

November 2018

Water Committee update for HMC Board Meeting

The Water Committee is continuing to review its Charter, Mission Statement and other policy documents. These documents also include the Administration and Operating Rules, Water Department Financial Policy, and the Management of the Water Distribution System. These documents will be finalized at the Water Committee Meeting in December.

The Leak List/Exception reports have averaged 10 per month since June. These are not always the same 10 properties that are reporting leaks. It seems that there are a number of new owners at properties that have not been used in some time and because a number of these properties are being used, they are showing up on the Leak List. The Leak List is provided as a notification to owners that our water distribution system has detected that the water meter has measured more than one gallon per hour for a continuous 24 hours. Owners should take this as it is time to check the water service on the property for possible leaks and review how they are using the water.

As some owners have noted, there was an issue with the November Water Billing. Some owners received bills that were significantly higher than normal. The Water Department and HMC Management are reviewing and revising these bills. Owners will receive notifications and revised water usage details and billing statements. If you think that your water billing is in error, please send an email to HMCWater@herronisland.org or call (206) 707-4645 and we will get the issue resolved.

There have been some last-minute changes and revisions in the meeting time and date for the Water Committee. Water, Roads and Parks Committees are trying to coordinate a meeting time so that there can be coordination between departments for work, repairs and maintenance on the Island during the winter months. It looks like with all of the changes, the committees have settled on the first Tuesday of each month as a meeting date with: Roads meeting at 9:00 AM, Water meeting at 10:00 AM and Parks meeting at 11:00 AM at the Goodpastor Park Community Building. This will be the likely schedule through March 2019 when the schedule will be reviewed again.

There have been four incidences of vandalism at the Pump Station over the last five years. It has been suggested by owners and the Water Committee that we look into a video surveillance system for the Pump Station. The Water Committee has looked into three different systems but the Water Committee has decided to shelve this item for the time being. The installation of a surveillance system will be discussed again at the May 2019 Water Committee meeting.

The Water System Plan, the document that is reviewed by County, State and Federal Regulators will be reviewed and if needed revised and resubmitted this month. This document outlines the rules, regulations and guidelines that we should follow as a Group A (small water system of under 500 water services) water distribution system. If there are comments from the regulatory agencies, we will review and accommodate these changes.

At the 04 December 2018 Water Committee Meeting we will be demonstrating how to connect fire hoses and operate a fire hydrant just after the meeting at 11:00 AM if this doesn't conflict with the Park Committee Meeting. Everyone is welcome to observe and participate. Remember to dress for the weather.