

SUNSET COVE CONDOMINIUM NEWSLETTER

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Our goal is to improve the quality of life and increase the value of our investment at Sunset Cove

First of all, a disclaimer of sorts. We have no inside information on the status of the island opening up or where the hotel stands in relation to its creditors, lawsuits or if it will ever open again and under what type of management or name. We get our information from the newspaper, blogs and local citizens just like you do. When we know have something factual, we will let all of you know. Other than that Sunset Cove is in good condition.

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Hotel Update – When the island shut down in March the Margaritaville Hotel closed as did all the other hotels on the island. They told us they would reopen when the island opened up again. About a month ago a lawsuit was brought against the hotel by people in the hotel strata who purchased hotel rooms for alleged contractual breaches including money owed to those who purchased a room. Since then, we understand CUC electric and the CI water company have also sued for money owed for services and utilities.

Since the hotel shut down in March, they have not paid us or anyone else as far as we know. We continue to bill them and have sought legal advice as to what our options are. We have a few options but cannot do anything until we find out if the hotel will reopen somehow or will go into bankruptcy.

All that said, they recently approached us about re-opening the hotel on a limited basis to house people in quarantine with the soft opening in October. To do this they would like to open the bar. They presented us with a settlement proposal, which we countered. They agreed to our terms last week, but as of the time of this writing, payment has not been received. We will keep you posted as soon as there is further news.

2021 AGM – At the present time we simply do not know if there will be an AGM in January 2021. It is all subject to when the island opens up and if there is someplace to hold the meeting. TBD.

Strata Payments – Please make sure your monthly fees are timely. If you have any questions please contact BCQS immediately. Wiring instructions are on the statements. After 30 days 18% interest is assessed on the past due amount. After 60 days 18% interest is charged on the entire amount and any utilities payed for by the Strata (your fellow owners) can be disconnected.

Condo Inspections – During the island shut down please have your onsite manager check your condo to make sure everything is working correctly. Strata representatives will not enter an individual owner's unit except in case of emergency. Please make sure you leave a key with Kelly at the strata office for this purpose. We also need your contact information and the name of someone on the island who represents you to contact if an emergency in your unit develops.

Cayman Compass Newspaper – www.caymancompass.com

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Website: www.strata43.com, Password is Stingray

From the Executive Committee

Cayman Island Update – Much will depend on what happens in Grand Cayman, the US and the rest of the world regarding the Covid-19 virus. It is unknown exactly what requirements will be necessary to enter GC except for the requirements in the initial Phase 1 explained in the last newsletter. The only flights to GC from the Us are on Cayman Air from a few select cities. We simply do not know. Things change on a weekly basis.

Below is a recent article from TPG, a travel resource.

Cayman Islands reopening borders — here's what you need to know

Editor's note: This post has been updated to reflect Cayman Islands hasn't yet confirmed the exact rules for a full reopening to tourism. As the travel industry reopens following COVID-19 shutdowns, TPG suggests that you talk to your doctor, follow health officials' guidance and research local travel restrictions before booking that next trip. We will be here to help you prepare, whether it is next month or next year.

After a delay, the Cayman Islands are preparing for a soft reopening on Oct. 1. As a part of the first phase, borders will be open to approved visitors, property owners, workers and residents. However, there are some important restrictions, including quarantine requirements, you need to be aware of before you book your ticket.

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What's required for travel to the Cayman Islands

Airports in the Cayman Islands are currently still closed to all inbound and outbound international passenger flights. When they begin to reopen in October, approved travelers will need to show proof of a negative COVID-19 (RT-PCR) test taken within 72 hours of departure. This will be required for everyone 10 years or older.

The number of people who will be allowed to visit will be capped at 800 people. Prospective travelers must fill out the [TravelTime](#) Form prior to arrival for pre-approval. Eligible travelers will include Caymanians, permanent residents, work permit holders and homeowners. It will also include digital nomads hoping to live in Cayman and work remotely through the 'global citizen initiative.'

Upon arrival in the country, travelers will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days at home or in hotels. Travelers will also be asked to wear electronic tracking devices and may be subject to random checks. Anyone who does not want to wear a tag will be required to isolate at a government facility. Following the isolation period, the travelers will be tested for COVID-19, and if negative, they will be released and the tags are removed.

Originally, travelers were only going to need to quarantine for five days if they were able to present a second negative test upon arrival. Additionally, travelers were going to be asked to wear a [BioButton](#), which is a health monitoring device for continuous screening while in the Cayman Islands. However, those plans have been scrapped.

"Given the ever-increasing number of positive COVID-19 cases in many of the countries around us, particularly the United States of America and Jamaica, we have had to adjust our initial plans, especially regarding isolation," Premier Alden McLaughlin explained in a recent briefing.

Details of reopening protocols are still being finalized. It's possible that additional requirements may be implemented in the coming weeks.

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What is open in the Cayman Islands

Most things on the islands are returning to normalcy. While hotels are still closed for the most part, some have begun accepting reservations beginning Oct. 1.

Aside from on public transport and at airports, face masks are no longer required in most places. Social distancing guidelines have also been relaxed. Public gatherings of up to 250 people are allowed and the passenger capacity on excursion boats has increased to 250. Scuba diving and snorkeling excursions are allowed so long as rental equipment is disinfected for three days after use.

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How to get to the Cayman Islands

In October, the only airline approved to offer nonstop service to Grand Cayman (GCM) from the U.S. will be Cayman Airways. It will offer nonstop service to Miami (MIA), Tampa (TPA) and New York-JFK. More flight options are expected to return in November.

the flights are fairly reasonably priced. All of the nonstop flights are priced between about \$70 to \$130 each way.

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Where to stay in the Cayman Islands

As previously mentioned, some resorts have begun to accept reservations beginning Oct. 1, including Palm Heights, The Locale Hotel Grand Cayman and Seven Mile Beach Resort & Club. However, with tourism still restricted, many of the [bigger resorts](#), such as the [Kimpton Seafire Grand Cayman](#) and [Westin Grand Cayman](#), aren't accepting reservations until at least November. [Airbnbs](#) and other vacation rentals are also an option.

Bottom line

Cayman Islands seems to be taking a conservative approach with its border reopening, but it's making progress. While the country may be reopening its borders in October, there will be a lot more flight and hotel options come November. And be aware the opening date has been pushed back a few times, so you might want to wait until later in the year.