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Report from the Island Manager

Thank You

I would like to thank Muriel Place for helping get the ballot and the newsletter ready for mailing. Dave and Joan Andrews for helping get the ballot ready for mailing. John Maulsby and Jim and Barbara Conwell for helping Roger and I clean out the garbage from the junk vehicles in the marina and filling the dumpster. The Hat Island Yacht & Golf Club for approving and purchasing a new American Flag for the marina.

Junk Vehicles

As of this writing we have sent 20 vehicles to the junkyard this year. We have 2 more vehicles with titles or the required paper work and they will be disposed of shortly. If a property owner wants to get rid of a junk vehicle please contact the office. The office has the proper paper work and will assist you in filling it out if you do not have a title. The ballpark area is not to be used as a junk storage area for trash or vehicles.

Community Access Road Update

We have 200 ecology blocks in the marina for the repair of the beachfront road. Merrill Balanag arranged for the trucking and Ken Baxter arranged for American Construction to unload the trucks. Ken also arranged to have them load the landing crafts for transport of the blocks to the island.

Insurance

A risk control representative from SAFCO came to the island on March 18th. He found everything in order and had a better understanding of how the community operates when he left.

Property Owners Schedule of Events for 2002

APRIL 27 Hat Island Clean Up Day

JUNE 1 Larry Bender Golf Tournament

JULY 11 Suds & Stokes Golf Tournament

JULY 27 Tom Deyoung Golf Tournament

AUGUST 9 C.W. Bright Golf Tournament

SEPTEMBER 20 Joe Ebner Golf Tournament

ATTENTION ALL PROPERTY OWNERS

On Saturday, April 27th there will be two dumpsters at the marina for trash. Refrigerators and freezers and batteries will not be accepted. Paint cans must be open and the paint dried up. Trash from the roadways and beaches and from your lot is welcome. This is a good way to clean up and get rid of things too large, heavy or messy to be hauled off the island by private boat or the ferry. This service is provided by HIC and is "free". Please see insert for other events going on the same day.

RO Update

The pump test on the first well was a success and the drillers will return on March 25th to start the second well. We drilled down to 64 feet on the first well. There is a total of 15 feet of screens and the water out of the well is very clear. This will cut down the amount of backwashing time needed for the multi media filters. We have submitted the application for the building permit and should have a permit in 6 to 8 weeks if there are no problems with the design.

Water Update

The wells have recovered and we are now filling the storage tanks. It takes time for the water to get into the island water table. Everyone is reminded to conserve on fresh water.

We do not have an unlimited supply of water.

Property Values

If any property owner knows of a commercial appraiser that will not charge the community an arm and a leg please contact the office. I would like to have the community properties appraised. This information will be passed on to all property owners. The entire community should protect their investment.

Skip Stienstra
Island Manager
Hat Island Community

Snohomish County FPD #27

Dial 911 For Emergencies

When the 911 operator answers, you will be asked for the location of the incident you are reporting. The county assigns street addresses. On Hat Island they use Lot number, Division and then street name.

For example, the address of the fire station is:
100-F Saratoga Dr.


Use this sequence if you have the information. If you don't, give the best description you can. Such as marina area, club house, Div. "H" hill road, etc.

Thanks, SCFPD 27

Harbormaster Report


None this month

Barb Conwell, Harbor Master



Maintenance and Greens Keeper Report

None this month



HIC Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The regular monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, March 13th, 2002 at the Everett Elks. Board President Larry Petersen called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m. All Board members were present except Larry Bender.

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

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

Golf: Larry Peterson reported for Larry Bender on the condition of the golf course. The fairways are in good shape and the greens, as previously discussed, are still in need of work. He reported that Larry Bender and the greenskeeper were getting things organized to remove trees around some of the more problematic greens to increase sunlight and airflow. They want to do this now while no other work can be done. He also reported that replacement cups, flags and poles have been purchased.

Vessels: Ken Baxter noted that the Coast Guard & Insurance Survey work that needed to be done on the Holiday was completed and one engine was overhauled. A number of small items were corrected on the two Elsie's and both were running that day. When asked, Ken stated that we will be selling the Elsie M if a buyer is found, but he is hoping that that will be after the work is completed on the wheel house for the Elsie M II so we are not out of transportation during that time. There is one buyer currently interested.

Maintenance/Equipment: Bob Cook announced all equipment was in good working order. He also related that the road to Division N was open but may need more work later. A question raised regarding liability involved in slides and their repairs prompted a discussion as to whether signs should be posted. It was left to the discretion of the island manager as to whether that would be necessary.

Marina: Charlotte Maulsby reported that all but the last four abandoned cars had been removed from the marina. She also talked about the possible reconfiguration of the marina entrance when we dredge the marina as a possible (or partial) breakwater solution.

Water: Larry Petersen related that the first beach well for the RO system was done and performed very well in its pump tests. Therefore, the second well is being drilled. In addition, the plans for the building were submitted earlier that day. When the plans are approved, we will move forward on its construction. This could start as soon as May. When asked, Larry answered that the new system will allow 150 new connections with the ability to easily expand to a second identical system. Another question asked when water letters were granted. Larry stated that these were given after county permits and architectural committee approvals were obtained.

Old Business: Ken Baxter reported that the purchase of 200 ecology blocks was made and the blocks were delivered to the American Construction dock. The two Elsie's moved 72 blocks to the island that day and should all be on the island by Friday.

New Business: In reference to the letter from our insurance representative, there was a discussion about sponsored events and who's insurance covers such events. This is something

that Skip will be getting more information on as it may cause our insurance to increase if others insurance do not cover their events. More information will follow on this next month.

Larry Petersen announced that fireworks on the Fourth of July would be allowed only on Thursday, July 4th at the ballpark in the marina.


Linda Ebner reported that on April 27th, the community would sponsor a clean-up day where we will have two dumpsters on the island. One for recycled metal and one for garbage (no hazardous waste). We will also be having a lunch and a community yard sale. Bring your unwanted items and trade/sell it to someone else.

Larry Petersen reported the ballot results for the assessment increase. There were a total of 293 eligible votes with 159 yes votes and 134 no votes. There were 54 non-eligible votes received. Therefore the ballot passed by 54.3%. It was noted that this is the first increase in 22 years.

The final subject discussed was the mailing by Bill Odgers and his committee. Larry talked about the methods of requesting a special meeting as outlined in the Articles of Incorporation. The required three possible ways are by the President calling a meeting, a majority of the trustees calling a meeting or a request by 25% of owners. The response from Mr. Odgers' mailing did not meet the 25% requirement. Mr. Petersen also questioned whether, because of the confusion as to who sponsored the mailing, the response was also not a good representation of owners wishes. It also should be done in the form of a petition rather than a vote format. Given the opportunity to respond, Mr. Odgers stated that he felt that although technically, he did not have the proper number of signatures, the board should put these issues to a vote. The board took no action at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Merrill Balanag, Secretary


Community Picnic and Garage Sale and Trash Day
April 27, 2002
9 AM to 3 PM
Picnic Area

Be there early to set up your garage sale items and to get in line for the dumpsters

A great opportunity to get together with friends and neighbors and dispose of your scrap metal, garbage and reusable items. Hat

Island Community will provide 2 dumpsters (one for scrap metal and one for other garbage) hot dogs and sodas. If you would like to bring a pot luck dish, please contact:

Linda Ebner
360-444-6630 or 206-878-2339


Editorial



Conserve water

'Knowing is not enough,
we must apply:
Willing is not enough,
we must do.'
-unknown

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

Reminder

On the Everett side , in the park area, we are required to park away from the park by the Port of Everett. That means don't park facing the river, those spaces are reserved for park users.. Park parallel to the river.

Your Point of View

Editor

It is with major misgivings that I have voted against the dues increase. I am very much in favor of giving the staff a well deserved raise and spending money for maintenance on items such roads, utilities, marina and ferry service. Island access and roads benefit all owners. However, only a small percentage of lot owners golf and the green fees are very low. I draw the line at requiring all members to subsidize the golf course operation and maintenance. Dues increase for golf activities is a significant proportion of the total increase.

Sincerely

Gordon Roome, J-67

Cost of Golf Course

Recent proposals for increase in assessments prompts me to inquire of the Community whether we are spending a disproportionate amount of money on the golf course in view of its being used by so few community members. A brief perusal of accounts discussed in ViewPoint would indicate that 30%, maybe much more, of the assessment dues received goes to golf course maintenance labor, supplies equipment. My observations have been that the golf course has very light usage. Its quite lively when someone organizes a summer tournament but that is not very often.

How many lot owners in the community use the golf course - 5% - or is it less? Do green fees effectively defray all expenses? Do the majority of islanders subsidize the golf course? The cost of maintenance makes golf a very expensive pastime in mainland private clubs. At municipal courses they try to keep the greens busy throughout daylight hours 12 months a year. Can Hat Island afford golf? Or was it just a great idea of the original Hat Island developers to help sell lots?

Sincerely,

Gordon Roome J67.

Take Note**HIC Income and Expenses**

Detailed reports are available at monthly board meetings and are also available in the Community office on the Island.

Holiday Ferry

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Schedule of Events

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