enter your unit, any damage incurred for entry will be at owner's expense. The Fire Department requires **ONE** master key that fits all doors provided to them in the event of a fire or another emergency. All owner's must provide a key to your unit to the front office. It has come to our attention that these keys are not keyed to the Master key.

CONTRACTORS ON SITE

Owners having contractor work on their condo must make sure the front office is notified of the scheduled date and work cannot be done between December 1 and May 1 or during the month of July in order to prevent disturbance to other unit owners and guests. Contractors must provide proof of insurance prior to commencement, sign log in front office and cannot use the luggage trolleys or ladders that belong to Sea Shell. Dumpsters at Sea Shell cannot be used for the debris. Contractors must discard themselves.



WHAT'S HAPPENING NEAR SEA SHELL

Sarasota Bradenton Airport now has a new cell lot!

Quick Facts

- 124 additional paved parking spaces, 5 of them handicapped accessible.
- Address: 1180 Rental Car Road, Sarasota, Florida, directly across from the previous Cell Phone lot. Easy access from Old Bradenton Road or the main airport entrance off University Parkway.
- Amenities: restrooms, vending machines.
- Two 8'x16' flight information screens will be installed within 6 months.
- Lighted and secured with fencing, gate will be closed after the last arriving flight and re-opened before the first arrival of the day.
- Frequently asked question: the antennae in the center of the lot are used by the FAA to communicate with aircraft overflying at high altitudes.
- Note: there is no overnight parking allowed. Lot will be monitored via CCTV.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, Meaney's Mini Donuts new location is now open for business right across the street from Sea Shell. Stop in and visit the next time you are at Sea Shell! Adjacent to Capt Curt's in the Crescent Market Plaza





August 23, 2023

Big Win for Siesta Key!

Congratulations to Lourdes Ramirez on Hotel Ruling.

The District Court judge ruled in Ramirez's favor on a Summary Judgement against the County and interveners on the most important count: The County amendment eliminating density for hotels violates the Comprehensive Plan. This concurs with the Administrative Judge's ruling (DOAH). The Siesta Key Coalition, SKCC and other stakeholders and litigants have asserted that removing density is in violation of the Comp Plan all along. The County and Intervenors can appeal, but that path has become more difficult. SKCC urges the County not to waste any more taxpayer funds appealing these judgements, which are in the interest of residents and taxpayers.

This ruling is against current plans for the 170 room Siesta Village Hotel. The ruling should also affect the other two proposed hotels, the 120 room Old Stickney Point Road Hotel and the Wells Fargo site.

<https://www.heraldtribune.com/story/news/local/sarasota/2023/08/22/siesta-key-advocate-prevails-in-lawsuit-against-hotel-development/70644396007/>

Or

<https://www.sarasotamagazine.com/news-and-profiles/2023/08/siesta-key-hotel-battle-lourdes-ramirez-sarasota-county>

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Sitting on the dock of the bay...

(photo from Marina Jack's this
past week)



BENEFICIAL INFO FOR ALL OWNERS

REMINDER: Vehicle clearance under the car port is only 6 ft. Please remind your guests of this when you are renting your unit. Sea Shell is not responsible for any damage to vehicles if guests try to pull in and do not clear. Encourage guests to park larger vehicles up front.

Annual inspection of condos on SSVR will begin taking place soon and we encourage **ALL** owners to inspect and upgrade your units to ensure guests enjoy their time at Sea Shell and want to come back to clean and gorgeous condos! Take a look around and see if you have worn or outdated decorations, furniture, bedspreads, dishes, etc. and invest in quality customer satisfaction!

The Sea Shell Board is beginning a new project where we will have all new turtle lighting installed around the grounds, hallways, buildings, etc. by the end of the year. We have partnered with Sea Turtle Conservancy through a grant to receive majority of the light fixtures for free if we install and maintain them for 10 years. New lights had been on our "TO DO LIST" and this grant allows us to accomplish the task while saving the association funds.

Our next major project will be landscaping and purchasing a new sign for the front of our complex (it has been broken on one side).

We will be sending out a survey to all owners asking you to complete and let us hear from YOU as to what improvements you would like to see at Sea Shell Condominiums as well as thoughts on various topics. Please take the time to fill it out and submit it back so that the Board is aware of your thoughts.

There are two Board positions that the terms expire in October and I'd like to encourage ALL owners to consider running to represent Sea Shell owners and be more active in our association. More information on how to apply will be forthcoming! I am sure many of you have a certain expertise that could boost our Board operation or on-going projects that we are considering.

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