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Report from the manager

Property Owners Schedule of Events for 2004

Suds and Stokes Golf July 8

Dave Younce Golf July 9-10

Droge Family Picnic July 15

Hugh Knapp Golf July 28

Community Fun Day July 31

Wayne Hanson Office Party July 31

Dave Surface Golf August 20

Carlson/DeYoung Golf August 28

Oothoudt Family Picnic August 28

Puget Sound Yacht Club September 17-19

Hat Island Invitational Golf September 18

Lot for Sale

The community has lot F-64 for sale. Selling price is \$7,500.00. Please contact the office for more information.

Thank You's

I would like to thank Bob Lalone for helping me with the golf course while Shawn was on vacation. I would also like to thank Ron Near and George Harmon for helping get the golf course ready for the Memorial Day weekend.

A big thank you goes to the Snohomish County Sheriffs Department for responding to an assault that happened at the south end of the island. It took the sheriffs about an hour to respond and eventually all parties involved were arrested except the victim.

Memorial Day Weekend

The holiday weekend was quiet with the exception of children driving around the island.

Speeding and driving on property owners lots were the two big problems. Parents are reminded you are responsible for your children while on the island. Children are reminded that during these holiday weekends the parents are partying and you must watch out for them while driving.

Volunteers Needed

Three volunteers are needed to run for the Board of Trustees in September. Two of the three members whose term expires can not run again because they have served 2 consecutive terms. Anyone interested in running is to contact the office or a board member.

Reminder Marina

Boaters using dock power are reminded to pay for dock power when used or pay the monthly rate. If you do not pay the daily rate we will bill you the monthly fee.

Reminder Water

Effective April 1st the community went to the summer water rates.

Holiday Runs

Due to low tides the Holiday runs that leave Hat Island at 1000am and leave Everett at 1100am on July 3 and July 31 have been cancelled.

HICI Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The regular monthly meeting was held on Saturday, June 12th, 2004 at the Hat Island Picnic Area. President Larry Petersen called the meeting at 2:08 p.m. All board members were present.

Minutes: A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes from the May meeting as printed in the View Point.

Treasurer's report: Linda Ebner presented the Treasurers report. The report was accepted as presented.

Golf: Linda Ebner thanked all of the volunteers who had been helping keep the golf course in good shape. She reported that all the equipment is operational. A question was asked as to why the greens weren't always mowed and the restrooms weren't always stocked and Linda noted that the greens keeper had just been asked to put in more hours to see that these things were done.

Vessels: Ken Baxter noted that both vessels were operational and that the Elsie M loan was paid off. This was a loan at 8.75% interest that was paid out of the 10% reserve account.

Maintenance/Equipment: George Alecci related that Roger had replaced the rear end in the community pick up. He also noted that the road grader had a crack in the rear end that hopefully could be welded since the rest of the machine was in good working order.

Marina: Stanley Krohn stated that Roger had been working on the docks. He also asked that everyone support the Community Carnival on July 31st to help pay for the new roofs for the rest room and picnic area.

Water: Melody Smith reported that the shut off valves and meter replacement project was still ongoing. She noted that the RO contact piping has been replaced and was so far functioning properly. She also noted that the Division M pressure pump was replaced at a cost of about \$500. Also, the water quality report will be in this month's View Point.

Melody announced that the community used 80,000 gallons of water over the Memorial Day weekend. This was average, with 72,000 being the lowest usage for that weekend and 112,000 being the most.

Larry Bender asked if there was a cost per gallon established yet for RO system and was told that although Melody and Skip had been working on this, they had not yet completed the compilation and analyses of the data. It was pointed out that because so much water was pumped to test the system, it is difficult to assess the actual costs and usage for the first year. It was agreed that all anyone wants is to price the water appropriately to pay for its production. A discussion of the overage rate of ten cents followed and it was pointed out that the rate was not instituted to help pay for costs as much as to encourage conservation. This is a key component of the community's water plan, which allows the issuance of water letters for building permits. We currently have 247 water meters and are now allowed to issue a total of 416 (169 more). The water that can be produced now has to be enough to supply these added homes in the future.

Old Business: Linda Ebner reported that the Community Fun Day on July 31, 2004 was set to go

and looked to be a fun time for all. There will be lots of games and events to entertain everyone. The funds raised from this will help pay for the new roofs on the rest room and picnic ramada. Larry Petersen reported that the dumpsters from May cost the community \$1692.78 and the community collected \$780.00, recovering 46% of the costs. This was better than last year and closer to our goal to collect 50%.

New Business: Larry Petersen, Stan Krohn and Skip Stienstra went to a meeting with the Puget Sound Passenger Ferry Coalition. This is a large group of interested persons from federal, state and local governments and transportation industries looking at the options of creating a network of passenger ferry runs connecting ports in Puget Sound. One of the suggested runs would be from Oak Harbor to Langly to Edmonds. This would also combine with a run from Edmonds to Seattle. The suggestion of stopping at Hat Island was covered and was positively received. This has the potential to open daily service to Hat Island at some point in the future. This is all still in the planning stage and no changes will be seen in the near future, but with the age of the Holiday combined with the cost to the community to run the Holiday, it is something that has to be looked at and considered. It was noted that this would in no way change that the Island is private property and open only to property owners and their guests.

Announcements: The Holiday runs from Hat Island at 10:00 am and returning from Everett at 11:00 am will not run on July 3rd and July 31st due to extreme low tides.

The community internet domain name for the web site is now registered in the community's name.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Merrill Balanag, Secretary

Your point of view

What are we coming to?

A series of events that have taken place on the island in the last year or so, that have made it clear to me that the island is being run by the inmates rather than by the community members as a group. I would like to submit here in this letter that the purpose and intent of the people owning property on the island is not about perpetuating a 'save the eagle' program, hugging trees, political infighting, and back to nature camp fire songs, but about being a bunch of people having a real nice place to go to on the week end to do their thing, and get away from all the hustle and bustle of day to day life in the big city. It seems that apparent retribution against property owners such as the equipment damage done to a private land owner is starting to look like a common event. The infrastructure is falling apart and one really has to wonder where the increased assessment monies are going. It is apparent that some people are taking the law into their own hands. It is no longer a friendly place to go to, volunteers are becoming harder to find, and it appears that people are being put off by the heavy handed methods the Board and the island manager are using to create absolute control.

As an example, when I was walking down the marina dock to board the 6:00 pm boat back to Everett the other day minding my own business, I was rudely and crudely approached by the vessel Captain and the deck hand in the most abrupt and belligerent manner that I have encountered in my forty plus years on this island. I was nearly knocked off the dock when these two people rushed at me shoulder to shoulder and demanded to know if I intended to bring that 'tool' on board the boat. Since all I had with me was a small FedEx package and a little electric limb trimmer, I was really set back trying to figure out what was causing their exaggerated height of hostility. I told them that I intended to bring these items back to Everett with me on the boat. They then informed me that given as to how much bigger they were than I am, that it would not be healthy for me to proceed. They did this intimidation thing, standing only inches away from my face and when I ask them if they really intended to do me bodily harm if I continued on to the boat, they said absolutely yes.

In the current environment, a situation exists where we have employees of the community that are willing to take violent action against members of the community in order to enforce rules that make no sense. I am referring here to the restrictions on what items are allowed to be put on the Community ferry boat. The operating word here is 'Community'. The boat is owned by, operated for and exists purely for the convenience of the Community members, not the other way around. This is the only means that the majority of the Community members have to bring their necessary and sometimes emergency personal property to and from the island. The Holiday is a freight boat, a people boat, a doggie boat, and a golf bag boat. This is part of life on the island. The inability of the vessel crew to load the freight where the freight goes and seat the people where the people go, is not a reason to penalize the member's usage of the boat. The mere fact that the island management and therefore, the crew, feel they have no other options other than violence, is indicative of the disarray that the community is operating under. Regardless of the cause behind the actions by these two employees, they need to find employment elsewhere. People with this kind of mind set have no business working for us and a board and their management staff that perpetuates this kind of behavior and continues to employ them should be thinking of seeking some other kind of endeavor their selves.

Violent action is not a normal answer to confronting usual and everyday trials and tribulations. There is no excuse here. Once an animal tastes blood, and gets away with it, it is only going to seek more blood. You could be the next person accosted by these out of control employees and they need to be removed post haste before the next community special assessment is one to cover a very large law suit from someone that becomes the victim of this 'violence solves all' employee mind set. The employees of the island should not be allowed to act as judge, jury and executioner in caring out their perceived duties.

It is time to bring normalcy and common sense back to the operation of the community. The Holiday exists for the pleasures of the community, not the other way around. The employees exist for the same reason. This is not a 'Captain of the High Seas' issue here. The special interest groups, the ongoing frivolous battles and disagreements, and the imposition upon the community of the personal extreme viewpoints need to go away. We should look back to our roots at the reasons as to why the island existed in its beginning as a community of the whole for the whole and start making common sense decisions and execute positive actions to achieve these goals.

We need to develop sensible rules that can be easily understood and followed. Violations of those rules are at worst, an inconvenience to the day to day business norms and should be handled accordingly. We also need to develop contingency plans that are non-violent, but are reasonable and administratively enforceable.

In many instances, the island has come a long way from the beginning days but in the last few years it has started a down hill slide that may be difficult to recover from. We need to start

right now getting back on track to making this piece of land a beautiful and relaxing place to be at rather than becoming a microseism of the complicated and stressful environment we are attempting to escape from a few hours each weekend.

Jim Waak

Messages from the Hat Island Yacht & Golf Club
For all Hat Islanders

Hat Island 4th of July Parade

Sunday, July 4th
12:30
Hat Island parking lot

We need a couple of volunteers to lead the best ever 4th of July parade as Miss Firecracker & Uncle Sam
Please call Sandy Russo 425-814-4522

Bring your own marching band
Bring your friends
build your float
Decorate anything that moves
Prizes,fun,food!

Lunch will follow at the HIY&GC

THE FOURTH ANNUAL ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH AT THE HIY&GC CLUBHOUSE.

If you or someone you know would like to sell their wares or creations at this fair, just call Jan Cartozian 360-444-6620 or Pam Berry 360-444-6610 to schedule a space from 12 noon to 3 PM. Tables are only \$10.00 for each artist or vendor.

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