

Island Manager Report
July 13, 2013

Administration:

Volunteers: Kudos to

- our ballot mailout committee Jean Mellor, Sue Pottorff, Virginia Major, Linda Kelly, Merry Kogut and Dianne DeGood;
- Terry Kraft, for singlehandedly putting in the swim float;
- Fred Fath, for spending at least three full days helping prepare the water billing database for testing with our radio read meters (a great success!);
- Leslie Sanderson, Pat Zazzo, Dianne DeGood, Jonas Ray, and others who launched the tansy attack 2013 (results yet to be evaluated by Pierce County);
- Roads Committee, for organizing a highly successful roads cleanup, improving sightline at intersections, and disposing of all the debris – over 30 Members participated!

Found: A camera was found at North Beach and is being held at the office. If this belongs to you or one of your guests, please notify the office.

Other Admin: Thanks to the volunteers who have spent 50-plus hours setting up and filing materials in the new set of property files.

Tansy Removal: Time to remove tansy ragwort from private and HMC properties. We have not heard back from the Noxious Weed Control Board on the results of the removal effort. We've had a suggestion from a Member that the next attack be launched on thistles, which are invading the island. For these, the Weed Control Board recommends using herbicides, stating that gentler organic methods don't work.

Water Operations: Charles Smith continues to follow up on Member requests for assistance with leaks and water pressure issues. Requests related to water service can be filed on a "Water Service Request Form" which can be found in the box outside the office, or on the HMC website, under Documents/Member Forms. Emails can be sent to the Water Department at HMCWater@herronisland.org.

We continue to respond to Member requests to check for leaks, adjust water pressure, and explain meter operations.

Washington Water has informed us that they would allow us to cut over water service to Northwest Water prior to the end of the 90-day termination period. Charles Smith is attempting to get in touch with their operations person to set a date to transition.

So far we have been unable to dispose of the water parts inventory to WWSC, and are working on an alternative proposal. If anyone knows of a plumbing or construction company that might be interested in the inventory, please get them in touch with HMC.

Water System Project: The HMC roads work is incomplete, due to equipment breakdowns and a lack of gravel. We are awaiting the next report from the Pierce County inspector, following which we will meet with the project engineer and contractor to resolve the remaining work required to satisfy the project permit conditions. The Roads Committee met and discussed the purchase of additional gravel, to have it on hand when the roads work resumes.

Fire Department Liaison: The fire district has notified us that they will again contract with Anderson Island for emergency service to Herron Island while the “Charlie Wells” is out of service in September.

Land Use: Sale of HMC lots at 315 and 317 East Madrona has been completed, with proceeds of \$15,132.91 to the HMC treasury.

Emergency Preparedness: Committee Report.

Parks: Committee Report below.

- *A big thanks to Steve, Andy and others who readied the court for the 4th of July holiday. We saw a lot of activity on the multi purpose court and were glad to see it in use.*
- *Wow, the Parks and B-Ball field looked good and so did the players. Great job Parks Volunteers and Deb Kraft for coordinating a fun event!*
- *Shout out to Andy Anderson: the horseshoe pits at North Beach looked great. Thanks for the time spent!*
- *On our "to do list" - reapplying the stencil for "load/unload" at the docks. They were packed throughout the weekend and leaving these spots open allows an area for those transitioning and needing a quick in and out.*
- *Prices for the new court fencing being gathered. We're hoping to accomplish this at the fall work party.*
- *Lawn Mower clutch is failing. Prices are being gathered from several repair companies at this time.*

Other: Smaller piling stubs have been removed, and disposed of. Inquiries are pending regarding replacement or repair of North Beach bulkhead and any permit requirements or restrictions.

Roads: Committee Report. At the request of the Roads Committee, we have requested that American Disposal change the driver routes for garbage pickup and recycling to provide more time for the driver to cover the route, and also, that the driver be directed to enter East Herron at the South end. This should reduce some of the road damage which occurs when the trash haulers grind their way up the hills on East Herron.

Speeding and scattering gravel into roadside ditches does not help the condition of the roads; and a proposal has been made to lower the speed limit to 10 mph. to reduce road damage and reduce dust. The Board is collecting Member input on this proposal.

Rules: Board report. The Committee has received several complaints regarding illegal burning, construction noise, speeding and other infractions. The Committee will hold hearings the afternoon of Saturday, July 13.

It's a good time to review the island rules, especially outdoor burning and small boat dock rules, all at the www.herronisland.org website.

Herron Island Ferry: We have not yet received the steel decking report from Sargent Engineers regarding steel decking; however, their preliminary response is that steel grate decking is feasible. We can expect the full report next week.

HMC is now recruiting for two standby deck hands. The job announcement is posted on the HMC website. If you are interested, please provide a letter of interest and a resume to humanresources@herronisland.org.

Legal Liaison: We currently have 21 delinquencies, of which 9 are with the attorney for action. Delinquency rate of 5.0%. Last year at this time it was 4.5%, with 18 delinquencies.