

# ISLAND SUNRISE

## Newsletter

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It's been a while—I guess because there's not a whole lot going on down here. Well, of course, there is that pesky little oil thing but that's only been going on a little over a hundred days now so other than making you feel a little slimy it's been of little consequence.

But I lie.

It hasn't been much fun—from the almost hourly computations and re-computations of how much oil was spewing out of the well (which fell into the who cares, just get it stopped category) to the never ending in-fighting over who gets hired to clean it up—pleasure boaters, illegal immigrants, shrimpers, rig workers shafted by the moratorium—and that nagging little voice asking what's lurking out there just beneath the surface—sort of like the blimp circling over a domed football stadium—you know something's going on down there but can't see what. And then there's that little tingle in the back of your mind wondering how far a hurricane can fling oil. No, not much fun at all.

But, as with most things we have no choice but to soldier on so the question now is how has all of this affected us.

Well, obviously, a lot of rental income has been lost. A lot of buttery little tar balls have managed to find their way to the beach crossover, the deck, the lobby and stairs and all this has created unanticipated costs (like a floor scrubber to help clean the aforementioned areas). A lot of extra work for Nancy and Jan and our maintenance people trying to keep the building from becoming a 10 Minute Oil Change.

There is however some relief in sight.

BP has now contracted C. Sharpe to hire crews to keep our common areas oil free. They also seem to be willing to offer a least partial relief from rental income lost—or so says the pay Czar. To find out what's required to qualify you can contact them at **1-800-440-0858** or visit [bp.com,restorethegulfgov](http://bp.com,restorethegulfgov) for claim and other information if you haven't already done so. Better hurry though--local realtors are jumping on the claims bandwagon saying the disaster is to blame for slow condo sales—like they were jumping before then.

Gulf Shores and Orange Beach have been trying too. Hope you caught the Jimmy Buffet free concert designed to bring vacationers back. The shots of the beaches were great and now not a smudge to be

seen out in the water. More concerts are being planned both at the beach and over at the Wharf in hopes of drawing the crowds back.

Gloom and Doom over—this too will pass. By 2035 this will be no more—along with Social Security.

Plans are under way to replace the stair hand rails on the north side of the building this fall. The project will eventually replace all hand rails but incrementally as funds become available.

Our internet service and the surveillance cameras seem to be working well. The cameras supplement our on-site guards and are monitored when the guard tour is over.

Not too early to mention the Annual Owners meeting. This year it will be at 10 AM on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October at the Harry Roberts Community House—same place as last year. Try to make it.

This is getting long so we'd better wrap up.

I leave you with a thought—football is just around the corner—so I finally bought that 64 inch TV that is the end to all ends. And, as things seem to go, as I skipped to my car dreaming of a life sized Crimson Tide coming at me all fall I couldn't help but notice there was a gigantic truck in the parking lot unloading 3D TV's.

We don't want to forget to welcome our new owners. We have had six folks to purchase one of our beautiful unit since the first of the year and we are always pleased to say WELCOME.

On important note I forgot it is about your email address. A lot of correspondence we send to you is by email. So if you have not provided Coastline Management with your address or if any changed have been made, please check with them by sending your information to [coastlinemgmt@gulftel.com](mailto:coastlinemgmt@gulftel.com) as soon as possible. If you are not receiving our emails this may be why.....

Take care and see you at the Owners meeting.