

## SAFARI SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

September membership meeting will be held Sunday, September 1, 2019 at 1:00. Registration will begin at 12:00.

Billing will be sent out by October 1, 2019 and payment is due in the office by October 30<sup>th</sup> to avoid a late fee.

Monday Coffee: Join your fellow members Mondays from 10:00 to 11:00 for coffee, good conversation and goodies.

Watch the bulletin board and website for potluck notices and other notices.

September Membership Meeting Sunday September 1, 2019: At this meeting, we will be voting on board member positions that are up for election and our 2020 budget. The ballot and proxy will be included with this newsletter. "Members may either vote the ballot in person at the September meeting or submit it as an absentee vote. Absentee ballots must be in the office by 5 pm the Friday before the September meeting...the proxy portion of a ballot shall properly be completed and returned to the office by 5 pm Friday prior to the September meeting." Not mailed ballots may be brought to the office any day prior to the meeting or brought to registration the day of the meeting. Be sure on your mailed ballots or dropped off ballots that there is a notation on the envelope of your name or lot number. This does not take away the secrecy of the ballot but allows us to check off who has voted.

Officers up for election include, President, Treasurer, Finance Director, Finance Assistant and Secretary. While Finance Director is not usually included in this election, John Landry was appointed to fill the position vacated by Greg Allen when he moved. According to our bylaws, this appointed person must be elected at the September meeting.

### **Candidates for positions are:**

**President:** Orville Aas has been a member of Safari for many years. He has served on the Board in the past and has been a volunteer on many projects over the years. He has projects lined up to continue to improve Safari. Orville is running unopposed.

**Finance Director:** John Landry was appointed to fill the position vacated by Greg Allen. Greg and his family have moved. According to our bylaws, an appointed position must be voted on at the next September meeting. John is already up and running in this position. He is running unopposed.

**Treasurer:** Diane Sellinger has been treasurer of Safari for several years. She keeps bills paid and constantly monitors state rules and regulations that pertain to Safari. Diane is running unopposed.

**Secretary:** Sue Buzzard has been secretary for several years. Sue enjoys all aspects of the job especially the personal contact with members. Sue is running unopposed.

### **Finance Assistant:**

Arleen Rackham has been a Safari member for several years. She lives here full time and says she has a lot of time on her hands and would like to use that time serving as finance assistant. She has 35 years office experience.

Anne Rogers began serving Safari as Vice President in 2017. With the change of Greg Allen to Finance Director, Anne was appointed to the position of Finance Assistant and serves in that position now. Anne lives here full time. She enjoys all aspects of this position.

## **So, let's talk about the budget!**

By John Landry, Finance Director

Once again, it's that time of the year when Safari Association members cast their votes for Board of Director positions and are asked to approve a budget for the next fiscal year (which starts October 1<sup>st</sup>).

Each year your Board of Directors start from scratch and come up with their best, good faith estimate of how much money will be needed to meet all Safari's obligations, while also striving to keep member dues as low as possible. Safari doesn't borrow money so spending can't exceed income, thus we have a "balanced" budget.

In many ways, Safari Association is like a small city. Besides the labor of members and our Caretakers, it also takes money to pay bills and keep things running smoothly. Where does that money come from? If you guessed member dues, you are right! 94% to be exact. Other activities such as our laundry facilities, gravel sales tractor work, tool rentals, gate card sales, fees and interest on savings make up the rest. Recent years have seen a decline in non-dues income, so dues have become of even greater importance.

On the spending side, utilities are the biggest single cost weighing in at roughly 48% of Safari's total expenses, Other costs are a mix of maintenance, taxes, insurance, office costs, employees, and saving for the future.

Putting it all together, for fiscal year 2020, your Board of Directors is projecting Safari's expenditures and income should equal approx. \$290,500. This is roughly \$10,000 more than our current fiscal year with the biggest factor driving this being higher water consumption in the park. This new budget will therefore require a dues increase of approx.. \$2.67 per month to make the annual dues \$880.

While no one wants to pay higher dues, ask yourself where else can you find such a nice place to live near the beach for less than \$75 a month? I am sure you'll agree that Safari Association remains one of the absolute best values in the Pacific Northwest to live or spend a vacation.

The complete proposed fiscal year 2020 budget can be viewed in the "My Safari Financials" section of the website after logging in. It's also available on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.

RECEIVING EMAILS: Members have reported problems in the past receiving park emails. Some of these emails contained invoices, ballots, or other important communications. Many times, these emails end up in the member's spam folder are not received by the member because they changed their email address and did not notify the office. While it is your responsibility to see that we have the proper information to send your emails, we are now helping you out by using a confirmation system in our critical emails.

When we have an important email for you, it will contain a link at the end of the text. It will ask you to click the link to confirm the message. If you are unable to click it, copy and paste it into your browser. The system will then confirm that you received the message. Emails that are not confirmed will be resent to ensure that you have received them.

REMINDERS: "The immediate family of a member (father, mother, brother, sister, son or daughter) may use his/her site provided the Caretaker for the Association has been so notified. Guests and member's immediate family may stay in the park up to 30 days. Non-family members can only stay in the park provided that the member is also in the park. After 30 days, the guests/family members must remain outside the park for 30 days prior to staying in the park."

The website has forms and rules for building permits, park rules and bylaws.

RUST: Rust is a constant problem at the coast. Next chance you get, look at your propane tank. Rust will eat thru the tank and cause a leak. This has happened a few times. If you have a rental tank, contact your propane provider. They are responsible for the upkeep of your tank. If it is your own tank, you can buy rust neutralizer at a hardware store. Paint it on and then use a rust arresting paint over it.

While you are checking for rust on your propane tank, look at your electric pedestal. It may need some attention to neutralize rust.

With winter approaching, remember to turn off your water at the spigot when you leave your unit. This will help prevent water leaks that result from freezing.

Weeds are still a problem during the winter. Please remove weeds on your lot and use products to prevent germination of their seeds.

REMEMBER: Our speed limit in the park is 5 mph. We also have STOP signs at the ends of 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets. Please observe these safety items and make sure your guests are aware also.

**BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS:** Mark your choices on the enclosed ballot. You may bring your ballot to the September meeting. If you are unable to make the meeting, make your choices on the ballot, place the ballot in an envelope. If mailing the ballot, be sure to put your name on the envelope so the ballot may be checked in. If you wish to drop the ballot off at the office, place in envelope, put your name or lot number on the envelope, put thru the slot on the door. Thank you.

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#### VOTING PROXY

This proxy is in compliance with the Safari Association of Ilwaco BYLAWS. Please read and fill out carefully. There will be no deviation from the rules.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Block \_\_\_\_ Site \_\_\_\_ or Street number \_\_\_\_\_, hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_, as my voting representative at the September General membership Meeting of the Safari Association. If the above representative has more than the allowable five (5) votes, I request as alternate \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

All appointed representatives must be a member in good standing. Maximum of one vote per site. **Proxies must be received in the office on the Friday 5:00 pm prior to the September meeting. Proxies may be mailed to: Safari, P.O. Box 809, Ilwaco, WA 98624**

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