

Island Manager Report
January 11, 2014

Administration:

HMC would like to trade a used two drawer lateral cabinet for a three drawer, if there is anyone out there to trade with. Please contact the office.

Vandalism at the mainland side was reported to the Sheriff, and video provided. Damaged signs have been replaced.

Tree Trimming: Pen Light's latest estimate is that the tree crew will be coming to Herron Island at the end of February. Let's hope that monsoon season arrives late this year. Once the crew is here, they will be on the island for three to four weeks.

Water Operations:

Northwest Water Systems has completed two rounds of testing for lead and copper. The results, taken from five locations around the island, are very good, and should allow us to obtain another 9 year waiver for repeat tests.

Other good news – with the power upgrades at the pump station, we have reduced electricity usage by about 30%, or roughly \$95 for the December monthly bill. This was an outcome we had hoped for.

We still have some holdouts on cross connection control survey forms, and will have to attempt to make personal notifications by phone, as letters and emails go unanswered. Eventually HMC will be required to terminate service to those who have not responded, as required by law. We are working now on drafting an amendment to the Water Administrative Policies to bring water shutoff procedures into conformance with the requirements of the law. This will be reviewed by the Water Committee prior to Board consideration.

We have been unsuccessful at selling the water system hardware, and are proposing to recycle the metal for its value, as a means of disposal. Anyone with a need for parts may still purchase them at 50% of value. If you wish to purchase any parts, please contact Charles Smith at hmcwater@herronisland.org.

We've encountered a few meter reading aberrations lately and are working with the vendor and Fred Fath to clear up the missing readings.

USDA: We are working with the HMC accountant to file the first of our financial reports with USDA.

Water Committee Report: Judy Greinke, Chairman, will report.

Fire Department Liaison: Fire District #16 sent a firefighter to the island on Thursday to make GPS records of all of our 41 hydrants and add them to the district maps. They shared this data with the water manager, so our GPS data will line up.

Land Use: Committee Report. The committee completed an island-wide survey of trailers and motor homes on private property in response to a request of the Board. The underlying concern is compliance with the Health Department septic regulations and the environmental impact of disposal of gray water from any occupied trailer.

Emergency Preparedness: Committee Report.

Parks: No Committee report.

Roads: Committee Report. The improved drainage and realigned roadway at South Herron is complete, from the intersection to the east side of the island. Some additional work remains to be done at the intersection, and to the west to realign the road. The crew were able to avoid removal of two very large trees by tunneling under them and installing a culvert. One driveway culvert was extended and realigned in order to provide adequate access for the Member.

New signs marked “Closed to Motorized Vehicles” will soon appear at the unmaintained road at the end of South Herron and on Fir Lane. The Board acted at its November meeting to close the two unmaintained roads and to clearly mark them closed to vehicle traffic.

Rules: One outstanding complaint.

Herron Island Ferry: Two standby captains, John Scouller, and Tom Quinn, are currently training on the Charlie Wells, and hopefully will fill out our roster of standby captains.

We are still in need of one additional standby deck hand.

Ramps: Friday and Saturday the consulting aspect of the project was advertised in the Daily Journal of Commerce. A new “button” on the island website provides detailed background information to interested parties. Proposals are due via email January 31st, and hopefully the review panel will be able to make a recommendation to the Board by the February 8th meeting. The consultant is to determine the condition of both ramps, make recommendations as to repair and any painting required, review decking replacement alternatives, make a recommendation as to which to pursue, and provide cost estimates for construction. These cost estimates will then be available for budget formulation for the actual work to be done in 2015.

Legal Liaison: We currently have 21 delinquencies, of which 9 are with the attorney for action. Delinquency rate of 5.4%. Last year at this time we had 21. Currently, HMC has 389 Assessable Units and 397 Water customers.