



# Coral Beach Newsletter

CB newsletter vol.2.3

Summer is officially here and perhaps you are reading this outdoors in your backyard, patio or cottage and enjoying a relaxing moment during this all too short season. Cheers to summer and welcome to the summer issue of your Coral Beach newsletter for owners and guests. We received many positive responses from owners on the new layout, format, style and pictures and the “blast from the past” was especially enjoyed by many.



I had a chance to travel to Atlantis, Paradise Island, before spending time in Freeport this spring, so I brought you a few pictures for those who are looking for a great adventure and water activities with the kids or Grandkids. The tropical fish, sea creatures and aquariums are legendary and amazing to see up close and personal. There are many beautiful beaches on the resort, but in my opinion, Coral Beach beats them all! Of course, it's the people who make CB so special.

### **AROUND CB**

Most of the resorts and restaurants in Lucaya are moving into the low season, but there was still lots of action at Count Basie Square where visitors enjoyed karaoke, DJ music, live entertainment and dancing. The resort "Memories" is offering a summer package with flights provided by American Airlines for \$1,200.00 per person, all inclusive, 7 nights.

Sunwing is slightly higher at \$1,250.00 for 7 nights in July.

This **Lion fish** was in the ocean in front of Coral Beach and was brought to shore by some curious swimmers. Although the fish was not alive, it's important to know that these red creatures are venomous and are an invasive problem in the

Caribbean sea and around our area. The dorsal spines are used purely for defence, so stay clear. If you are stung by one of these fish, seek medical attention immediately.



**SANDS BREWERY** which was launched in 2007 has just announced a \$2Million brewery expansion by Freeport Construction which will increase the storage and production by 20,000 square feet. Good news for the economy and for all the beer lovers out there! **REMINDER**, beer bottles and glass are not allowed in the pool area, especially glass in the pool, so please enjoy your beverages in a plastic container and keep everyone safe.



### **Memorial Day at CB**

Another great party at the poolside took place on May 28 to celebrate Memorial Day and catch up with new and old friends. Having never visited CB during May, it was a delight to see so many “regulars” that make their way down for this holiday. I had the pleasure of meeting new owners and guests who came to enjoy the long weekend and take a much needed break from home. We placed the picnic tables into the shade, had a feast of many different foods which we all brought and shared



“family style” and the weather was perfect. Lots of fun for everyone, a wonderful gathering and I may have to do this again next year!

### **Rental Laws Updated**

Thompson’s Reality (who handles many of the rentals here at CB) passed along a notice they received from the Tourist Board regarding a law passed in 2009:

“Effective July 1, 2010, the rate of hotel guest tax collected on behalf of the Bahamas Government has increased from 6% to 10% for all hotels and rental homes”.

Thompson’s has stopped handling rentals as they do not wish to be responsible for collecting rent and remitting monthly fees to the Government. They will continue to provide property management services to owners.

If you rent out your unit at CB, it is advised that you become informed with the Government process and owners are directed to make inquiries at **[www.tourismtoday.com/home/oorh](http://www.tourismtoday.com/home/oorh)**



Any further information that is provided to Coral Beach Management Co. by the Tourist Board, will be shared with owners via email.



## **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

All common area railings have been painted and work continues on the following projects:



- painting of the stairway between buildings 1,2
- fence repairs and replacement along the Eastern part of the property
- beach wall repairs and painting, with new fencing for storage of beach chairs
- pool bar area, walkway, repairs to the building and painting. Two new toilets have been installed in the Ladies room.
- terrace maintenance (new air vents) and caulking and sealing. Repairs to the “catwalk” area on the 2nd floor
- installation of laundry tubs in buildings 1,2 on the first and 3rd floors
- obtain quotes on updating the interior of the elevators and replace the floors

- prepare to patch, paint and repair the “air wells” in the hallways of all 3 buildings

### **Waste Water Treatment Plant**

The Port Authority requires that CB submits an Environmental Impact Statement to continue with plans to replace and move the waste water treatment plant. We have engaged a Company (Enviroligic International Ltd.) who is providing specific design information of the plant, treatment standards and building code requirements. This is (hopefully) the last step in the “paperwork” process, then we can move on to the actual work.



### **Coral Reef Pool Bar and Restaurant**

Changes will be taking place for owners who patronize the pool bar at CB. A new \$25 SANDS beer card will be introduced (so now you can buy 10 SANDS for \$2.50 each) , the wine and “well” drinks will be reduced to \$30 (or \$3. per drink). In addition, the restaurant will offer owners a small selection of menu items at a reduced price. For example, Mini burgers & fries, ham and turkey sandwiches for \$5, hot dog & fries, or a grilled cheese \$4, small chicken wrap or chicken salad on a pita \$6. These prices will be available for owners only and non-transferrable.



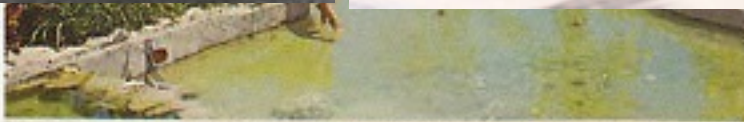
## HURRICANE SEASON



Just a reminder that hurricane season begins the first of June and ends November 30, so it's very important that you put away all your outdoor furniture when you leave, as "flying objects" cause the most injuries and damages. Although the extended range forecasts for the 2014 season predict a near-normal year (with 9 named storms, 3 to 4 hurricanes and possibly 1 major hurricane) it's always best to be cautious and prepared. We "dodged the bullet" with ARTHUR, which started as a tropical cyclone (60 mile an hour winds) North East of Freeport and became a Category 1 hurricane when it hit the U.S. If you are in the Bahamas, ensure you have plenty of flashlights, batteries, candles, matches and store extra water for emergencies.

## PICS FROM THE PAST

These pictures below are from the "Grand Bahama Hotel", West end, the "shack" at the pool bar in 1966, and The Kings Inn Hotel, 1967



Pier One Restaurant





## **REAL ESTATE AT CB**



#3326 – Studio

Newly renovated

New kitchen

New air conditioner

All-inclusive, with furniture, appliances, dishes etc.

Turn key and very clean

Contact: Vince at [vinceabate@gbicb.com](mailto:vinceabate@gbicb.com)

or (416) 904-0432

#2203 – Studio

Turn key, very clean

Freshly renovated

Tiled, new water heater, new patio doors

Queen bed with dresser, sleeper sofa

All inclusive, appliances furniture etc

\$85,000.00 U.S.

Contact [deashie@hotmail.com](mailto:deashie@hotmail.com)

or (905) 832-8198

#1206 – Studio

2nd floor, building one

Turn key with queen Murphy bed and 2 queen sleepers

Washer & dryer, all-inclusive

Contact Johnnie & Gary at JGoformond@aol.com

or (386) 815-8824

\$105,000.00 U.S.

#2612 -Studio

Fully furnished, ocean view,

Appliances need updating

Reduced for quick sale

Contact: Mrs. Thurston at (242) 351-5222 Or

646-8794

### **CALLING ALL PICTURES**

If you have pictures, articles, stories or events that you would like to see in the Newsletter, please email me at [ndsali@gmail.com](mailto:ndsali@gmail.com)

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Have a great summer everyone!