

Island Manager Report
September 14, 2013

Administration:

Volunteers Appreciated: The BOOSTERS furnished a new storage shed, now at the back of the Community Building, to be used for much needed storage space. Thanks to those volunteer painters.....Vickie Drury, Dana Gruber, Sue Pottorff, Carla Vierra, Judy Greinke and Lisa and Mac McCormick.

Volunteers Wanted: BOOSTERS will donate the paint for anyone who would like to paint the south side, facing the parking lot, of the Community Building. Actually, it needs caulking as well as another coat of paint.

Found: A very nice Canon camera was found at North Beach and is being held at the office. If this belongs to you or one of your guests, please notify the office. Also, a multipurpose tool of the "Leatherman" variety (not brand) was found Thursday at the sport court. No one has appeared to claim it.

Water Operations: Water System policies, forms and contact information have been consolidated on the website under a new button, "Water System". The Water Manager has been investigating a number of requests regarding high pressure, generally along beachfront homes below street level. He is exploring how best to deal with these situations. Emails can be sent to the Water Department at HMCWater@herronisland.org.

So far we have been unable to dispose of the water parts inventory to WWSC, and are working on an alternative proposal. If anyone knows of a plumbing or construction company that might be interested in the inventory, please have them get in touch with HMC.

Look for a new HI Water newsletter with the Beachcomber this month. It will be full of news, tips and other information about the system.

Water System Project: Massana Construction sent Caseco to the island on Thursday to fill and compact trenches caused by water system excavation across roads. Some areas were omitted because other roads projects will be going on to address drainage and encroachment issues.

Bruce Whittle, of USDA, will come out to the island October 16th to conduct the first compliance audit, which should be quite straightforward, but it is a required visit.

Fire Department Liaison: The fire district has contracted with Anderson Island for emergency service to Herron Island while the "Charlie Wells" is out.

The district has also strongly recommended that the Board impose an outdoor burn ban while the ferry is out of service. Island Rules provide, at Rule F-2, that "Given the special conditions and inaccessibility of the island, the Board has authority to declare a burn ban that is stricter than the one imposed by the State or County." As of Thursday, the County Burn Ban was still in effect.

In response to a suggestion from the Fire District, we asked for a response from members who would be interested in forming a volunteer fire company. The Fire District is attempting to develop a modified training for a Herron Island company that would fight fire from the exterior, and make no interior attacks. So far we have had nine responses, not all of whom are fulltime Members, but then no one is available 100% of the time. Deputy Chief Guy Allen will meet with interested persons following the Board meeting October 19, in the Community Building. If others are interested, please let the HMC Office know.

Land Use: Merry Kogut reports that the Land Use Committee has been joined by Janet Podell as board representative, but there is still room for additional members. The Committee's Charter and mission can be found on the website.

HMC has received a firm offer on the purchase of HMC owned property located at 1219 West Herron, and an escrow has been opened. The asking price of this property is \$3500.

Emergency Preparedness: Committee Report. Emergency Preparedness Committee will have walkie-talkies available to Members for use during the ferry service outage, following the meeting.

Parks: Docks will come out of the water October 12, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at North Beach. Volunteers needed! Plan to attend and help out. Contact Parks Committee at hmcparcs@herronisland.org if you need more info.

Roads: Work has begun on the drainage improvements to East Madrona, where a culvert will be installed to prevent washouts as have occurred in the past in that area. The next step in the South Herron/East Madrona road improvements will be the realignment of South Herron to remove it from approximately 12 feet of Members' property. This project will also include drainage improvements at the top of the hill. HMC roads will require periodic grading, and the Committee is seeking proposals for this service.

Rules: No outstanding complaints.

Herron Island Ferry: Seven candidates have been interviewed and two candidates have accepted offers for the standby deck hand positions. They will begin training when the ferry has returned. Both are residents of Lakebay and learned about the position from the HMC ad in the Key Peninsula News. In addition, Jim Davies has rejoined the crew as standby deck hand, which will fill all available positions.

Legal Liaison: We currently have 19 delinquencies, of which 6 are with the attorney for action. Delinquency rate of 4.8%. Last year at this time we had 11, with 8 at collections. Currently, HMC has 392 Assessable Units and 397 Water customers.