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Report from the manager

Property Owners Schedule of Events for 2004

Dumpster Day May 1

Mike O'Brians church group May 21-22

Larry Bender Golf May 22

Suds and Stokes Golf July 8

Dave Younce Golf July 9-10

Community Fun Day July 31

Dave Surface Golf August 8

Carlson/DeYoung Golf August 21

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.

Parking at the Boat Launch

This is a reminder for property owners who park at the Everett Boat Launch. Please park away from the grass/picnic area facing the river.

3rd Annual Dumpster Day

Saturday May 1, 2004 will be the community dumpster day. We will start accepting trash at 9:00am and continue until 4:00pm. There will be 2 dumpsters for trash and 1 for metal. We will not accept refrigerators, freezers, batteries, tires or hazardous waste. Contractors will be asked to hold off until later in the day to allow property owners a chance to use the dumpsters. There will be a charge for using the dumpsters based on the amount of material delivered. Last year we recovered about 30% of the total charge.

Linda Ebner will be serving hot dogs, chips and soft drinks at the picnic area.

Thank You's

I would like to thank Muriel Place and Grace Stenlund for getting the quarterly billing ready for mailing.

Reminder

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

Tulalip Tribes Clam Population Surveys and Harvest

The community has received a letter in accordance with the federal court ruling notifying us of the survey and clam dig dates. The surveys will be conducted on May 5th and 7th. The clam digging dates are scheduled for June 4th and 5th, July 30th and 31st, and August 1st, 2004. Harvest will be conducted only in accordance with promulgated tribal regulations and applicable orders of the Federal District Court.

Meeting with the Director of the Marina at the Port of Everett

On April 16th, Stan Krohn and I had a meeting with Mr. Kim Buike and Mr. Dean Shaughnessy at the Port of Everett. A number of topics and concerns were covered.

Trash and recycling are a major problem. Department of Ecology is requiring recycling. So if you use the dumpster in the port please separate your trash. Property owners are required to register their vehicles with the port. In addition when you register please notify the port if you moor your boat in the marina or not. Effective May 1, 2004 the port will be strictly enforcing the 72 hour parking. If you are registered long term parking and have moorage in the marina that will not be a problem. However if you do not have moorage then you should be parked at the boat launch. Your vehicle still should be registered with the port if you park at the boat launch.

Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The regular monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, April 14th, 2004 at the Everett Elks. Board Vice-President Ken Baxter called the meeting to order for President Larry Petersen at 7:04 p.m. Merrill Balanag, Linda Ebner and Stan Krohn were also present. Larry Petersen, Melody Smith and George Alecci were absent.

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

Treasurer's report: Linda Ebner presented the Treasurers report. The report was accepted as presented. Ken Baxter thanked Linda for including the balances of our outstanding contracts for the RO system and the Elsie M.

Golf: Linda Ebner reported that a tour of the golf course revealed that the work on the ladies tee boxes was completed as well as hole filling on fairway #8. There are new tee markers and top dressing of the greens was to begin this week.

Vessels: Ken Baxter noted that the Holiday had a starting problem that he fixed and that the hydraulic fluid issue on the Elsie seems to be resolved.

Maintenance/Equipment: Ken Baxter reported for George Alecci that the backhoe had a hydraulic line leak that was to be fixed this week.

Marina: Stanley Krohn related that materials for the docks were ordered to do

some repair work. He also stated that Skip had a line on a couple of barges for the marina entrance that both he and Skip would try to get out to look at in the near future.

Water: Merrill Balanag reported for Melody Smith that 20 plus water meters were replaced. The Gray & Osbourne engineer came to the island to evaluate the iron problem in the beach wells and will be submitting his report soon but suggested that we may not have to build the extra filter system previously suggested. The problem may be able to be solved by back flushing the system with citric acid at a much smaller cost as previously quoted. Work is still under way to resolve the chlorine treatment pipe leak problem.

Old Business: The community received a bid from Pentec Environmental to do the eel grass study for the discharge and dredging permit projects of \$8,840.

New Business: There was no new business.

Announcements: Dumpster day is May 1st. There will be two dumpsters for garbage and one for scrap metal. A nominal fee will be charged to those who use the service. There will also be hot dogs and a garage sale/swap at the barbecue area.

The Yacht club is having a golf course clean up on May 1st also. Volunteers are welcome.

The Community Carnival is scheduled for July 31st to have fun and raise funds to re-roof the picnic building. Anyone who would like to help, please contact Linda Ebner. She is looking for help with booths and coordinating fun events. There was a reminder that summer water rates began April 1st.

Parking at the Port of Everett Park was discussed because of word that there would probably be a fee for parking in the future. This lead to a discussion of where the proper parking for Hat Islanders was and that a large number of people were parking in the wrong area. A drawing will be posted in the View Point to review our designated parking area. The area closest to the water is supposed to be for day park users only and NOT for Hat Island cars.

There was also a reminder that the dumpsters in the fenced area are for Hat Island use. We are NOT to use the park garbage cans to dump our trash. Either use the dumpster or take it home.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Merrill Balanag, Secretary

Your Point of View

Every now and then, we have the good fortune of being reminded of what a great community we have here on Hat. Sometimes those opportunities come disguised in one form of drama or another. Since it seems to be human nature that we don't always appreciate what we have until it is pointed out to us, those little dramas serve as examples of how great we truly have it to be surrounded by such a great community.

A number of times, our good neighbors and community members have come to our rescue. Sometimes, we have asked for the help, sometimes it has been given without the request. Over the New Year's holiday, I was at our place accompanied by 12 teenagers. When the laundry room flooded and I was up to my ankles in water, Barbara and Jim Conwell, in spite of the fact that Jim was suffering with pneumonia, came down to help out. Jim has bailed us out a number of times and for that we are greatly appreciative.

After the flood incident, I was anxious to get home to return the various youngsters I had with me to the arms of their own parents. Unfortunately, due to the cold, the ferry hadn't come that Saturday and it remained to be seen as to whether it was going to come Sunday. When I called Skip explaining that I had to get these kids home in time for them to get to their homework, he was able to arrange to have the ferry come early in the day. We packed our bags and were heading for the ferry, only to have the car freeze up on us 15 minutes before departure time. In a panic, again I called Skip, who was at my door within a very few minutes to collect me, 12 kids and all of our gear. He shuttled us to the ferry (you should have seen his car) and we were able to get on the ferry and return home.

While I did ask for help, I got a lot more than I asked for. Once again, those great neighbors of mine came to our rescue without any expectation other than to lend a helping hand. What more can you ask for. In the days of crazy schedules, hectic lifestyles and not a lot of time for relationship building, I am truly grateful.

Lisa Shank

Hoorah –Spring is here and summer will be here soon. As the weather gets nicer, more Hat Island ferry riders want to be outside, on top of the Holiday. This often poses a problem for dog owners - who are required to be outside of the main cabin. We doggy people endure the wind, rain and waves during the winter because of these regulations.

Everyone deserves to be in the sun on these nice days that are approaching – but – dog owners should take priority on space outside – all year – winter and summer.

So for non-dog owners – please show some common courtesy – let us get up on top and sit with our dogs. They are precious family members and we like to sit together.

Tell your visitors too – dog owners, and their dogs. All deserve a place on the top of the ferry - and seats, too.

Many thanks

James, Woody and Susan Simmons

Woodie and Trip, too

PUBLIC NOTICE

Background

Many boat ramps in Puget Sound charge for launches or for parking or for both. The \$5 launch fee at the Port of Everett 10th St Boat Launch remains one of the lowest in Puget Sound and there has never been a charge for parking. Not surprisingly, the 10th street boat ramp parking area, although the largest in the state, is often full on weekends in the summer and many who would like to launch their boats are left with no place to park. Some go home – others launch their boat and park in undesignated areas, creating safety issues (blocking fire lanes, blocking vehicle movement, hazarding pedestrians).

The “car only” parking area is primarily for those who are accompanying boaters who have launched their boats. This area, also, is in very high demand on weekends, and cars parked overnight effectively deny others use of the facilities at the marine park and boat launch.

Various alternatives have been explored to maximize patrons' access to and use of the 10th Street facilities, while also helping to ease the financial loss the Boat Ramp experiences each year. (Despite the Boat Launch's popularity, revenue from launch fees alone does not cover the costs of operating, maintaining, providing security for, or making major repairs to the launch and marine park facilities.)

Port Staff Recommendation

Though increasing the launch fee remains an option that may be presented to the Everett Port Commission in the future, staff is expecting to propose a charge for ALL overnight vehicle parking. Details of this proposal are anticipated as follows:

For 2004, the overnight parking fee proposal would charge for weekends and holidays only, starting May 28th, with Memorial Day Weekend, and extending to Sunday, September 26th. On a normal (non-holiday) weekend, overnighters would pay a \$3 per night fee as follows:

Friday or Saturday night \$3
Friday and Saturday night \$6

Those parking overnight for an entire holiday weekend (for example: Fri, Sat and Sun of Memorial Day weekend) would pay \$9. Some patrons leave their vehicle and/or trailer at the boat launch overnight for extended periods of time and would be required to pay for all weekend nights their vehicle remains on

Port property. Monthly (\$24) or season (\$100) parking passes would also be available to those expecting to park overnight for even longer periods.

The Boat Ramp Ticket Machines would be reprogrammed to dispense all parking passes with the exception of the monthly (or annual) passes that would be purchased at the South Marina Office.

It is expected that this proposal will be formally submitted to the Port Commission for discussion on May 4, 2004 and for Port Commission action on May 11, 2004. Comments regarding this proposal should be submitted in writing to Port of Everett Marina, P.O. Box 538, Everett, WA 98206, dropped off at the South Marina Office, or sent by e-mail to marina@portofeverett.com

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