

Rocky Pointe Marina

September 2021 Newsletter



Covid

We need to continue with the safe practices here at the Marina that we all have followed this past year. One way traffic on the ramps and stepping off to the side when passing by on the docks. The Office will stay closed to public access. Everyone has done a great job and we just need to keep it up.

Dogs Off Leash/Dog Poop- Fines and Penalties

We recently had a resident bitten by a dog that was not leashed. It was small and they are OK, the dog owner claimed it escaped from their house. We have noticed a few other times dogs off leashes and recently had big piles of dog poop on the asphalt parking lot. Our rules state that all pets must be on a leash and pet owners must pick up after their pet. As a landlord we are allowed, by law, to charge a \$50 fine to those breaking this rule. If not paid, we can issue a 30-day notice to vacate to Floating Home Owners and a 30-day notice to vacate without cause to Boat Tenants. We hate to resort to this extreme, but will do so for the safety of our residents and tenants. Additionally, Multnomah County will investigate a dog bite if the attacked person files a complaint - This could result in having your dog confiscated.



Lower Marina Parking Lot Work

We will start tearing up the parking area on Friday Aug 27th, work the weekend doing the same, start setting up concrete forms early in the week and pour concrete on Thursday or Friday, September 2 or 3. There will be 12 truckloads of concrete and a concrete pump truck. It should be set by Tuesday after Labor Day. This is step one of the project of putting a concrete pad and driveway to the boatyard from the wash down area. The next step will be preparing to finish the asphalt which will include tearing up damaged areas. Our plan is to get the asphaltting done mid-September and all in a single day. Those who park in the lower Marina will be kept posted on our plans and where and when to park during the project. For the most part, our Employees will park behind the sewer evaporation pond leaving the parking spaces to the south open for Residents and Tenants.

Tree Cutting

You may notice that there are trees with colored ribbons around them. These are marked by the power company to remove this fall to prevent them from falling on their power lines. We have several utility easements on our upland property that include a 50' wide strip under the power lines; we have underground power lines and also have a major fiber optic cable. There is also a 30ft setback/easement for the railroad. Multnomah County Vector Control has an insect sample station onsite. We also do substantial tree cutting but have no plans to cut any additional trees this year.

Deliveries

Most delivery companies are still using substitutes and 1-time drivers to delivery packages. They are very unfamiliar with the Marina layout and even the correct Marina. A week does not go by that we have to exchange packages from our neighboring Marinas or go searching in our Marina on boats and in dock boxes. Recently we had a fisherman bring us a package for our Marina that he found floating in the river. We are working on signage for the car gate to stop the drivers from coming in and direct them to the Office area. Even though this sign will be posted for all deliveries, *we will continue to promote the regular drivers from UPS and FedEx to delivery directly to your home as they are familiar with the Marina.*

Multnomah Channel Clean Up - Saturday Sept 18th - 11am to 2pm during low tide

This is a great community event between the dozen or so neighboring Marinas in cleaning up litter on the shorelines and in or around the Marina docks. For more information visit www.solveoregon.org/multnomah-channel-cleanup

What is that Green Stuff in the Water?

Toxic Algae Harmful to Pets Detected in Willamette River

(Multnomah Channel is considered Lower Willamette)

ALERT: Do not let dogs swim in or drink from the Willamette River due to current toxic algae bloom.

On Thursday, August 5, 2021, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) informed Multnomah County Health Department about an algae bloom developing on the Willamette River which is now harmful to pets, but not yet at a level to issue an advisory for humans. The affected area of the river stretches from Sauvie Island to Ross Island. Lab results from samples show toxin levels that are currently too low to affect humans, but can be very harmful to pets - especially dogs. Cyanotoxins are created by the algae blooms and can be lethal to dogs within hours of ingestion.

There's no clear end to when the blooms will go away, and they could last for weeks to months. Blooms develop in rivers when the water becomes slack and warm, and may last until weather and rains cool the water levels to a point where the blooms can no longer propagate.

NOTE: Although there are some reports of the downtown Willamette River being clear of the algae, it is still present around Rocky Pointe, especially in the boat slips and between floating homes

About Blue-Green Algae Toxin Poisoning

Blue-green algae toxin poisoning, also known as cyanobacterial poisoning, is an acute, sometimes fatal, condition caused by the ingestion of water containing high concentrations of cyanobacteria. In Oregon, dogs have become very sick, and some have died after swimming in and swallowing water affected by toxic algae. Poisonings are most likely to occur during warm, sunny weather when algae blooms are more intense, and dense surface scums are present. If you find thick, brightly colored foam or scum at a lake, pond or river, don't let your pet drink or swim in the water.

If your pet goes in the water:

1. Don't let your pet lick its fur.
2. Wash your pet with clean water as soon as possible.
3. If your dog shows symptoms such as drooling, weakness, vomiting, staggering and convulsions after being in bloom-affected water, seek immediate veterinary care.

Acute, life-threatening symptoms from cyanobacterial toxins often develop rapidly. Death can occur within 4 to 24 hours after exposure.

