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Well, time again for that age old question....Which came first---Hurricanes, or them scaring (as my mother used to put it) the pee waddling stew out of me. (We were deep, deep -south people). I guess it really doesn't matter, but if that chicken gets such a big play so should I.

News. Lots:

Since we're on the subject of hurricanes we probably need a little refresher.

- 1) Please make sure Nancy has a key to your unit. If she doesn't the Association, in the event of an emergency/hurricane, will be forced to change out your lock so they can get inside to assess damage that may affect us all, i.e., broken water heaters, pipes, things like that.
- 2) You need a hurricane plan. If your rental agent is handling it that's fine. If not you may want to authorize the association to handle it for you. There is a charge for the service, but the cost is assessed based on the degree of service/help you want to contract for with an outside service personnel. A Nancy thing.
- 3) The City of Gulf Shores requires a sticker to get to your unit in the aftermath of a storm. A lot of you who have owned your unit for a while get them automatically in the mail. For the newer owners give the Gulf Shores City Hall a call at 251-968-2425 and ask how to get one. We're Zone 8.
- 4) Speaking of new owners we have a few. Welcome:

Eddy and Kelli Saldana of Graystone, Georgia. Unit 360

James and Vicky Collier of Mobile. Unit 361.

Rob and Nancy Joiner of Florence, Alabama. Unit 369

Melba Jones of Choudrant, Louisiana. Units 461 and 467.

Welcome to you all and hope to meet you at the annual meeting.

As you can see the owners' decals included are "brand new." These have the unit number on them so please discard the old ones and use these.

As you can also see a proposal from Harbor Communications for **both** telephone and their internet service (Wi Fi) is enclosed. It's a subject, along with a couple of their other renderings, to be discussed at the annual meeting which, since it will so cleverly fit in at this point will be on 31 October at 10 AM. The other services to be offered in the future will be Cable TV. By the way, the internet accessibility is the most requested service by potential renters.

Again we ask that you check your unit for water leaks. Our water bills are beginning to edge up to the concerned level. Need to make sure your water heater, bath, kitchen and refrigerator lines are OK along with the AC drains.

Once again we need to address the necessity for getting parking identification certificates (proper name for passes) for your guests. Rule is one tag for each vehicle per visit. If you cheat you're cheating us all since the proceeds from the tags go to paying our security people during peak risk periods. Unless the fees

are collected we will eventually find ourselves paying higher association dues. The only protection the rest of us have is to have the offending vehicle towed, which I'm pretty sure, is not going to make the fuzzy list in the happy renters handbook.

Well, we may have mentioned it somewhere before but in case you missed it--the area in front of our complex (facing the beach) has been plugged with sea oats and some other sand grabbing root plants which, we are told, will smite down the fury of an oncoming hurricane and cast it back among the waters—or something thing like that. But the only way we'll ever know is to make sure we don't stomp the brave little shoots to a pulp before they get the chance to show us what they can do. Please ask any offenders you see to give those (brave little shoots) a shot at life. My original suggestion for *Achtung minen* signs placed around the perimeter of the planting area met with a cold shoulder, so I guess we're going to have to try and do this politely.

Do you believe in miracles?...aside from the hockey kind? Well brace yourself--we have one. That pier replacing the one Ivan did a job on is now, after oh so many years, scheduled to open in a week or so--a 16.4 million dollar wonder. It is essentially a bunch of poles sunk in the sand and a plank walkway connecting them. I think there will be comfort stations along the boardwalk and some bait and drink (unfortunately not that kind) shops but for a mere million I would've gladly carried fishermen out into the waters and let them stand on my shoulders to fish.

FYI. There is a Publix (grocery store) now being built just south of the Pelican Place shopping center---the one with Books-a-Million and Target. It will be on the east corner of where County Road 4 and Highway 59 intersect. If you're from Atlanta or Chicago I know this is a ho-hummer, but for us out here in the hinterlands this is big—like a new Shoe Carnival or something.

Mentioned the annual meeting earlier (31 October 10 AM at the Harry Roberts Community House, 300 East 16th Street) so, as usual, now comes the annual plea for people to submit their names for board positions. We have one candidate now in that has gracefully submitted his name, Mr. Eddy Saldana, the new owner of unit 360, but more are always welcome.

Well, more than our traditional one page so I'll quit now and leave you with a couple of thoughts---. Cross your fingers at least once a day and concentrate on hurricane repulsion techniques---pray there are no good football games on during our annual owners meeting and, try to smile as we watch the stock market seek yet a another new bottom—sort of like the limbo--how looow can you go.

Take care.