

SAFARI ASSOCIATION MAY 2020

NEWSLETTER

Fellow Safari Members:

I began this newsletter a few weeks ago before events changed everything. Now, we are in uncharted waters. We have nothing in our Bylaws or Rules to guide us. So, where do we go? What do we do?

First and foremost, the health, safety and well being of all Safari members is of utmost importance. Safari is following CDC, State and Pacific County guidelines. The lodge is closed. Several restroom/showers have been closed. The fish house has been closed. The restrooms that are still open and the laundry areas are being cleaned and sanitized daily by our caretakers. A new shed has been placed outside the shop for Fed Ex and UPS package deliveries. Please pick up packages between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Safari is also practicing social distancing. Please when using the laundry rooms, do not enter if someone is already in there. Please only 1 person at a time in these areas. Also, if your items are in the dryer, please leave the laundry room so others can come in and get their laundry going. We all need to work together to get thru these changes.

If you are checking for a package, please practice social distancing. If someone else is looking, wait until they have moved away. If you are outside and see a neighbor, remember to keep a 6-foot distance between while chatting. This area is under video surveillance for safety.

The governors of Washington and Oregon have ordered their residents to remain in their homes. Please follow that order. You do not need to rush to Safari to clean up your lot before Memorial Day. The annual rule of having lots cleaned up by Memorial Day has been delayed. Health of all is more important than weeds.

Pacific County currently has no cases of the virus and they want it to stay that way. Pacific County would like everyone to stay home. This is not the time to come to the beach. Also, many Safari residents are older and have health issues, the Board has decided that NO visitors should come to the park until this health

emergency is over. If there is some emergency reason you need someone to come to the park, please call or email. The Board will consider your request.

Memorial Day weekend is usually our first annual meeting. This year because of the health emergency, Safari will do something different. The May meeting is usually reports. The reports will be videoed and posted on our webpage and available at the time of the meeting. Members are encouraged to watch for this. If you don't get park information via email/internet, you are encouraged to get online and sign up to receive Safari emails, so you are able to get the most up to date information. For members who are not online, a mailed version of the meeting will be sent out.

All members are encouraged to ask questions of the Board. To get answers to your questions, please email your questions to safari3205@gmail.com or call Safari at 360-355-9512 and leave a message. We will get back to you with an answer as soon as possible.

Also, watch the website and check your email on Wednesday evenings for updates and notices.

The following are from our Finance Director, John Landry.

PLEASE THINK BEFORE YOU FLUSH

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 for treatment plant and pumps. Any foreign material such as grease, diapers, dental floss, rags or 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 is greatly appreciated and required under Safari's member rules.

It is that time of year again. Invoices covering your dues, cable and electricity have been sent out to all members. Please remember your payment must arrive no later than 4/30/2020. You can view and print your current invoice anytime by:

1. Go to the Safari website.
2. Log in.
3. Click on "My Safari"
4. On the webpage that loads you'll see what you owe in the upper left area along with an option to print your invoice.

The next article addresses a comment recently made by one of our members:

ONLINE INVOICE PAYMENTS?

Have you ever wondered why Safari doesn't accept invoice payments online using credit or debit cards?

The answer is simple: FEES!

Anytime you pay for something using a credit or debit card, someone has to pay fees. Except in a few rare circumstances, it's the merchant (seller) who has to pay those fees. Credit card processors also prohibit most merchants (Safari included) from charging fees to their customers (members) to cover credit/debit card use.

Fees start at about 3% of the total being charged plus a small fixed transaction fee. If Safari were to accept online payments using credit or debit cards, the cost could range from \$25 to \$100 per invoice being paid. Because Safari isn't allowed to add a surcharge to cover the fees, the net result would be a member underpaying what they owe Safari.

Instead, a convenient alternative to the old-fashioned method of writing a check, putting it in an envelope and trudging off to the post office is to use your bank's free online bill pay service. When you use your bank's online bill pay service, they'll create and mail a check for you directly to Safari. There are no added fees so everyone wins!

In summary:

To make our way thru this pandemic, **we all need to work together**. We need to follow appropriate guidelines and any instructions Safari Board publishes. With

common sense, we can all get thru this. Safari has many members who are highly at-risk for this virus. It is incumbent on all of us to do our part and put aside our own desires and work together to protect all Safari members. This means that non full-time residents should not come to the park and those in the park must practice social distancing. Pacific County currently has no COVID cases and the county is doing all it can to keep it that way. With the cooperation of all members, we can get thru this with minimum loss of life. It is not going to be easy or comfortable, but we can do it for our members.