

## SAFARI MAY NEWSLETTER

May 2021

Greetings to all our members. We hope you have survived this past year and are doing well. It has had its challenges. Now we are moving on to a new season with hopes that we can enjoy seeing each other's smiles and enjoy the company of our members.

Our May agenda and member meeting notice will be sent out by May 15th and our meeting will be held May 30th. We plan to have a video meeting once again, and hopefully some members will be able to come to the lodge to view the video. We will publish the link for the meeting on our website the Friday before the meeting. Please be sure to look for it there.

Safari Association President Dave Krajcar put together a text alert system to notify members of water or electrical outages and emergencies. If you are not already receiving these alerts and would like to, please let us know your cell number and carrier by emailing Safari at [safari3205@gmail.com](mailto:safari3205@gmail.com) or call the office at 360-355-9512 and leave a message.

Please remember to let us know of any changes with your contact information. We need to have your up-to-date phone, mailing and email address. We also need up-to-date emergency contact information.

There have been numerous complaints regarding speeding in the park. Please members, slow down. Summer is coming and visiting children will be running and riding their bikes. Remember our **speed limit is 5 mph**. It is also YOUR responsibility to make sure your guests abide by this speed limit. For members reporting speeding, we need detailed information before we can go talk to someone. If you just said you saw a car, we need to know what color, a license number and possibly where it went.

We have had complaints regarding smoke from campfires and the burning of yard debris/trash. Campfires have been a part of the Safari experience since the park began. There are rules to ensure safety. Campfires must be built on at least 6 inches of sand. They need to be away from trees, low hanging branches, and a minimum of 10 feet from buildings, fences, RV's, sheds, or vehicles. They **must be attended at all times** and you must have fire safety equipment nearby such as

water and a shovel. The fires must be extinguished before you leave it. Pacific County has additional rules regarding campfires. Please be sure to check them out. Also, please try to use dry wood. At the beach that can be difficult, but wet wood can produce noxious smoke which bothers some members. Please be a courteous neighbor.

As for the burning of yard debris, Pacific County requires a permit and there are restrictions which make it functionally impossible to do this within Safari grounds. For more information on burning permits and how to avoid a county fine, please visit [pcfd1.org](http://pcfd1.org) or call 360-665-4451. The safest thing to do with your yard debris is to take them to the landfill transfer station on the peninsula. They cannot be put in Safari's garbage containers.

With May comes our yearly park inspection. Last May, with the restrictions of Covid, we were quite lenient. Now that things have improved, we will be making sure members have cleaned their lots from the winter messes. Please make sure grass is mowed, weeds are removed, branches and trees taken care of, fences repaired, and structures (RV's and buildings) are washed. Also, if you have a propane tank, please check it for rust then sand, prime and paint as required. Having a propane tank rust thru is extremely dangerous. In addition, check the electric pedestal on your lot. It is the member's responsibility to take care of the stand. Make sure all vegetation is trimmed away from the stand. If there is rust on the stand, sand it down, use a primer and paint with a rust resistant paint. A few minutes of maintenance could ultimately save you from receiving a fine, or worse, having to replace it. A member who neglects or damages their electrical pedestal is required to pay for a replacement which can cost \$1500. Safari does not replace electric stands that fail because of member neglect.

A note from our Finance Director:

**ONLY YOU CAN HELP KEEP SAFARI'S WASTEWATER COSTS DOWN:**

A wastewater treatment facility is a delicate balance of biology which relies on maintaining an organic environment. Any input of INORGANIC material into Safari's sewer system can upset that balance. So-called "flushable" products such as baby wipes, cleaning wipes, disposable toilet cleaning pads, etc. are examples of inorganic products which can cause complications not just for Safari's sewer lines and pumping system but also to Seaview Sewer District's treatment plant

and pumps. Any foreign material such as grease, diapers, dental floss, rags, cotton, plastic objects, sanitary napkins and applicators, etc. are harmful, extremely difficult to remove, and can cause system blockages. Your help in keeping these materials out of our sewer system is required under Safari's member rules and greatly appreciated. Please think before you flush.

We have had members complain about use of weed killer in the park. As you all know, the Pacific Northwest is famous for growing weeds!! We are offering members the opportunity to help out with this problem. If you would like to "adopt" a garden area in the park and keep it weed free, let us know. It would be your responsibility to weed it regularly. If this is not done, we have no choice but to control weeds with herbicide spray. You can call the office and leave a message or email and we will get back to you.

A reminder: The office doesn't have regular hours BUT we are always accessible. If you don't have the contact information, it is available on the website at My Safari under Contact Us. You can usually find board members at the Monday morning coffees from 10 to 11.