



Notice to Owner:

If your current shutoff valve is within five feet of the HMC roadway and inside a fence, you need to remove a section of fence (about 4 feet) to provide access for the contractor to reach the connection. Otherwise the new meter box will be placed on the outside of your fence and connected to the line going into the property. The advantage to you of having the connection located as close to your residence as possible is that it will be HMC's responsibility to maintain HMC's connection.

The section between the HMC connection and the residence is the owner's responsibility to maintain. If you have any doubts about the quality of your current connection from your shutoff to your residence, please contact a plumber. Thank you.

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Week of August 13, 2012
IMPORTANT UPDATES

- The “Dirt List” is open...please let me know immediately, at hmcmanager@herronisland.org if you want any unusable material delivered to your property, and explain how you have marked the spot for dumping. Delivery is scheduled for Friday, August 17th.

From the Project Engineer:

- The island and project have had a couple weeks of nice weather, lots of people on the island enjoying vacations, and only a couple glitches, I am pretty happy with that. We are still learning things about the old system, such as our discovery last week that waterline in South Herron Boulevard loops to East Herron Boulevard by a closed section of road. A couple homes have needed extra attention because of stirred up silt and rocks in the old system, so I would like to remind everyone **to run the outdoor faucets before using the water in your house** if you haven't been to the island in a few weeks. If you have brown water or no pressure at your house please contact the Island Manager. If you have a problem, we have established a procedure for clearing homes if they have been clogged by construction activities.
- The island will have a short 30 minute low pressure event tomorrow starting about 10 a.m. The contractor will be closing up the ground and turning on the booster pumps after operating in bypass mode for the past few days. When that happens the island will still have gravity pressure and homes below about 60 feet in elevation will likely not really notice the change; **however, homes up higher will have very low pressure during the outage.**
- Thank you to everyone who has come forward with information concerning the location of valves and services. Your help saves the contractor time, and saves HMC both money and inconvenience. The project is still well under budget and we anticipate clearing this with a very significant contingency budget left.
- The last ditch full of 2” waterline is going in as I type this, and we anticipate pressure tests this week. After this, we begin the up close and personal process of installing each individual service, after which time it becomes very expensive and time consuming to fix mistakes, **so stay on top of those blue stakes!**

Thanks.

Jester Purtteman, EIT
Northwest Water Systems

Other Notes:

- Trees along the HMC roadway may NOT be cut without permission from HMC.
- Thanks to the watchful eyes of Anita Bray, the trash has finally been picked up at North Beach.
- It's still summer, and the weather is great!
- For summer reading, remember....there's a lending library in the community building.

From: HMC Office <office@herronisland.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2012 11:07 AM
To: email@herronisland.org
Subject: FW: Low Water Pressure Days Ahead!
Attachments: Week of August 7.doc

Claudia Ellsworth
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Week of August 7, 2012

Water System Update: Low Pressure Days Ahead!



Pump replacement has begun, and you will see a lot of activity at the pump house and around the well site. Wednesday, August 8th and Thursday, August 9th could be “low pressure” days during some of the replacement activity, but that should be the worst of it.

If you can, please ease up on outdoor watering for the next two weeks, especially from 6 am to 9 am and 4 pm to 8 pm, as those are generally “high use” times. The reason for this request is that the system will be pressurized by one pump instead of two for the next two weeks or so (until the three phase power comes in on the 22nd.)

We are entering the final stages of water system replacement and upgrade. The 2” sections of the system will probably be completed today, and you will see the construction crew coming your way sometime in the next two to three weeks.

Expect to see a stake indicating your future water service connection, with your address on it in black. If you have concerns, contact me at hmcmanager@herronisland.org as soon as possible. “Do-overs” are not very practical and cost extra...if they can occur at all.

Unless the old system springs a major leak somewhere we are very unlikely to repair it. At this point, we might be wasting money out of our budget, and we aren’t eager to do that. Continue to report leaks to Washington Water and they will consult with the Office regarding repairs.

We’re estimating the last bill on the system replacement will be paid in October, which means a letter offering the prepayment term option will come your way in October/November 2012.

If you have questions or concerns about your water connection or service, please raise them now!

Thanks for your patience!

From: HMC Office <office@herronisland.org>
Sent: Friday, August 03, 2012 12:50 PM
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Attachments: Week of August 4.doc; Loops 1 through 9.pdf

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Week of August 4, 2012

Herron Island Water System Replacement and Upgrade

So Far, So Good: “On Time and Under Budget”

From the Project Engineer----

- ✚ *The first service laterals and meter setters are in on the 2” waterlines, and the remaining 2” pieces are going in this coming week. Once all the 2” is in, there will be a day or two pause in work while the contractor pressurizes the lines and does their preliminary pressure test. The water **SHOULD** be on all next week, but there will be work done in the pump house and it is possible that interruptions may occur. Don’t panic if you hear the generator running a lot next week: it will be used during the power transition to keep well pumps online once the old open delta power is disconnected. It may have to run a few hours each day to fill the tank until the new well pumps are installed. Our apologies in advance for the noise, but it’s the only seamless way to coordinate the process that doesn’t add \$25,000 in otherwise useless hardware to the price tag.*
- ✚ *As always keep an eye out for a stake near your water connection (or worse, **NOT** near it!) with your address on it. The blue stakes with addresses are our way of telling the contractor where your waterline is, and if we’re off, that’s going to be unpleasant for everyone, so don’t be shy! Questions? Always talk to the island manager first, if you have questions or problems and we don’t hear from you, we have no way of fixing them. Thank you all for your help and patience, almost there! -- Jester Purtteman*

And some notes from the Island Manager...

- ✚ Attached is my hand colored version of the system map. The 2” lines referenced above serve the “dead ends” on the island, which are noted as Loop #9 on the map, in multiple locations.
- ✚ Let me know, at hmcmanager@herronisland.org as quickly as you can if the stake with your address on it is in the wrong location. NOT ALL STAKES ARE IN YET, so don’t panic if you don’t see your address in black ink on the stake.
- ✚ There will be lots of activity and big equipment in the next few weeks, because of the pump replacement and power cutover by Pen Light (here come those trucks again).



- ✚ Just guessing here....but the final bills on the project probably won’t be paid until October, and then we will begin figuring out what the repayment schedule and amount will be. So, if you

are interested in prepaying, don’t look for information until the fourth quarter 2012.

HERRON ISLAND

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