

NORTH 8TH NEWSLETTER

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Mayors Corner

North 8th Street Activities Cancelled

Well here we are at a big crossroad with the 2019/20 season coming to an abrupt end by an unseen act not of our own choosing but by an unseen virus. The park has chosen to shut down activities that involve gatherings of people and have left some up to us “at our own risk”. With these directives we feel we must discontinue our activities on North Eighth street as well. So with great sadness there **will not be any more Wednesday club meetings and the potluck that was planned for March 25th is canceled.** Some of our Canadian friends have already departed and I am sure others will follow very soon. We are not eager to go as our state of Washington is one of the hardest hit places at the moment. Our governor has declared a state of emergency and has closed all schools public and private to help to try to control the situation.

It was a very good winter until all of this started happening. We have had good times as usual. We would hope that we can all get together next winter and continue the good winters here in mostly sunshine and warm temperatures. So be careful as you go home and we hope you have a good summer and stay well!

Cal-Am directive concerning coronavirus and their parks follows:

Cal-Am Resorts COVID-19 Precautionary Measures

Dear Cal-Am Resort Residents and Guests

Cal-Am Resorts is proud to say that the 2020 season has been one of our best yet. We’ve made new friends, welcomed returning guests, danced, laughed and celebrated together.

While we are fortunate that our typical focus at Cal-Am Resorts is on the resident experience, the health and safety of our residents, guests, and employees is truly our TOP priority. As the coronavirus (COVID-19) has now become an international pandemic, we have been continuously reviewing the guidance put out by international, federal, state, and local agencies working together to prevent the spread of the virus. Together, we have a responsibility to do our part to prevent the spread of the virus.

What the resort is doing:

- **All resort bistros and bars will be closed effective Monday, March 16, 2020**
- **All resort ticketed and sponsored activities and events will be canceled effective Monday, March 16, 2020**
- **Increasing cleaning and sanitizing procedures daily by our staff**
- **Increasing sanitizing products based upon commercial availability**

All common areas and outdoor amenities will remain open at this time.

Any event tickets for canceled events will be fully refunded automatically for credit card purchases. For all other payment types, please contact the resort office.

The actions above have been made with careful consideration and are not taken lightly. We will continue to monitor the situation closely to determine if and when we can re-open restaurants and resume resort sponsored activities.

What our residents and guests can do:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid unnecessary close contact (within about 6 feet)
- Avoid large groups (recommended 10 people or less) and use common areas **at your own risk**. When in doubt, use your best judgement.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- If you feel sick with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, or find that you were in close contact with someone with COVID-19 in the 14 days before you began to feel sick, seek medical care.
- Stay informed – the Center for Disease Control is updating its website daily with the latest information and advice for the public. (www.cdc.gov/ncov).

Although our park office will remain open, we encourage you to engage with our office staff via phone and email for routine questions in order to reduce close, personal interactions. We also ask for your patience in responding since the sudden nature of this situation means our staff will be handling a higher call volume than usual.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Coronavirus --- 19

by Jean Streppa

By the time you receive this newsletter, you may find yourself weary of both hearing and/or reading about the newest and allegedly very dangerous virus that seems to be circulating the globe.

Coronavirus ---19 is the name. It is contagious, it respects no one of any age and generally is not discriminatory in where or in whom it decides to reside. It's new and is very powerful, as it is responsible for multiple, facility closures (large and small), global event

cancellations, political change of venues, border closures in a variety of countries and on-going travel restrictions that seem to change many times daily. It has touched all seven of our continents and multiple countries contained therein.

Indeed, it may be the 20th century's own tsunami.

What can an individual possibly do to cope with this daily threat to our personal life? Well, by now you know the drill, but it bears repeating again. First and foremost:

* Wash your hands **often** with soap and water for at least **20 seconds**; in the absence of soap and water use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

* Avoid **close contact** with people; that means no hugging, no kissing, no handshakes and try to keep a distance of six feet from another person to help decrease your risk of contacting any respiratory infections. Well here we are at acrossroads with the 19-20 season

* Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.

* Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and immediately wash your hands.

* Clean and disinfect commonly used surfaces or objects such as door handles, phones, faucet handles, toilet handles and so on.

* Stay home when you are sick.

The information about this new and potentially lethal disease changes daily as more is learned about this virus. Seek a reputable web site for the latest on the coronavirus –19. Both the **CDC** (Centers for Disease Control) and or **WHO** (World Health Organization) would be helpful in receiving the most recent and accurate information.

Inform. for this article from **The Arizona Republic USA Today, 2/26/20** and CDC and WHO sites.

MESA REGAL STREET REPS – MINUTES FOR MARCH 9, 2020 MEETING

The March 9, 2020 meeting of Mesa Regal Street Reps was called to order at 10 a.m. by President Mary Ellen Parrott. Attendees were reminded to please silence their cell phones during the meeting. The minutes of the February 10 meeting were approved. The motion to approve was presented by Lola Grant with a second by Emma Peterson.

Arnette Weeden was introduced as the new secretary. There was Roll Call taken. There are still a lot of streets not represented at the meeting.

Announcements:

A special thanks to Paul Evenson for serving as Secretary. Paul has moved out of the area.

Beer and pop can tabs are collected for McDonald's charities and can be dropped off at site 535.

All residents are encouraged to sign up for the Blog in the Activities Office. The email address you give the office is never shared. This is the best way to keep informed of park events.

Parking is becoming a problem. When you have guests or activities on your street, please make sure that all guests park on the same side of the street. A path needs to be clear for other cars or emergency vehicles to travel.

Tipping chairs at assemblies is a tripping hazard. If you see that occurring, please set the chairs down.

Resident Concerns:

Lighting in the West laundry needs to be improved in the puzzle area. Paul is looking into that matter.

Street Representative forms are available for those wanting to be a Street Rep or to correct information on current reps.

Speeding continues to be a problem. Spring break is upon us with more visitors, especially children. Be careful.

Do not park in empty lots. Some people are being told that is okay to park in sites where new park

models have been located but that is not true.

The printer in the Game Room is in need of replacement or repair. Gloria is working on that.

A note to walkers: Walk facing traffic. Walk closer to the side of the road – leave room for cars.

Questions about hours for the bar & grill. Could that be posted. Jodi has a good handle on it in the blog.

Paul Mayo (he is also taking Gloria's spot, due to her illness):

Trees & Bees: This is the season where the bees are out pollinating. Most of the bees are killer bees.

Don't bother any swarms. Let the office know. We have bee people who will take care of any hives or nests.

Hand Sanitizer order is expected today. It will be placed in Guest Services & Activities Offices where someone is there. Otherwise the hand sanitizer walks off. There are always sanitizer towels in the Exercise Room to clean hands and wipe off equipment.

Spring Break is upon us with lots of visiting family and friends. Adults are always responsible for the actions of kids. They need to be supervised at all times. No kids under 16 are ever allowed in the hot tubs.

Audience Questions & Suggestions:

Lori Bryan: Concern about crowds at the West End Pool. Could the putting green be reduced in size so that there is more room for tables and chairs to spread out? Not an option according to Paul Mayo.

Bea Reid: When sending minutes, etc. out could it be sent BCC, so no one sees list of addresses? Done!

Jim: Why are there no more vendors talking at Coffee & Donuts? That was a corporate decision.

Cheryl Hafner: Please pick your fruit or have it picked before you leave. There is a sign up sheet in the Activities Office for you to have the fruit picked (at no expense to you). Cheryl (at 1809) is also collecting your food. If you have food you are not taking home, there is a drop off box at Cheryl's home. She will also take clothing. All donations go to St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Marian: What about AED & CPR Training? There was little interest at the last meeting. Paul is willing to show the AED video on a Thursday at the close of Coffee & Donuts. He will also make a copy of the video that can be checked out through the Activities Office.

Mary Ellen Benjamin: Why do park model owners pay more rent than RV owners? Paul will mention this to Gloria but it is a corporate decision.

Kathy: What is the policy of kids driving golf carts? Some very young children have been seen driving golf carts without an adult. This is an absolute no, no!

Debbie Black: Non-slip mats are needed in the changing rooms at the pools. Paul will check it out.

A final question was asked regarding a plan for the Corona Virus. That directive must come from the local health department. Everyone is reminded to follow safety rules of any illness – wash, wash, wash your hands; don't cough or sneeze directly at people (6' distance from people is good); just follow the sanitary rules.

This is the last meeting of the season with the next general meeting scheduled for Monday, November 9, 2020 at 10 a.m. in Regal Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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