

# La Casa del Sol

*Your Home on the Texas coast - North Padre Island*

Fall Newsletter

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## **NOTE:**

To speak with any of the Board members, call the Reservations Office at (817) 396-4676 to leave a message with your contact information. The Board member you want to speak with will return your call as soon as they can.

## **A Message from the President:**

Hello La Casa del Sol Owners!

Like the late, great Johhny Olson would say on the Price is Right... "Come on Down!" We've had nothing but compliments about the work completed at our little oasis. 'Pleasantly surprised!' is the overriding sentiment. We've done well to ensure that each unit has had some sort of upgrades completed. I can assure you that if you haven't sent your special assessment in, we will use it whenever you do! We have more upgrades coming in the Fall and Winter as funds become available. As with the rest of the country, inflation has hit us as well. I am very pleased with how judicious we've been with each dollar.

Bill Gunn did an analysis of our area regarding vacation costs. As I know we've heard from a few about rising maintenance costs we are STILL a better buy for your vacation dollar than anywhere on the Island! I would highly encourage you to invite friends and neighbors to be an owner. I can assure you they will not be disappointed with our improvements.

As always, check Facebook and our new website for updates! Feel free to submit photos for both! Kevin and his staff are resolute in improving La Casa del Sol each and every day! Come see for yourself!

*I hope to see you on the island!*

**Jack Luna**

***Owners since 1986***

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**A Word from the Vice President of Resort Operations**

I am writing this message to you sitting in the pool area at LCDS. You can't beat this view: the water, the pool, the sky, and the sun. Not to mention, the feeling of being on vacation at one the best vacations destinations in Texas. The weather is great here with the breeze and the fresh air. It even smells like vacation between the beach/ocean smell and the cooking on the grill. I don't know what this person is cooking, but whatever it is, I'm adding it to my grocery list.

I don't know what day is, I do, but I am trying not to think about it. I want to feel like I just got here and have a whole week left before I have to leave. It usually doesn't kick in until Wednesday that it is almost time to leave. It feels like time stops the first four or five days that I am here and that my vacation last forever.

I went to the beach today and then came back to the resort and hung out at the pool where I grilled, ate, and took a nap. Now that I am awake, I need to continue this newsletter. Where is your favorite place to nap on Padre Island, is it the unit, the pool, or the beach? All of the above would be my answer. I mentioned earlier, I was hanging out at the pool. Hanging out can take on different meanings depending on who is at the pool while you are there. Hanging at the pool can last from five minutes to the rest of the evening. The adults know what I mean, hence the nap.

How many of you work remote? As you know we have internet at the resort. You can work from your unit, the balcony, the pool, and decks. I have personally worked from the resort and had no problems connecting to the WIFI on the property. I know one owner that uses his phone, tablet, and laptop, all at the same time, while streaming Netflix, Hulu, and Amazon Prime. If this person didn't break the internet, no one could (*An exaggerated, but somewhat true story*).

Call the reservation office to book your workcation.

***Derrick Richardson***

***Owners since 2006***

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### **“What’s for Dinner?”**

My wife and I often hear the early evening conversation by the La Casa pool that asks the eternal question, “What’s for dinner?” I did some research and found several interesting answers to that question on Hotel.com in an article called “10 Places Where Locals Like to Eat in Corpus Christi, Texas.” **Here are the TOP 5:**

#### **#1 Snoopy's Pier**

Snoopy's Pier is an open-air restaurant right on the water, so you can enjoy the warm sun and delicious seafood. The offerings at Snoopy's Pier are especially good for families and groups as there are plenty of seafood baskets to try at reasonable prices. Don't forget to check out Snoopy's Ice Cream next door.

#### **#2 Doc's Seafood and Steaks**

Doc's Seafood and Steaks is nestled comfortably under the JFK Memorial Causeway and overlooks the Intracoastal Waterway, so you can enjoy scenic waterfront dining. The food itself is positively American, with classic surf and turf fare all made with fresh ingredients. You'll even find local artists performing live music regularly on the lower floor.

#### **#3 Republic of Texas Bar and Grill**

A romantic steak and wine restaurant 20 floors up in Bayfront Tower. Enjoy the mastery of steak, wild game, and seafood you'd expect from a Texas chef who's a master of the craft.

#### **#4 Andy's Kitchen**

Andy's Kitchen takes Texas comfort food to the next level. At this diner-style restaurant, you can enjoy all-day breakfast or more traditional American dishes. Some gluten-free, vegetarian, and vegan options are available.

#### **#5 Hester's Cafe and Coffee Shop**

A great place to start your day in Corpus Christi Located in Lamar Park on North Shoreline Blvd, Hester's Cafe and Coffee Bar is your one-stop-shop for delicious coffee and satisfying baked goods. Their paninis are their specialty.

Let me add one to the mix. Don't forget **Island Italian Restaurant** just moments from La Casa on Park Road 22 (SPID). It's a little place with a big heart for fine Italian food. Plus, live music!

***Bill Gunn***

***LCDS Secretary***

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***Owners since 1986***

## Owner Testimony

Hi! I'm Lisa Castillo, and my husband Rene and I are proud owners at La Casa Del Sol. We have been owners for over 8 years and agree that this is by far the best investment we've ever made. The staff are welcoming and friendly. The grounds are beautiful, and the amenities are top-notch. The recent renovations to our property make it that much better. We have created wonderful memories here and look forward to creating more. We both love this place...this is home!

### **Reminder - La Casa del Sol is not like other Timeshares:**

Our resort is owned by our Owners and managed by unpaid elected volunteers who are Owners. Each Owner/Member of the association has a say in how our fees are spent by choosing the Board of Directors who manage the business. Everyone on the Board is an Owner, so each has a vested interest in keeping fees low, while doing their best to keep the resort the special place we all want it to be for years and for generations to come. We welcome your input – both positive and negative. Many of us and our children have built lifelong friendships and wonderful memories while vacationing at our place on the Island. The Interval Plus (IP) rules have been relaxed to attract *NEW Owners* to build their own friendships and their own memories with their families as well. Please share our piece of paradise with your friends and encourage them to join our La Casa del Sol family.

### **A Message from the LCDS Accounting Office**

The unit/week you own is real property. When an owner dies or is divorced, the deed needs to be updated. We still have some owners who need to update their deeds to reflect changes.

If the property was in the parents' names and one or both are deceased, the will(s) need to be probated and the deed changed by an attorney. We may be able to assist you with updating the ownership records.

If the property is awarded to you in a divorce settlement, the attorney(s) will need to update the deed on file in Nueces County. This is not something we can do for you.

We are preparing to foreclose on unpaid deeds. If you are two years in arrears on your payments, please contact the office to bring your payments up to date as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact the Reservations and Accounting Office.

## La Casa del Sol

### Reservation & Accounting Office

18757 South Highway 377, Cresson, Texas 76035

Office hours: 8:00 am until 4:00 pm (Monday – Friday)

Phone: 817 – 396 – 4676

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### Resort Office:

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Phone: 361-949-6050

Resort Manager: Kevin Biggi

### OTHER IMPORTANT NOTES

- Boat reservations are required at the time you make your reservation. You will need a reservation for the boat dock and for the boat trailer in the parking lot.
- LCDS has ONLY two designated golf cart parking spaces; a parking pass is required for golf carts.
- Each unit can get up to two parking passes. Only vehicles with parking passes are allowed in the parking lot.
- Please keep your unit door closed when using the AC.
- Please close your unit door and windows when smoking outside of your unit.

**IF YOU WILL BE ARRIVING LATE:** You must call the RESORT office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday to make arrangements for obtaining a key to your unit and the code to open the entrance gate.

**Fraud Alert:** PLEASE be very cautious if approached with a scheme for renting, selling or trading your LCDS timeshare ownership! Scammers may accept your payment but never transfer your Deed! Contact the Reservation Office for further information.

Our website: [www.lacasaresort.com](http://www.lacasaresort.com)

Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/LaCasaDelSolPadreIsland](http://www.facebook.com/LaCasaDelSolPadreIsland)

Both are active and constantly updated with new information and pictures. Send some of your pictures!

Another independent and informative source for what's going on in the area is The Island Moon. Their website is <http://islandmoon.com/>.