

SAFARI JULY 2022 NEWSLETTER

As this newsletter is put together, July is still a few weeks away and hopefully it will bring sunshine after all the June gray and rain.

On **July 4th** we will have our annual parade. Anyone who wishes to participate in the parade will gather at the Lodge at 9:30. Wear your red, white and blue, decorate your golf carts, bikes or just stroll along. This year we are hoping to have a trailer with bales of hay for the younger participants to ride on. The little ones sometimes have trouble keeping up with their bikes. They can bring candy to throw to the parade watchers. A parent should plan to accompany the younger children on the hay trailer for safety. The parade will leave the lodge at 10:00 and make it's way thru all the streets in Safari.

Board Elections: Board elections will be held in September. If you are interested in running for a board position, please notify the secretary, Karen Frampton, by emailing her at secretary@safari-ilwaco.org and let her know which office you are seeking. **Please do this by June 30.** The offices up for election are Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Finance Director.

Recently the yearly lot inspections were conducted. Despite all the rain that we have had, things were not too bad. Remember that all lots are to be kept up throughout the year. If you haven't been in the park recently, you might come over and once again tackle the weeds that have sprung up thanks to Mother Nature's abundant showers.

The Board also looked for rust issues on propane tanks. This is a safety issue. Please check your tank. If you see rust, you can prevent issues in advance. Apply a rust arrestor such as Loctite Extend Rust Neutralizer. (This can be found at Omans.) It will turn the rust black. After it dries, apply a rust resistant paint. With our wet and salty environment here at the beach, rust is a constant issue.

Earl's Garden: Earl Miller, a long-time member of Safari, went to work many years ago transferring an open common area behind his home into a wonderful garden. He spent endless hours planting, trimming, weeding and lovingly tending this garden for all to enjoy. He put in paths to walk around and benches to sit and enjoy. Earl has moved due to health issues, but the garden is still here. A small group of volunteers spent last summer weeding and trimming the plants. This year, Merna Folkerts, 712 7th Street, has volunteered to be the coordinator for this project. She has a lot of enthusiasm and ideas but needs volunteers. Please, get a hold of Merna and volunteer to help. You can stop by her place, call the Safari Office at 360-355-9512 and leave a message or email Safari at safari3205@gmail.com. Please help us to keep this little gem in the middle of Safari an enjoyable spot for everyone. *Merna is looking for pavers/stepping stones for a project in the garden. If you have any you would like to donate, please let her know. She plans to make the paths wider so people with walkers have a safer way to walk and enjoy the garden.*

RACCOONS: Raccoons are a part of life on the peninsula but let's not encourage them to take up residence in the park. We are beginning to see an increase in their population. PLEASE DO NOT FEED THESE ANIMALS! Make sure any bird feeders are not accessible to them. Check around your unit to make sure there is no way they can get underneath and set up housekeeping! Raccoons can be very aggressive and a danger to pets and small children.

As in all years past, please remember **FIREWORKS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN SAFARI.**

Thank you to our members who are remembering to register their guests. There are 2 ways you can do this. 1st, go onto Safari Website (safari-ilwaco.org) . Sign in and go to the My Safari page. You will see an area to register guests at the bottom right corner. There you can register your guests. There is even a video for you to watch and learn how to do it. By registering your guests, if our staff notices a strange vehicle at your place and you are not there, they can check the registration to see if this person is supposed to be there or not. This is a safety issue for your protection and the safety of the entire park.

If you need to contact a Board member, please call 360-355-9512 and leave a message. These messages go directly to the secretary's email. You can also email Safari at safari3205@gmail.com. Board members are usually at the Lodge on Monday mornings. Come and join them and other members for coffee and conversation.

BOUNDARY SURVEY: As a part of our negotiations with Pacific County on building structures on our lots, we need to have clearly defined boundaries for each lot. There are requirements for structures to maintain setbacks from the roads, other structures, and the lot boundaries. Unfortunately, the maps we have are not complete nor accurate and often actual property pins at the corner of each lot are missing. Mark Hanson, a Safari member, has been retained by the board to survey each lot, install property pins where needed, and produce a map of each lot. This is a large undertaking with 322 lots and we are planning on this being a 3 year task. Fortunately, Mark did this kind of work in his career so his experience will be valuable.

GRANDFATHERED STRUCTURES: We have a large number of structures that do not meet county code and were built without proper county permits and inspections. As we are working with the county to clarify what will be allowed in the future, we want to have all of our current structures "grandfathered" in so that they are accepted "as is" by the county. We have agreed with Pacific County to produce a list of the non-conforming structures and they have agreed that those on the list will be allowed to remain as long as they are not structurally modified. To produce the list, we will have volunteers visiting each site, looking at all structures, measuring setbacks, and taking pictures to document structures that we want to be sure are exempt and allowed to remain as is. You may be contacted by a volunteer to show the insides of your sheds and any "Safari Rooms" so that pictures can be taken as proof to what is there.

SAFARI MEMBERS AND GUESTS: It has just been reported that someone is washing their dog/dogs in the showers of the park restrooms. Then to top it off, the mess is left for the caretakers to clean up! This is the only warning that will be going out regarding this. If it happens again, the member/guest will be fined. Reminder: We have cameras that show who goes in and out of our buildings.