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BED TAX INCREASE

The county commissioners approved a request from the Tourist Development Council to increase the bed tax from 3% to 5%. The 4th cent was effective on March 1st and the fifth cent on April 1st. Commissioner George Gainer was the lone dissenter on the 5th cent. If you are renting your unit yourself, you should be collecting this tax. The new money will go toward tax collection enforcement, marketing, beach beautification, more ball fields, enticing low-cost carriers to add the new airport to their routes, in addition to other areas.

NEW RENTAL SUPERVISOR

Heather Montgomery Fett was hired as Rental Supervisor to replace Kristen Williams who resigned.

WI-FI IMPROVEMENTS

Thanks to the work of Bruce Adams and contractors, you will notice improvements in the wi-fi system. The office is giving out new pass codes that will expire after seven days.

ELEVATOR TOWERS, DIRECTOR TERMS

Due to the actions of the lawmakers at the state capitol, the term limits for directors of condominium associations were mandated at one year. This means that the staggered three-year term in our bylaws was overruled by the new law. The law allows associations to change to staggered two-year terms by changing their bylaws. If you have been around The Summit very long, you know how difficult it is to get a 2/3 vote. The board will meet on this issue again on May 9. Michael Hannon has proposed painting the towers a different color than the rest of the building. This would give The Summit a more modern look. This, too, requires a 2/3 vote and will be considered at the May 9 meeting.

THOMAS DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS

Sidewalks and drainage have been added to Thomas Drive between Ocean Street and Venus Street.

POOL DESIGN

A new design was installed in the floor of the west end pool. This design is a lighter color and meets state approval. The east end pool will get the new design next. I think you'll like the look!



Projects – On the shuffleboard court, cracks were repaired and the court repainted. The scoreboard was replaced. Cat 5000 chemical feeders were installed in both big pools and all three spas to reduce chemical usage. This will reduce our costs significantly. The pump had to be replaced on the north outside spa.

Spring Break – MSNBC named Panama City Beach one of the nine hot spring break destinations.

Flights – *Forbes*, a business magazine, ranked the current PC airport the 18th most expensive flights in the country.

News – Up-to-date news is published regularly on the owners' website, www.summit-resorts.com. Owners can also access the minutes on the site. You will need a password and login to get to the minutes. That login information is at the bottom of this page. (If you are reading this newsletter online, the password will not appear in your newsletter. Those owners will need to contact the office for login information.)

USA Today – Dan Rowe, TDC Executive Director, was interviewed by USA Today for a future article.

Board Meeting Date Change – The May Board of Directors meeting will be on May 9 – not May 23 as originally reported. The new time for board meetings is 10:00 am.

Web Cams – For a peek at The Summit 24 hours a day, go to www.studentbreaks.com and click on "office cam". There is now a camera at the Hathaway Bridge. If that excites you, go to <http://tmc.baycountyfl.gov/>.

MTV – mtvU made it to Panama City Beach this year for spring break March 8 through 21. They set up at Boardwalk rather than The Summit.

Office Depot – There's finally an office supply store at the beach. Office Depot will occupy a spot in the center where the new Publix is located.

New Owners – If you are a new owner and did not receive a New Owner Guide, there is one available on the website. Visit www.summit-resorts.com and click on "New Owner".

Let's Eat – So many places to eat – so little time. Daniel Windsor, former chef at Canopies and Saltwater Grill, has opened his own restaurant in Pirate's Cove Marina in the old J. Michael's spot. It is called Dock Hoppers (dockhopperspcb.com). Liza's Kitchen has moved to 7328 Thomas Drive in the Marabella Square. They can now seat 80 as opposed to 25. Guy Harvey's, a chain restaurant, will open at Pier Park this month. Red Robin Gourmet Burgers has opened at Pier Park. It is 5,495 square feet. If you just want something to take home, try the new Publix on Back Beach Road across the street from Home Depot. It will replace the one on Middle Beach Road. This shopping center will also have a Dunkin Donuts.



**See the Navy's Blue Angels at Tyndall AFB
March 28 and 29.**

(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist
2nd Class Kristopher S. Wilson/Released)

Upcoming Events...

March 28-29: Blue Angels at Tyndall AFB

April 18-19: Zap Pro/Am Spring Skim Jam

April 22-25: Gulf Coast Horse Show & Music
Festival

April 30-May 3: Thunder Beach Motorcycle Rally

May 9: Gulf Coast Triathlon

May 9: SOA Board of Directors Meeting 10:00 am

