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FW: Week of June 25 Water Project Update

From: HMC Office [<mailto:office@herronisland.org>]**Sent:** Tuesday, June 26, 2012 8:26 AM**To:** email@herronisland.org**Subject:** Week of June 25 Water Project Update

Week of June 25 Water Project Update....and More

First....from Pierce County – Good News

“TANSY RAGWORT INFESTATIONS GREATLY REDUCED

During the second week of June, Field Inspectors from the Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Board conducted Noxious Weed inspections. This year’s inspections showed a significant reduction in the number of Tansy infestations on Herron Island. Most notably, roadsides on the island contained no infestations at all so far. Kudos go to the Herron Island maintenance crew for eradicating these roadside infestations, which in turn makes it easier for property owners to keep their land clear of Tansy Ragwort!

Following the June inspections, properties with Tansy infestations were notified and given a time frame in which to comply with the state weed law. The July 9th due date of that time frame, is fast approaching. Field Inspectors will be back on the island during the second week of July to re-inspect those properties. Properties with infestations still present after the due date will be subject to a Notice of Violation. Controlling Tansy Ragwort on your property will prevent a Notice Violation and the costly penalties associated with it.

For details on Tansy ragwort, or any other noxious weed and the control options available visit the website <http://PierceCountyWeedBoard.wsu.edu> or you may call the Noxious Weed Control Center at 253-798-7263”

Second....news about “Charlie Wells” trip to the shipyard. The boat will go out of service Monday, September 24th for approximately 5-10 days. We will keep you posted as to when it will return.

Third....the Water Project.

This is a busy week for Single Lane Road, with crews working hard to install the water line quickly and get the road open again. Expect very little activity next week around the July Fourth weekend and holiday. But following that, there may be multiple crews on the island working to install the service laterals (from the mains to the meters), meters and hydrants. Major road disruption should be reduced. In addition, there will be activity at the well site itself, as new well pumps are installed and eventually, the deteriorated pump house itself will be rebuilt.

And, if that’s not enough....the Community Building women’s restroom will be remodeled into a unisex ADA accessible restroom, and both restrooms will be designated unisex. Not long after, an ADA parking spot will be installed and marked at the side entrance to the building, to complete our required federal compliance items.

And have a terrific Independence Day celebration!

(I just love this clip art.)

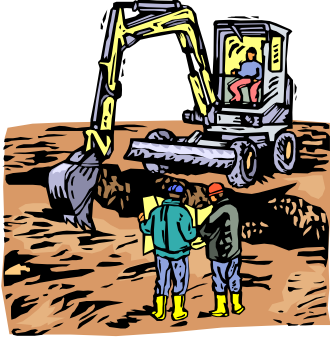
From: HMC Office <office@herronisland.org>
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Subject: Power Outage Scheduled for Today!

Peninsula Light Company has scheduled a power outage for today, 6/26/12. It is estimated to happen between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.

From: HMC Office <office@herronisland.org>
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Attachments: Week of June 18 Water Project Update.doc

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Week of June 18 Water Project Update



The contractor plans to avoid the July 4 weekend, which this year extends from Wednesday, July 4 through Sunday, July 8. Possibly the crews will be working Monday and Tuesday, July 2 and 3, then return Monday, July 9.

In the next couple weeks, you will see a blue painted stake marking your future service connection location. For most of you, this should be at the existing location. If the stake is at the wrong location, such as a hose bib, please notify me at hmcmanager@herronisland.org as soon as possible.

After Monday, June 25th – you will see some of our 41 hydrants being installed. Their locations will be marked with red stakes.

Also, after the July 4 weekend, as the water system is switched over to the new higher voltage booster pumps, there might be one or two water outages, for a short period of time, and a possible short term power outage. If possible, these will be announced in advance.

Single Lane Road will be closed to traffic during construction periods, beginning June 25th. The terrain and narrow road make this necessary, and the crews will make every effort to expedite the work.

Problems persist with shallow buried phone lines and unknown water lines. Everyone is doing their best to mark these locations, but there is so much unknown about the existing water system. Shower early in the morning and have bottled water on hand during the day. Tip to members – Try turning on your outside faucet first when you arrive at your home – that will bleed out any air or sediment which might have accumulated in your absence.

More on the “Dirt List”: It was never intended that the best material to come out of the ground would be distributed to Members. What is available is material that the contractor doesn’t have a use for. That means it’s probably part clay and full of rocks. Much of the unwanted soil was delivered Friday. Some was placed on HMC owned properties, to get it out of the contractor’s way. Other deliveries couldn’t be made because they are along Single Lane Road or near it; also, some Members were not home and if a location couldn’t be determined no delivery was made.

Finally, the water truck isn’t working right now. Attempts are being made to repair it, but the parts are a little difficult to find!

Repairs are being made to the mainland terminal on Tuesday, June 19 – cables and some timbers are being replaced. Additional work pressure washing the counterweights will be done on the weekend by volunteers.

Thanks for your patience!

From: HMC Office <office@herronisland.org>
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Please send this out to our Members. Thanks.

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DO'S, DON'TS AND NOTICES TO MEMBERS



Questions? Contact the Island Manager at 253-313-7933 or hmcmanager@herronisland.org

Notice to Residents of Single Lane Road: Main water line construction will probably begin June 25th and may continue for two or more weeks. During this time, heavy trucks will not be permitted on Single Lane Road. Residents should be prepared to take an alternate route to the ferry when leaving their homes, and not plan any major deliveries during this period. Every effort will be made to give sufficient notice to Members so that they can plan for the disruption. Before you schedule, check with the HMC Office. Plans are always subject to change, especially depending on weather conditions and tides.

Notice Regarding Heavy Trucks and Equipment: To speed completion of water main installation, please schedule heavy equipment and/or deliveries in afternoons rather than mornings. This gives the water construction crew more opportunity to bring materials to the island and move the project along faster.

AND NOW, THE “DON'TS”

- ✚ Don't drive over traffic cones or buckets. They cover new shutoff valves. If we break 'em, we fix 'em. (\$\$\$\$)
- ✚ Don't move green ribbons or blue stakes. These are important markers. You have paid for them.
- ✚ Don't drive on the soft side of the road. You may get stuck and you may be responsible for breaking new pipe (\$\$\$\$).
- ✚ Don't interrupt the construction crew. Time is money (\$\$\$\$).

THE ‘DO’S’

- ✚ Do answer the Cross Connection Control Survey—this is a State Health Department requirement.
- ✚ DO allow plenty of time to get to the ferry.
- ✚ DO be prepared to move your vehicle if the crew is in your neighborhood.
- ✚ DO have bottled water on hand.
- ✚ DO continue to be patient. We appreciate the cooperation thus far.
- ✚ DO stay out of the way of the crew. We want this job done on time, and under budget. You can help (\$\$\$\$).

Thanks.