

Sunday, July 11, 2021

Hello Dave,

I hope this email finds you well and you are enjoying our beautiful summer weather. If your schedule allows, it would be a good day to monitor the activity of the boat ramp. Since this morning there have been 35 cars accessing the boat ramp and 4 vehicles have just pulled up. The street has been blocked to oncoming traffic, on 2 occasions, as individuals unload gear unto the street.

Best,
Mary Lou Vanslavie

Monday, July 12, 2021

Hi Mary Lou,

Thanks for the information. I have been monitoring the activity of the boat ramp since this Spring, particularly warm days and/or weekends. Today, within 10 minutes of your email message, I went over to the area, but unfortunately I did not take my camera. I noted about 12 non-resident cars parked around the perimeter of Lloyd Minor Park. In the area there were at least 4-5 resident's vehicles, mostly on the south side of Dogwood. Most "boating vehicles" were parked on the north side of Dogwood. However, there were 5 cars at the end of Marlin and 2 vehicles along the park on Tualamere. Possibly some or all of them could have been "boating vehicles." As usual, there were many cars parked all along the west side of Marlin. These are quite evidently residents, parking in front of their homes.

It's possible that 35 cars may have come and gone at the boat ramp area up until 1 PM, but there were no excessive cars parked in the area at the time I was there - about 1:25 PM. The number of PARKED vehicles was consistent with other weekend use I have noted on warm days. Traffic may be blocked sometimes, but my observation, as well as others, is that a few people will unload at the ramp entry and then move on. It's a temporary thing. They do not park and leave their vehicles in the middle of the street. My observations are that most all quickly move any gear from the roadway onto the park lawn area. In fact, most users unload their gear directly onto the park lawn. People have always moved themselves and/or equipment out of the road as I travel it.

I returned about every hour between 1:30 PM and 5 PM. See the attached photos. Folks came and went each time I was there. Some cars were parked for maybe an hour or so. Others were there for 2-3 hours it seemed. People were being courteous, sharing the ramp, only leaving the gate open if another user was unloading and preparing to launch from the ramp.

If you see anything that seems excessive or inappropriate, please feel free to send me a photo. Also, if you have any suggestions for solutions to the problems you are experiencing, please feel free to let me know about them.

Thanks,

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Hello David,

Thank you for taking time to monitor the situation at the boat ramp. When I last counted yesterday, there had been 61 vehicles that visited the boat ramp. These are not neighbors vehicles in my count or the entire day. I have some pictures from yesterday that I will be happy to forward to you. You ask in your email for solutions to the problem that our neighborhood experiences with over usage of the boat ramp, which impacts the safety of citizens, especially small children. Last August, a petition signed by citizens residing on Marlin, Tualamere and Dogwood describing the issue, history of the boat ramp and recommendations was submitted to City Council. The petition was signed by over 75% of the citizens.

Recommendations:

Limit parking for accessing the boat ramp to 5 cars in the vicinity of the ramp and park.
Restrict cars from parking on the boat ramp at all times, strictly load and unload only.
Restrict fishing and swimming at the boat ramp and provide those options elsewhere in Rivergrove.

Provide signage that requires:

- a) Gate remain closed after entering or exiting
- b) No fishing or swimming
- c) No parking or loitering on boat ramp
- d) No loud voices, shouting, radio or stereo
- e) Hours 9:00am-7:00pm (May-October)
- f) Fines up to \$500.00 for non-compliance
- g) Directing visitors to other boat ramps in the area that can accommodate their boating needs.

Ensure enforcement of safety needs, parking and boat ramp usage through intergovernmental agreement with either Clackamas County or Tualatin Valley Parks and Recreation.

Our community has grown and the overall population of the area has increased. Along with that, has come increased utilization of our small city boat ramp and unsafe situations accessing the river. As a neighborhood we are asking for solutions to mitigating the number of cars/visitors to our neighborhood. I trust that City Council has been listening to the citizens who have been so greatly impacted by this issue. As always, we are here to help!

Kind regards,
Mary Lou Vanslavie