

Gulf Tides of Longboat Key

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Week 53 2016 changes dates for 2017—please verify your dates with the resort!

Week 1 for 2017 started January 7th, this year. Please look at usage form sent with your billing and verify your dates for 2017. It is off by 6 days due to leap year.

New Year—New Office Hours 7 days a week

The Board of Directors directed management to add a staff member to keep the office open 7 days a week providing extra customer service for our owners and guests.

Dennis Winans has come back to work at GulfTides part time. He battled cancer for 2 years and is doing great! His hours are Saturday 5pm—9pm Sunday 9am—5pm and Thursdays 9am—5pm including holidays. This has been in place since December 1st, 2016 and has really been a great addition for everyone.

2017 Board of Directors

President—David Krupa
Vice President—Patricia Battles
Secretary—Emilie Carter
Treasurer—William Norris
Board Member—Marie Tinsley

Do you fish at Gulf Tides? Then we want your pictures

Lane Trotter, our maintenance person, has built a picture box on the side of the maintenance room across from the bikes. He has fishing tips, bait recommendations and what fish are caught here locally. We are asking for your fishing and sunset pictures from the beach here at Gulf Tides to showcase to everyone that stays here.

Send them in attention to Lane Trotter
3008 Gulf of Mexico Drive
Longboat Key, FL 34228 Unit 108



Therapy/emotional support and ADA Service Animal Policy

Each State is different when it comes to Therapy/Emotional Support or Service Animals.

In the State of Florida — Pets, Therapy Dogs, Emotional Support dogs including those with a Doctor's note are no longer covered under the ADA and are **NOT** considered "Service Animals". This means those animals are not allowed in the Hospitality industry. (Hotel/Motels and vacation properties etc.).

If you have a "**service animal**" as defined by the ADA - we may ask what service the dog performs and the dog is always required to wear a vest when on the property.



2017 Billing Statements have been mailed

February 1st late fees are added to your billing at \$15.00 per unit. And 1.5% interest on the balance due, Lock—out letters will be sent certified on March 1st giving owner 30 days to make arrangements to pay their account. Please contact the office before March 31st to prevent loosing usage of your unit week. Payment arrangements can be made at anytime as long as you keep in contact with the office.

On March 31st, the accounts are turned over to a collection agency. At that time they will add 40 % to the balance owed and you will have to pay thru their offices and not Gulf Tides.

Again, before it goes to collections, contact the resort so we can work out arrangements. Julia Langevin has worked with many owners to ease the burden of paying fees all at once, however late fees and interest charges can not be waived.

What is happening with the Colony?

ABC 7 Kate Flexter wrote:

For Norm Schimmel, the Colony Beach and Tennis Club is steeped in memories. It's where he vacationed, played tennis, was engaged and married. From the prime stretch of beach to the iconic Monkey Bar, each inch of it is filled with history and memories. "Very rarely do you get a situation where you pass a location and all of the sudden a feeling comes totally over your body," said Schimmel, "and the feeling is based on memories and the things that can't be duplicated."

But Orlando-based developer Unicorp says it can duplicate that feeling and then some, with a new 5-star luxury resort in its place. After years of legal battles, they may finally be able to. This week the developer officially began the demolition process

"It's sad and it's an eye sore right now obviously, but the new day out here will be a gorgeous resort that will have kids playing on the beach and a great place for families," said Unicorp National Developments President Chuck Whittall.

But the demolition, at least for now, is only on the commercial aspects of the property. The developer still needs to get 75 percent of the unit owners from the former resort to sign off on demolition before they can tear down the residential properties.



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TIME SHARE RESALE SCAMS

If anyone calls your home and says they can sell your timeshare — please be very wary. 90% of these companies will want you to pay money upfront. That is the first clue to hang up the phone.

If you receive an offer and are not sure if the company is legitimate, please call the resort office and speak to Julia Langevin or email her at

Julia@vacationfla.com

Before you sign any agreement with a transfer company,

DO NOT PAY MONEY UPFRONT TO SELL YOUR TIMESHARE.

There are too many companies committing fraud by transferring your deed to a “dummy corporation.” When we receive a communication from one of these companies, we will send you a letter that you acknowledge that if the sale is fraudulent, you will still be the legal owner of the week. If you suspect fraud, you should call the

FLORIDA FRAUD HOTLINE:

866-926-7266

**Or the Attorney Generals' Citizen Services Division:
866-NO SCAM or
866-966-7226** to inquire about a particular company's practices.

