



### **Reminder**

After last years very impressive fourth of July fire works exhibition by property owners, It was decided that that kind of thing can no longer happen. The fire department and your Board of Trustees are required to follow County and State regulations.

**Safe and Sane Fireworks are all that will be permitted on Hat Island.**

**“Safe and sane” are those purchased at stands licensed by Snohomish County , not those from Indian Reservations**

**All Division H special assessment funds must be paid by June 1st, 2005. If funds are not in hand the project will not be done.**

Yacht Club Cruise

### **Thank You**

I would like to thank Ron Near, Joe Ebner, Bob LaLone, Bob Creed, and Jim Conwell for helping top dress the greens. I would also like to thank Ron Near, Joe Ebner, and George Harmon for keeping the grass cut on the golf course. The yacht club had their annual golf course clean up day and did an excellent job with weeding the greens and filling in the holes on the course and covering exposed tree roots. I would also like to thank Matt Surowiecki for donating the dirt for the golf course work. Thanks also to Pete Buser, Dick and Margit Spadt, Joe and Linda Ebner for helping with the dumpster day.

### **Boat Launch Season Parking**

The 10<sup>th</sup> ST Boat Launch Season Parking Permits are now available for purchase in the south marina office. The cost again this year is \$75.00. The Port of Everett will be requiring patrons to pay for overnight parking or have one of these permits on weekends starting with the Friday on Memorial Day weekend and going through the end of September. There are monthly passes also available for \$21.00 per month.

### **Fiber Optics**

Whidbey Telecom will be connecting the new underwater fiber optic to the phone system over the next few months. The new cable will run up the gravel pit road to the phone companies building in Division G.

### **Division H Access Road Update**

As of May 16<sup>th</sup> we have received \$199.85 from 401 property owners. We have received \$3,791.66 from 16 Division H property owners.

### **Reminder about Recycle Bins**

With summer approaching,

### **Report from the Island Manager**

#### **Property Owners Schedule of Events**

- June 3 BMC Golf Tournament
- June 4 Jon Larson Golf Tournament
- June 11 PSYC Golf Tournament
- June 18 Scott Simmons Memorial Golf Tournament
- July 14 Suds & Stokes Golf Tournament
- July 30 Community Fun Day**
- August 20 Carlson/Deyoung Golf Tournament

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the Port of Everett has requested property owners that use the dumpster at the boat launch to sort their trash use the recycling bins.

## **HIC Board Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order:** The regular monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at the Everett Elks Club. President Stan Krohn called the meeting at 7:00 p.m. All board members were present.

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

**Treasurer's report:** Melody Smith presented the Treasurers report. The report was accepted as presented.

**Golf:** Larry Bender stated that the mowers had been sharpened and that a group of volunteers had mowed the course and top-dressed the greens. Many thanks to those volunteers. Ken Baxter noted that he had found a greens mower available for \$750. The board approved the purchase of that mower.

**Vessels:** Ken Baxter reported all vessels operational. Also, the board is considering

changing the schedule next year to allow for the turn around needs because of slower runs to preserve the engines. Possible changes could be leaving at 8:30 instead of 9:00. Another change could be the standardizing of the evening runs in the winter to all be same times. Comments and suggestions are welcome.

**Maintenance/Equipment:** George Alecci announced that the board had instructed the Island manager to get some temporary repairs done to the docks to make them safer for the summer until the new docks can be installed. Also, the southern marina light is under repair and should be done shortly.

**Marina:** Charlotte Maulsby reported that the ballpark figure for the breakwater is around \$750,000. There is not formal estimate as yet, but a concept was established and that estimate will be forthcoming. The original idea of the floating wave attenuater was not deemed the ideal solution for our marina, but the stationary fence concept that is recommended can be adapted to have a dock and ramps attached for larger ferry service if

desired. This is the concept that will be pursued. A request was made to replace the life rings at the head of the docks.

**Water:** Melody Smith reported that everything is operational. In answer to a question, she stated that the new rate has only one tier, which is \$.05 for over 6,000 gallons and the \$.018 base rate is based on our cost to produce water.

**Old Business:** There was a reminder that all monies must be in by June 1<sup>st</sup> for the Division H access road project. No funds will be committed to permitting or contracting the work until all funds are in place. As of May 7<sup>th</sup>, 341 lots had paid the \$199.85 (and 1 at \$175.00) (36%) and 9 ½ lots had paid the Division H higher payment (20%).

It was revisited that the Community, by way of the board, has banned all non-safe and sane fireworks on the Island. The Board is supporting the laws of Snohomish County on this subject. Fire is the most deadly threat to our community.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers that made Dumpster day a success.

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**New Business:** There was no new business.

**Announcements:** Parking fees on the Everett side begins on Friday & Saturday nights (and Sunday nights if Monday is a holiday) starting Memorial Weekend. It will be \$3 per night, \$21 monthly or \$75 for the season for car parking only or \$150 for the year for boat launch and car & trailer parking.

More junkers will be removed over the next couple weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Merrill Balanag, Secretary

## Your Point of View

Letter to the Editor,

After receiving the Jan, Feb, March water bill, I had a couple concerns.

WOW!! Our water usage was \$128. That is \$25. More than all our usage last year. I knew the rates were going up as of Jan 2005. Towards to end of Dec 2004, I did 10-12 loads of laundry, blankets and things you don't launder often. Only to discover, the water meters had been read on Dec 20, 2004!

I met with the board member in charge of water, only to be told "It did come to the boards attention & we made a decision to not do anything about it. We wanted the last quarter water bill to go out before the end of the year." I requested an adjustment for the early meter reading, only to be told "No."

Why were the full time residents not notified? I had voted for a board we were told wanted to represent the people and the best interest of the island. The water rate increases, I was told, was because of 3 homeowners that had huge water bills last year, that they (3 families), wanted a more equitable water rate system. So, the water rates just increased 8 times!! When the increases were posted in the View Point several months ago, .018 cents a gallon didn't mean much. That is almost 2 cents a gallon!! Sounds equitable and reasonable to me. Really?!! Guess we need to get three people to write letters about the docks, maybe something will actually happen.

Did you know that there were less than 25 full time residents on the island all winter? We are the people who watch your homes, going house to house after our famous wind storms, notify you of power outages, downed trees, roof damage, respond to your calls to check your heat, water, vehicles, responding to emergencies, and employees who keep this place running.

I expect when most of the homeowners start returning to the island and receive their second quarter water bills, they will be shocked.

Again, why were the full time residents not notified when the meters were read in December? Please don't forget us.

Barbara Conwell

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## Covenant Solution?

I'm sending this on to you because the continuance of Hat Island is a key issue. I don't know for sure if this is a solution, but at least it's an option. Would it be possible to work within the guidelines of "Neighborhood Preservation" with Snohomish County to have our current CC&Rs become codified for the Island? I know there are ramifications to involving the County with our planning, and it would most likely require the creation of a committee (though we might be able to utilize the existing Architectural Control Committee).

Information is available at [www.MRSC.org](http://www.MRSC.org) (just type in "neighborhood preservation" in the search window). The upside would be protection of our existing covenants and also potential grants and matching funds. Information on the money side is available at [www.neighborhood.com](http://www.neighborhood.com) or [www.nusa.org](http://www.nusa.org). They're both non-profits that are set up to help neighborhoods find funds.

I can appreciate the frustration of trying to run a community with too little money and too many demands. It's hard to do long-term planning when there are so many immediate pressures. God willing, the Road to "H" will soon be an issue of the past!

Shirley Allen

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### **Volunteer Efforts**

During the last few months we have been without a greens keeper, and about the middle of June we are planning on getting one. I would like to thank all the people who have contributed to keeping the golf course in good condition. This last Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, we had a golf course clean up that was organized by Ginger Harmon. If you go up to the course you can enjoy all the improvements that they have done. It was nice to see most everyone contribute. When we had first proposed that volunteers could take over for the greens keeper we got a lot of apprehension, but I am sure that if they would just go up and look at the great job every one has done, they might not have been so apprehensive.

Larry Bender

### **The Golf Course Cleanup Was a Huge Success**

Thank you to all of the community members that came out May 14<sup>th</sup> for the golf course cleanup. Skip Stienstra laid out

several course improvements that could benefit the most from the extra volunteer labor. I am happy to report that all of these goals were met.

Skip, George Harmon and Les Allen distributed piles of dirt around the course to cover up bare tree roots. These are the roots that create havoc when the mowers run over them.

Dale DeFoor, Carol & Dell Lowell, Jon & Karen Rypdahl, Jim Conwell, John Maulsby, Joe Ebner, Bob Gowing, Dave Shank, Bob Brunjie, Jim & Marilyn Brandon, Randy Rhodes and Alan Dashen all raked out the piles of dirt, removed debris and reseeded these areas. Special thanks to Matt Surowiecki for donating the dirt we used.

Jerry Dahl, Joan & Dave Andrews, Shirley Allen, Terry & Karen Dickens, Janet Dearing, and Suzanne Wade pulled weeds on all nine greens and resanded and reseeded the bare areas after the weeds were removed. Special thanks to Ron Near who recut all the holes and provided his know how when it came to removing the weeds and reseeding the greens. Dennis Dearing used his weed-eater and cleaned up many overgrown areas around the course.

Thanks to Susan Dahl and Ann DeFoor for preparing lunch. I had the easy job, passing out water and assigning the work details. Thanks again for a great effort from all involved.

Ginger Harmon

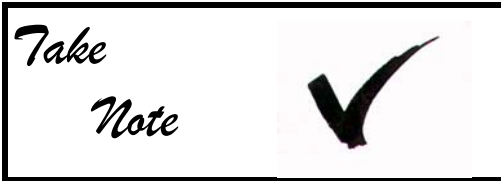
### **Division H Property Owners who have Paid**

I would like to thank the

following property owners who have paid the \$3,791.66 Special Assessment in full as of Monday May 16th.

- Frank Cox H-9
- Mac McDonel H-10
- Bob Gowing H-11
- Charlotte Maulsby H-15 & 1/2 of H-14
- Ray Stephanson H-17
- Morrie Trautman H-19 & H-20
- Dell Lowell H-26
- William Fenster H-27 & H-28
- John Dietz H-30
- Patrick Duffy H-36
- Dick Pouria H-37
- Holdaway H-47 & H-48
- Mark Harman 1/2 H-25





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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**June**

4 Sat Elsie M load/run 7:30am  
Board work session 10:30 am

**HIC monthly meet/Hat Island**

**2:00pm**

11 Sat Fire Drill 10:00am  
Fire Bunnies lunch 12:30 pm  
Fire Cmmissioners meet 1:30pm

13 Mon View Point articles due

**July**

3 Sun Fire Bunnies Pancake Breakfast

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30 Sat Community Fun Day

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**Remember: All dogs must be in a carrier or muzzled while on the Holiday**

**Take your garbage home**

**Holiday Ferry Schedule**



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Day	Depart Everett	Arrive Hat	Depart Hat	Arrive Everett	Remarks
May 20	2005	through	Sept 6	2005	Ferry runs
Wed	8:00am	8:45am	9:00am	9:45am	every Wed.
Wed	5:30pm	6:15pm	6:30pm	7:15pm	
Friday	6:30pm	7:15pm	7:30pm	8:15pm	Memorial &
Saturday	9:00am	9:45am	10:00am	10:45am	Labor days
Saturday	11:00am	11:45am	4:00pm	4:45pm	Holiday
Saturday	5:00pm	5:45pm	6:00pm	6:45pm	ferry
Sunday	9:00am	9:45am	10:00am	10:45am	schedule
Sunday	11:00am	11:45am	4:00pm	4:45pm	same as
Sunday	5:00pm	5:45pm	6:00pm	6:45pm	Sunday