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THE PERFECT STORM

Hello Neighbors,

The past couple of weeks have been challenging to say the least. First, the wind storm, which resulted in over 50 large downed trees in Salishan, and which also damaged the home of one of our staff. Then followed the Echo Mountain and Kimberling Mountain Fires, which destroyed the homes of another of our staff, caused a massive power outage, and forced several staff to evacuate their homes for almost a week. All this occurred in the context of COVID-19. I know you will join me in thanking our staff and those neighbors who pitched in to clear the roads, remove debris and generally help each other.

On September 21st an email sent to the Salishan leaseholders regarding the MTV Reality project generated a number of emails to our staff and forwarded to the board. To briefly recap, David Hall, Managing Director of Salishan Coastal Resort, sent the original detailed show and home request information which was included in the September 21st email. Most of the emails received, to date, are in support, with a number of Leaseholders expressing interest in participating. However there were emails expressing concern and asking questions of the board and lodge. As the board was preparing to have an emergency meeting to discuss the concerns, we learned the MTV project evolved with some significant changes to their request.

Per MTV, the changes they are now only looking for two houses to rent and not the large number discussed in the September 21st email. MTV also reported all filming will be inside the respective houses, and equipment will be moved in and moved out just once with no road impact. The duration of filming is expected to be ten days or so. The filming will be of the "stars" in the two homes living like a "family". MTV is aware of our bi-laws and agrees the "stars" and the staff will follow all of the bi-laws, rules and regulations just as any other guests or leaseholders would be expected to on leaseholder property. The impact on our leaseholder community appears to be minimal.

I know folks are frustrated with the current COVID situation, but a number of emails in opposition to the original concept for the Reality show were sent to the office citing incorrect information, and using what I consider inappropriate language directed at our staff. Instead of placing blame and pointing fingers, we need to pull together to make our community stronger. Our staff is doing excellent work under difficult circumstances, and they deserve appreciation and the full support of all of us. The board also heard concerns regarding communication from the board to leaseholders and we are working through possible additional methods of communicating.

I'd like to share information regarding the community efforts provided by the Salishan Coastal Resort during the wind and fire episode. The Red Cross requested and was provided 80 rooms from the resort for displaced folks. They ultimately used 68 of those rooms. The Resort, in addition, provided rooms for fire and medical first responders, and on Tuesday served 300 meals in our community. The Resort also provided parking for the school district fleet of buses that had to be evacuated. I was pleased to learn of these efforts, and I want to thank Managing Director David Hall and his staff for being such a resource for the community.

If you have any more questions or concerns please mail them to TomW@waterleaf.com

Tom Whittaker, SLI Board Chair