

## SAFARI SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

September Membership Meeting – Sunday, September 2, 2018 – Registration will begin at 12:00. The meeting will begin at 1:00.

Due to lack of volunteers, the annual Labor Day Breakfast will not happen again this year. We need people to volunteer to help with these events. The same people can't be expected to work at these events year after year. If you are interested in helping with the Spaghetti Feed or Labor Day Breakfast in 2019, please let Sue Buzzard know.

We have been receiving complaints of members/guests cutting across other member's lots or parking on other member's lots. Safari rules state "TRESSPASSING: Members and their guests are not to take shortcuts across other member's sites or park on other member's sites without their permission." Please follow this rule.

We also have received complaints that someone is smoking in North Tarzan and Jane restrooms. ALL SMOKING IS PROHIBITED IN BUILDINGS IN SAFARI.

Site Clean Up: Please remember the rule about cleaning up lots. "Sites are to be mowed, weeded and trailers cleaned after the winter season by Memorial Day weekend **and maintained throughout the rest of the year.** Failure to comply will result in a fine." (The fine is \$100.)

**GARBAGE:** Lately, members have been depositing construction materials, appliances and electronics in our garbage. Our rules state: "Safari has containers near the fish house for common household garbage. These containers are not for landscape debris, scrap wood, metal or other construction materials, old furniture, appliances, tools or other electronics. These items should be disposed of by the member at the community disposal site." The dump located off Sandridge Rd, will take electronic devices for recycle for free. Also, PLEASE do not put these items on the free table.

**STOP SIGNS:** We have stop signs at the end of 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Street. PLEASE stop at the end of these streets. We are coming awfully close to having an accident. Members/guests are not stopping at the end of 4<sup>th</sup> Street on a regular basis. We have children riding bikes and a few members with the low recumbent bikes. With the fence there, visibility is low.

### A note about Electrical Billing

Every six months, Safari bills the members for electricity that they use since the last billing. Normally meters are read around the 20<sup>th</sup> of March and September in preparation for the billings which must go out by the first of April and October. The difference in the meter readings from the current and prior billing is the amount of KWH (kilowatt hours) that the member is charged for.

The rate charged is computed by totaling up all that Safari is billed by the Public Utility District and dividing it by the total KWH that Safari used. This total includes the electricity that the members use plus all the electricity that Safari uses for the Lodge, Caretaker, Shop, Fish house, sewage pumps, exterior lights, entry and exit gates, and the Charter cable amplifiers located throughout the park. Additionally, there are demand charges, basic charges, and other items that go into our final billing amount as you can see below.

So, using our September 2017 bill as an example:

Meter Reading Details			Detail of Charges	
Current KWH Reading	09/06/17	22007	84,000 kWh x 0.053600	4,502.40
Previous KWH Reading	08/08/17	21832	Power Cost Adj @ 7%	315.17
Total KWH Usage(Multiplier: 480)		84000	187,200 kW x \$6.40	1,198.08
Days Served	29		Elec Basic Charge	28.00
Current KW Reading	09/06/17	0.390	Transfer From OA	270.00
Total KW Demand(Multiplier: 480)		187,200	<b>Total This Service</b>	<b>6,311.65</b>

You can see that we used 84000 KWH at Safari and paid \$6,311.65 for that month. If you divide the amount by the KWH, you would get \$.075139. This would be the rate charged members for September if we billed only a month at a time. But since we bill only twice per year, we must look at the prior six bills and total up the usage and amount before computing the rate.

For the prior six months, the amount paid to PUD and the KWH used is as follows:

Month	Amount	KWH
Sept	6311.65	84000
Oct	6897.82	93600
Nov	10717.54	143520
Dec	12616.03	174240
Jan	14783.52	206400
Feb	13927.58	199680
<b>Total</b>	<b>65254.14</b>	<b>901440</b>

So, to compute the rate, we divide the total amount by the total KWH and we get \$0.072389 which we round to \$.0724. And this turns out to be the billing rate on your bills last Spring.

At the July Membership Meeting, member Rae Bohn indicated that he had gone to PUD and was told that the rate was only \$.068 per KWH and charged that Safari was overbilling the members which he feels is illegal. But of course, what Rae didn't do was ask one of the finance board members for an explanation of how the rate was computed. If he had, he would have received the information above. Instead he went off on his own to PUD, got a partial answer, jumped to erroneous conclusions and got folks all stirred up over nothing at the meeting.

Board members are more than happy to resolve these issues with members. All they need to do is ask.

If you change any of your contact information, please let us know. You can email, call, drop a note in the slot on the door or go to the website to update your contact information.

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