

## Island Manager Report

June 14, 2014

### **Administration:**

Hello? This is a private island! HMC received a request from a Combat Controller at McChord AFB that they be allowed to conduct an exercise which could have included clandestine troops landing on the island and meeting up with a second group, during the night. We declined.

Also received a request from a geocacher that his group be allowed to plant a geocache on Herron Island, even though they are not members.....we declined.

Last year it was a group of kayakers who wanted to make a rest stop at North Beach. We declined.

**Volunteers:** Thanks to our dust truck drivers, including Don Kelly, a new volunteer. Jack Wells, Ed Hovde, Kevin Kircher, and any others I have missed. If you would like to volunteer as a dust truck driver, please let me know. Now that spring is here, we are looking for volunteers to caulk and possibly repaint the exterior of the Community Building. Rain gutters may also need some attention. Contact the office if you can help, or lead this project.

**Tree Trimming:** No recent word from Peninsula Light, other than my conversation with Mike McNellis in which he assured me they were still coming out. We've identified some HMC trees that need to be limbed or reduced, and are working with Pen Light to determine when and how they can drop a primary line so that the tree trimmer can do the work. A lot of the work will need to be done on West Herron, and we will have to notify the property owners before dropping the lines, since power will be affected.

**Water Operations:** Two reports are due to be submitted by July 1. The first is the annual Consumer Confidence Report, which details the source of Herron Island Water and what it contains. This report must be distributed to all users of the system, and so will be mailed out with the budget ballot, in order to reduce postage costs. Herron Island Water comes from a large deep aquifer that runs from Oregon to Canada, with many, many users. Our wells are about 50 feet deeper than the island's highest point (140 feet). And, as most of you know, Herron Island water is pure and untreated.

The second item is the Water Use Efficiency report, which requires us to set conservation goals to be achieved each year. We've struggled with this, because with our unmetered system and system replacement, it's been impossible to tell what the system leakage has been vs. use by members. Our Water Use Efficiency report states a goal of 5% reduction in consumption over a six year period, which we believe will be acceptable. Water Use Efficiency goals must be shared at a public meeting, then submitted to the Department of Health.

Here's the amazing thing! In 2010, on the old water system, we produced (pumped) 10.99 million gallons. The 2014 report will report production from June 1, 2013 to June 1, 2014 – of 7.34 million gallons, a reduction of THIRTY-THREE PERCENT!

**Cross Connection Control Program:** We still have two holdouts who have not returned forms. The next item in this report will request Board action in approving a change in Water Administrative Rules, including procedures for discontinuance of service. A letter will soon go out to those who need to provide certification asking if they would like to "Opt in" to a joint inspection. Inspections must be annual. Judy Greinke provided information that homeowners' insurance will not pay for damages caused by an uncertified system.

**Water Administrative and Operations Rules:** The modified Rules are ready for Board action, and now include guidelines and procedures for discontinuance of service. These procedures can be found in the Washington Administrative Code (WAC's), and have been adapted for HMC, and reviewed by the Water Committee. The procedures require two written notices before water can be shut off, except in cases of fraudulent use of the

system. Once the guidelines have been adopted, we will draft the appropriate notices. Properties likely to have service discontinued are those delinquencies which have been referred to the attorney's office; and those not complying with the Cross Connection program. NWS has also recommended we discontinue service to properties that have been condemned.

**Water Committee Report:** None.

**Water System:** Call 8-1-1 before you dig! HMC now subscribed to the One Call service, and we have receive a number of notifications from them. Thank you for your compliance.

**Fire Department Liaison:** We have received about 7 replies from members who would like to receive application packets, and will be in touch with Acting Chief Guy Allen about the packets.

**Land Use:** Committee Report.

We've been requested to remind members that it's time to eradicate tansy ragwort, and will be sending out a reminder via email. If it is possible to avoid use of toxic pesticides by pulling the tansy out, that would be better for the island environment. There are some vinegar based products available.

Reminder that encroachment permits from HMC are required if any part of your construction project occurs on HMC roadway easement. This is to protect the membership from the costs of unrepaired roadway areas caused by individual acts.

Concern has been expressed about the tearing down of condemned homes resulting in a wave of rats in other directions. Where rats might be a problem, members should acquire traps or set out rat poison.

**Emergency Preparedness:** Committee Report.

**Parks: Committee Report:**

Tracy Anspach extends his thanks to everyone who made last weekend's party a success in raising enough funds for a new swing set.

The Parks Committee hopes to have at least one other work party in the near future. Hopefully, without the rain. We will need to stain benches, clean, stain and repair the Boardwalk, possibly stain and make repairs to the swim float. Watch the website for future dates. If you have questions or input please email:

[hmcparcs@herronisland.org](mailto:hmcparcs@herronisland.org) “

**Roads:** Committee Report.

**Rules:** No outstanding complaints.

**Herron Island Ferry:**

The ferry is scheduled to leave for the Tacoma shipyard on Monday, September 15, following the morning run, so that trash removal can be completed for residents. Please plan for the ferry to be out of service for two weeks, returning at the end of the month. During this trip, the ferry will receive its biennial “out of water” Coast Guard inspection.

We have a new captain in training, and will soon have at least one additional standby deck hand in training.

**Ramp Painting:**

Sargent Engineers has given us the following estimated schedule for the remaining tasks, through project completion in 2015:

Initial plan preparation (30%) –	August 15, 2014
HMC Review -	August 15-31, 2014
Submit for permits -	September 15, 2014

Plans, specifications and estimate (60%) -	January 15, 2015
HMC Review -	January 15 – February 15, 2015

Plans, specifications and estimate (90%) -	March 1, 2015
HMC Review -	March 1, 2015 – March 31, 2015

Go to advertising bid -	April 1, 2015
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**Cable Replacement:** HMC will be taking bids on replacement of gantry cables, which have not been replaced in several years. If possible, this work will be scheduled during August.

**Legal Liaison:** HMC received \$8,000 from resolution of one long term delinquency. We currently have 19 active delinquencies, of which 6 are with the attorney for action. Delinquency rate of 4.9%. Last year at this time we had 20 delinquencies. Currently, HMC has 388 Assessable Units and 397 Water customers.