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To: All Nettles Island Residents & Guests

Re: Coronavirus Update – Board Decisions

The National State of Emergency has been extended through April 30, 2020. This has been and continues to be a hardship for everyone of us. We wish, as we are sure all of you do, that we were not in this situation, but we are and we stand ready to make decisions for the best possible outcome and in the best interest of all persons in Nettles Island.

In response to the emails, calls and comments about the ocean access, it appears that some people were unaware of the volume of people coming to Nettles Island for spring break, vacation or to escape restrictions elsewhere. Opening the ocean access would have required a Security Officer to have more face to face contact in order to verify credentials on the way in the vehicle gate. Had we left the ocean access open, with all other amenities closed, we anticipated a much larger volume of residents going to the beach and an inability to maintain required social distancing. Our staff could not keep the benches, outdoor showers and handrails clean, nor separate people from clustering at the entrance to the beach, as was experienced in the past week. Nor would anyone have access to the bathrooms and no way to wash their hands.

In regard to those who have compared us to other communities on Hutchinson Island, please note that Windmill Village has 168 Units, which is manageable for the size of their beach. Holiday Out and Venture, which have slightly more than ½ of the number of Nettles units, require a fob to enter their beach access and also have limitations on short term rentals. Other condos range in size from 150 to 350 units and many do have rental and guest restrictions. Nettles has 1578 units and is currently filled to at least two thirds capacity.

In response to the most recent government orders, some of our employees are reducing their hours or being laid off. We ask that you please keep calls and emails

to a minimum for essential matters or emergencies only with regard to the Administrative office, Security and Maintenance Departments as they will now be working with less staff to minimize social contact and prevent contamination. All emergencies and essential services will be handled as timely as possible by our staff. Medical Emergencies should be called into 911. Please **DO NOT WALK UP TO SECURITY GATE HOUSE**. Remain in your car and use your automated PIN to call in guests.

Some of our other employees are reorganizing their duties and their schedules under the direction of their Supervisors, to allow them to not only keep a safe and healthy distance from others, but get other tasks done that cannot be completed while the amenities are in use. Until Covid-19 relief is understood and at a minimum through April 30, 2020, Nettles Island will continue to issue payroll checks to all regular employees and maintain employee benefits.

With regard to the bath houses, we are now to the point that we are running short of supplies and will be closing all but the following bath houses, effective at 8am tomorrow, April 2, 2020:

Bath House 1, 4, 6, 12, 14 & 15 will remain open.

We want everyone to know that we have not made decisions in a vacuum or to cause harm to anyone, but to protect the health and welfare of all persons in Nettles, including all of our employees. We understand that some of you may not agree or understand the emergency decisions made, but ask that you refrain from calling Security or Administration to render your complaints. Emails received at niboard@comcast.net to register complaints will be forwarded to the Board Members, but will not be responded to at this time. However, we will continue to update you through the website and mass emails to those who have consented to receive email notices.

In the meantime, we encourage residents to keep a safe distance from others. We hope you will show your support and solidarity for getting your community thru this emergency, by making the needed sacrifices for the sake of everyone you know or don't know.

The Nettles Board of Directors