

Island Manager Report
September 13, 2014

Administration:

Volunteers: Mike Shettlesworth is always our hero for taking out the trash cans from the community building, and moving the fire engine for meetings and events. Mike & Judy Gage keep up the current information on the white boards for everyone to see.

Office Staff: It's been great having Rondi Akers as our backup Office Manager, but she has decided to move on and spend the winters in sunny places. Please welcome Patty Haenan-Jones, an island resident who previously worked for HMC from 2003 to 2007, as she returns to fill the backup office position.

Community Building: The pest control specialist will inspect the attic on September 30 (assuming the ferry is available), and the building is currently being pressure washed, caulked and painted.

Tree Trimming: Additional trees will be removed in October, when the new budget year begins. We are working from a list compiled volunteer members, and will address the highest priority first. Priority is determined by the danger the trees present to persons, property or HMC operations. No word from Pen Light as to when they will come to the island. Unfortunately, the tree trimmer we had been using was injured in a fall, but his assistant will take over existing jobs.

Water Operations: We still have a "phantom" who is turning on water meters. Advice to Members – put a lock on your meter if you are going away for a long period, to prevent the kind of water loss we experienced in early August.

Northwest Water Systems has requested a customer/contractor meeting to discuss NWS performance, any contract changes we might want, or other issues. We have asked for this meeting Friday, October 10, at 9:30 .am. so that Board members, Water Committee and staff will be able to attend.

Cross Connection Control Program: After two years of working on this....all survey documents are in, and seven backflow assembly tests were completed for those who qualified. All assemblies passed inspection. We will flag the calendar for next year's inspections, forward the results to Northwest Water Systems, and place the reports in the Member files.

Work continues at the pump station to create a parking area for equipment, as discussed in last month's manager's report. We are waiting for the area to dry before spreading the wood chips.

Results are in from the Volatile Organic Chemicals testing done last year. Herron Island Water System has a 6 year waiver for VOC's (Volatile Organic Chemicals) and 9 year waivers on pesticide and herbicide levels. Compliance periods are not all the same, but the next VOC testing is scheduled in June 2016.

Water Committee Report

Water System: Charles Smith will report.

Fire Department Liaison: Former Deputy Chief Guy Allen was appointed Chief by the Board of Commissioners. We picked up five application packets from Fire District 16 for those who indicated interest in volunteering. Packets must be return by October 31st. Still no word as to when the Survey & Rating Bureau will review Herron Island's fire insurance rating. Without a volunteer company, some island residents may face a jump in premiums.

Land Use: Pierce County Council staff contacted us to discuss the request to allow contractor yards in R10 zones. It was a good opportunity to explain the proposal and clarify the request. The County Council continues to meet and discuss all the requests that it has received. This process will not move quickly.

Emergency Preparedness: Committee Report.

Parks Committee Report: The swings could be delivered as early as Oct. 3rd. A bobcat with an auger may rent for as much \$450. This tool would be used to install swings and fence posts along basketball court. This work party will happen at a later date. The task at hand is that the Committee is asking for a notice in this month's Beachcomber about the dock removal party Saturday, Oct. 4th at 10am. The forklift will be delivered Oct. 3rd. to the mainland. Will the Booster's be supplying coffee & food/snacks?

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. 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.

For the first time, Vigor Marine is requiring us to execute a contract with them for ferry servicing, on a time and materials basis. The contract requires Board approval at this meeting, and we will hand carry it to Vigor on Monday.

Tom Stevens, a local resident, has qualified as both standby deck hand and captain. A third standby, Jerry Libstaff, also a local resident, has qualified as a deck hand.

Ramp Painting:

No activity this month. We have received a very preliminary draft of bid specifications and will receive more information on permit activity soon. The actual bid dates will be early in 2015, with work commencing in the fall, probably September.

Legal Liaison: We currently have 12 delinquencies, of which 7 are with the attorney for action. Delinquency rate of 1.8%. Last year at this time we had 16 delinquencies with 7 at collections. Currently, HMC has 386 Assessable Units and 397 Water customers.