

Island Manager Report
July 11, 2020

Administration

Thank you to those of you who removed dead trees at Nature Park. A special thanks to Justus Bollen who was on the island from Texas for just a few weeks but took time to volunteer for this event. Thank you, Justus!

Thank you to members for remembering to make appointments at the office so items are ready for swift pickup. Also, thanks to all for wearing masks when you come in.

N Herron Road Bridge Retrofit Project - July 20 – August 31, 2020

Please note – Pierce County will retrofit the supports of the bridge up N Herron Rd during the above timeline.

There is no weekend work scheduled, however, HMC members/guests will not be able to line-up on N. Herron Rd as is usual custom during other weekdays. With the new lanes HMC has in place there is far less traffic lined up the road, but during the timeline above there cannot be any line-up. This is to allow for work vehicles and semi-trucks to get to the bridge throughout the day. Expect a ticket should there be a line up.

HMC is looking at solutions such as closing the parking lot during some time periods to allow cars to pull up into the lot. A notice via email will be sent once all options are reviewed and a decision has been reached.

Ferry

Note, the ferry crew is wearing masks where they cannot maintain 6 feet distance, HMC requests all members, and guests, do the same. Thank you to those that wear a mask. Please make every effort to respect the crew and your neighbors by doing this for the short amount of time you interact with them. This includes in the passenger cabin.

If a crew member were to become sick, it would place a burden on the rest of the crew and the standby employees for coverage, potentially altering the ferry schedule if more than one crew member became ill. ~Please ensure your guests know this same information.

During Covid-19 HMC asks for tickets, checks or exact change for ferry passage. It is important for the public to do your part to protect yourselves and others by practicing good hygiene and wear masks where 6 feet distance cannot be maintained.

Ferry Dry Dock Dates – September 12 – 27, 2020. These dates are always subject to change depending on length of time in the shipyard due to US Coast Guard required work list. This year will be a lot of plating work on the keel, in voids and on the car deck. HMC will not know the full extent until the USCG examines the ferry within the first couple of days at shipyard.

Guest Passes – the crew is not permitted to complete guest passes, should you leave them with a crew member uncompleted you may not be able to get your guest onboard. If you have questions about guest passes, please call ahead to the office; open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 253-884-9350.

Rental Guests- please ensure your rental guests have guest passes ahead of their visit and ensure that there are no delinquent charges on your HMC or Water accounts. The guests will be denied access to the island otherwise.

Legal Liaison: There are 20 delinquencies; 12 with our attorney for action.

Departments/Committees

A good suggestion was made that committee chairs could break down work by individual jobs and contact people to help so that people could participate during COVID-19. As committees meet again, or are able to share work needed, we will work on a list and get it sent out.

Maintenance: Gary Wanzong – No report

Parks: Dale Miller – No Parks Work Day

Policies: Mike Gage – No report

Roads: Dan Marten – No report

Dan is back on the island and will continue to monitor roads. Grading is complete until November.

- Ditch cleaning to be scheduled

Emergency Preparedness: Ken Higgins - No report

Cameras have been installed on the mainland parking area.

Water: Frank Harrison - No report

Small Boat Docks: Sherri Anderson has stepped up to this committee, she has a long list of things to organize and accomplish.

Rules: Mike Fassio

- No hearings scheduled