



**From our project engineer, Jester Purttleman:**

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Finally, some good weather has eased the road conditions right as the waterline install is completed. All large diameter waterline is installed, and the contractor is beginning to install hydrants and to pressure test the new mains. There are a handful of 2" runs to install, but all of the primary waterline is in. Once all the waterline is installed and preliminarily pressure tested, the contractor will begin installing service meters. Next week the contractor will begin installing the final components necessary to pressure test the system including "air-vacs" (a small valve that releases air trapped in the waterline), the remaining fire

hydrants, and the final 2" pieces on dead ends. Once the hydrants and air-vacs are installed the system will be pressure tested (probably late next week or early the week after), after which the contractor will begin installing service laterals and meter setters.

There is a planned water outage looming as the wells and booster pumps will be switched out for 480V systems. The contractor has made preparations to make sure this outage is short, but installing new gear anything is possible. Should something "unplanned" occur, the contractor will be able to use the generator to maintain service, but hopefully it doesn't come to that. Once the ferry has been scheduled for the big power trucks, we will have a fairly definite date and will let you know when to expect this.

Finally, and this is the most important thing I have to say: **KEEP WATER ON HAND: A TWO DAY DRINKING SUPPLY IS RECOMMENDED AS A MINIMUM. ITS JULY, IT'S (FINALLY) HOT, AND YOUR WATER SYSTEM COULD BE BADLY DISRUPTED AT ANY TIME: SO KEEP BOTTLED WATER HANDY.** The contractor is making every effort (including staying on the island until 9 pm once already) to keep this from happening, but it is construction and things can go wrong, please make sure you are ready for it if it does. Thank you.

**From the Island Manager:**

A little more translation – the 2" pieces on dead ends are primarily along East Herron Road and Fir Lane. There's one other section at the north end of West Herron Place. Another section along an easement off West Yew, and a final section of the north end of East Madrona.

Activity may also continue at Herron Island Water (HI Water) where new well pumps will be installed and connected to the improved power supply. Installation of the pumps will require tearing out part of the wall of the old pump house. To make that possible, a new storage shed has been erected next to the old reservoir for storage of supplies, meters and other items.

Once the well pumps are installed, the pump house, depending on its condition, will need to be repaired or replaced.

Design work will be done on the ADA parking place at the Community Building, and part of the sidewalk may need to be replaced. As soon as we have a design and specifications, we will take bids to get the work done. This or the pump house repair might very well be the last items in the project.

**Other News:**

Please remind your guests that kayaks and other watercraft should under no circumstances enter the swim area. We've had reports that this is happening and want to avoid injury to swimmers. There's a little more room at the dock, thanks to the new piling arrangement, and so far not a lot of complaints about boats overstaying their 24 hour welcome.