

## SAFARI JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER

Greetings to all our members and hope this newsletter finds you doing well. Over that past weeks and months, we have all been thru some challenging times. State and county restrictions brought decisions that some members did not care for. Please realize that these decisions were difficult for the Board to make and implement. Next came finding a way to have our May membership meeting. So, we went to technology. While the virtual video meeting was quite a departure for our normal meetings, it worked. So, now we move forward to continue making Safari the enjoyable, friendly beach community it is.

With the travel restrictions in place in May, we did not hold members accountable, at that time, for lot clean up. Now that the restrictions have been lifted, we need to get things cleaned up around here. Winter rains blessed us with an abundance of spring weeds that are getting ready to go to seed. The Board plans to do park inspection at the beginning of July. At that time, if your lot is not cleaned up, you will get a reminder and 30 days to complete the task. We appreciate members who are already hard at work with this. It will feel as good as your first haircut after 3 months of shops being closed!

A HUGE thank you to members who have already cleaned up their lots. Things are looking up around the park.

Another HUGE THANK YOU to Terry and Kathy Tobin for trimming the hedge along Perimeter by the front gate and hauling the debris to the dump. You are great people!!

As always, please let the office know if you have changed your contact information. You can do this on Safari Website. You can also call 360-355-9512 and leave a message.

Safari mailing costs are increasing. To save money, we are encouraging all members who have email to agree to get the documents via their email. Requests have been sent to those members.

As you may have seen in the minutes of the May meeting, Safari lost many members since last September. We are so sorry for their loss. These passings have brought challenges to requests by the survivors. Some of our members have not added Joint Tenant with Right of Survivorship to their memberships. This is simple procedure that requires a signature and then the membership has this added. With this, if a member dies, the remaining member can easily have the other name removed from the membership. Without this, we require more legal documentation. Please consider doing this and contact the office to take care of it.

We understand our twice a year billing can sometimes be a financial burden. To help avoid the surprise, consider making monthly pre-payments. Your pre-payments will be credited to your account, safely deposited in the bank, and will not be spent until billing time. The nice thing about doing this, is come billing time, you'll have less to pay and maybe even have a credit toward your next bill. Please consider taking advantage of this. One member, who does this,

said they just consider it their “rent” payment. Members can always access their account balances or print their most recent invoice on Safari Web at [safari-ilwaco.org](http://safari-ilwaco.org).

Pacific County has been moved to Phase 3 but gathering sizes are restricted to 50 people. With that in mind, the Board will once again do a virtual video meeting for the July 18, 2020 membership meeting. In addition, the virtual video meeting will be shown in the Lodge at 1:00. Only 50 people, including Board members will be allowed. Masks will be required. If you have questions for the Board, please email your questions to [questions@safari-ilwaco.org](mailto:questions@safari-ilwaco.org) as we did the last time. If you don't have email but still have a question, please call 360-355-9512. Leave your name and your question and it will be answered. All questions must be in by noon July 11.

As was mentioned in the previous meeting, Tom and Orville inspected lots after the heavy winter rains to check sewer hook ups. Several were found to be too close to the ground and were admitting rainwater into the sewer system. Some were found to not be air/watertight. Also found were water hook ups that were leaking and wastefully adding to our water bill. In addition, several meter pedestals were rusting and in need of work. All these items are the responsibility of the members. Notices have been sent out and will be checked for completion.

At the July meeting, members running for positions will be giving their speeches. The Board positions to be voted on in September include: President, Vice President, Finance Director and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. The President position was appointed by the Board with Orville Aas resignation. This position must be voted on in September. The Vice President position, vacated by the appointment of Dave Krajcar to the President, has been filled by Board appointment and must be voted on by the membership. If any additional members would like to run, please notify the office. Notification will be needed prior to July 6th. Please call the office at 360-355-9512 or email [safari3205@gmail.com](mailto:safari3205@gmail.com)

With the lifting of some restrictions, Monday morning coffee has begun with safety measures. Good to see friends and neighbors once again. At this point in time, other social gatherings are still on hold.

The Board addressed the vacancy for vice-president by asking interested members to apply. 4 members did although 1 had to drop due to a death in the family. The remaining 3 were interviewed and the board made their decision. Dan DeBolt was appointed to fill the vice president vacancy.

**FRIENDLY REMINDER:** Water is Safari's costliest utility expense! Please conserve water and repair leaks on your lot.

Please do not flush anything except human waste and toilet paper down Safari's sewer system. Anything else can clog out sewer pumping stations, which leads to expensive repairs that are paid for by member dues.

