

# Island Manager Report

## June 8, 2019

### Administration:

- Thank you to the ferry crew as summer season ramps up with increased visitors to the island, we reviewed best practices from all and the previous year, with a view to constantly improve service to members. HMC is reviewing potential use of two loading lanes, before this can be considered all safety controls must be in place and crew trained, more to follow. The beach side cannot be used as a lane, it is not HMC property.
- USCG preliminary assessment for late inspection in March was received and responded to this month, the suggested preliminary fine was \$8,000, however, with the response from HMC this is expected to be either waived entirely, or significantly reduced. HMC will know within the next 4-5 weeks.
- Pierce County has experienced a limited number of reported cases of Lyme Disease due to ticks, however, every year cases seem to go up. Please take a moment to cut down long grass where ticks could reside. It is a good time to ensure yard and parks management for tick control.

This is a link to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention where there is great yard maintenance information available: [https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/in\\_the\\_yard.html](https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/in_the_yard.html)

**Disaster/Emergency Planning Committee** – thank you to **Ken Higgins** who has stepped up to chair this committee. Ken works with two local cities in the region for disaster planning and will be able to provide valuable information to implement and update existing planning. More information to follow.

**Tansy patrol** – thank you to **Dan Marten** for spending hours with tansy removal at the water department; and to **Julie Tyson** who volunteered to remove tansy as able at HMC properties. The parks and other properties are a lot of territory to cover and additional tansy removal for these is very welcomed, please contact the office if you can help, thank you.

Note: Pierce County Tansy Enforcement Inspector will visit the island by the end of June, those with tansy present will receive a notice of a fine. The Inspector will make a second trip in July looking for compliance.

### Departments/Committees

**Maintenance**: Gary Wanzong to report

**Parks**: Jim Davies to report

**Policies**: Mike Gage to report

**Roads**: Curt Haney to report

**Water**: Charles Smith is out on leave returning in July  
Please call Jane Wooster in the office, 253-884-9350 for immediate needs

**Rules**: One case is open and working

**Legal Liaison**: There are 22 delinquencies; 11 with our attorney for action.