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Report from the Island Manager

WATER UPDATE

Just a reminder, when you leave the island please turn your water off at the meter. While reading water meters at the beginning of this month, I found numerous meters were left on. Remember, if you have a leak you pay for the water used. This is the time of the year when the water tanks are cleaned and water meters and valves are being changed.

RO UPDATE

The equipment contracts are in order and ready for signing by the community. Gray & Osbourne received 2 bids for the drilling and testing of the beach wells. The 2 companies and bids are Hokkaido Drilling, Inc. at \$39009.60 and Holt Drilling, Inc. at \$40280.00. All references and the bid bonds have been checked and the contract will be awarded to Hokkaido Drilling, Inc of Graham Washington. As soon as the Shoreline permit is issued the beach wells will be drilled and the water tested. The permit process is still on track for breaking ground for the building in late November or early December. The Snohomish County hearing examiner conducted his site visit on Thursday October 11th, and made no comments. As of this writing there have been no negative comments filed with the county on this project. The results of the hearing will be printed in the December paper.

CHECK THOSE HOSES

The following is a reprint of an article that was published by State Farm Insurance Company.

"After a difficult day at work, you come home to find several inches of water in your home. But the culprit isn't melting snow, rainwater, or even a flood. A hose on your washing machine split, sending gallons of water rushing into your home.

Each year washing machine hose failures cause millions of dollars in damage to homes in the United States and Canada. You can take the following precautions to reduce the chances of experiencing this loss:

Make sure there are at least four inches between the water connection and the back of your washing machine.

Check washing machine hoses regularly for cracks and bulges. Keep track of the last time you inspected your hoses.

Make sure that hose connections are secure, including the main drain hose.

Consider having a professional plumber install a single-handled valve that makes it easier to turn off the water supply to your washing machine.

Make sure everyone in your house knows how to open and close the shutoff valve to the washing machine.

Shut off water at the valves if you will be away from home for several days.

THANK YOU'S

I would like to thank the out going Commodore of Golf, Marilyn Burns, for doing an exceptional job of collecting green fees during the yacht club golf tournaments. This has been our best year ever for money collected. I would like to thank Dick Spadt and Grace Stenlund for getting last

months View Point ready for mailing. Another thank you goes to Joan Andrews and Kaye and Dan Rome for stuffing envelopes and getting the quarterly billing ready for mailing.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Bill Odgers has donated countless hours in the construction of the new office in the marina. He has spent \$12,934.35 of his own money to help complete the project. The county has assessed the value of the building and land at \$193,000.00. The project was to be completed with donations from the community, however as the building neared completion the donations dried up. If anyone is interested in making a donation please make your check payable to HIC and write marina building on your check. Thank You.

Passage

Jack S. Christofferson, 88, passed away on September 25,2001. He was a long time Hat Islander and a past Commodore of the Yacht Club. His wife, Barbara preceded him in death.

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

Fall and winter is moving in on us much too quickly. Now is the time to remove dinghys from the marina if you are not using it on a weekly basis. To help in identification, post your lot number on the stern. Boats on trailers belong on your property for the winter, not the parking lot.

In the parking lot, take notice of the Day Parking signs at the top of the marina ramps. These few spots are for day or over night parking only. The daily commuters will thank you.

I've been putting together a list of cell phone numbers of islanders. I use these numbers to contact boat owners if there is a problem in the marina.


Thank you Ron Near for volunteering your time mowing & maintaining the duck pond this summer. You've done a beautiful job. Five baby ducks survived this year thanks to Ron & Bette diligently chasing crows away.

If you would like to donate a flag or windsock for the marina flagpole, contact me at 360-444-6647, thank you.

Barb Conwell, Harbor Master

Maintenance and Greens Keeper Report

None this month



HIC Board Meeting Minutes

Board Positions Voted on in September

Call to Order: The regular monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, October 10th, 2001 at the Everett Elks. Board Vice-President Ken Baxter called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Board members present were Ken Baxter, Charlotte Maulsby, Merrill Balanag, Bob Cook and Linda Ebner. Larry Peterson and Larry Bender were absent.

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

Treasurer's report: Linda Ebner presented a new report that summarized year to date income versus expense by specific revenue centers as previously requested by property owners. Linda read the Treasurers report.

Water: Linda Ebner reported for Larry Peterson. She reported that the required O3 proof of insurance was received today. She also attended the opening of bids for the two wells to be drilled for the RO system at Gray and Osbourne. Holt Drilling bid was \$43,503 and Hokkaido bid was \$39,009. Gray and Osbourne will review bids prior to acceptance.

Linda announced that it was necessary to combine two lots to be used for the RO water building because the commercial zoning status that requires 25' setbacks. Hearing examiners will be at the office to check things out prior to the hearing on October 17th.

Vessels: Ken Baxter reported that we have been using the new Elsie M II while the Elsie M is under repairs. The Elsie M should be back working next week. The price of the new gear went from \$3800 to \$700. As soon as it is back in the water he will go back to the work on the Elsie M II, which has performed well and is capable of carrying larger loads. We are using this time to get an idea of the costs to run it. It still needs work done on the steering. The wheelhouse is to be replaced but will still be two stories. Work is progressing on that. The ramp also needs an extension to keep vehicles from hanging up on the gate and tearing it up. Wood planks work but tend not to be used. Moorage was obtained on the river where it would be less dangerous for one person to dock.

The Holiday repairs were done in the nick of time with an added day of irritating small details taken care of. The life raft issue is still not fully resolved but with the two old rafts and the new raft we should be OK for a full load of 92. We are definitely OK for 88 passengers.

Maintenance/Equipment: Bob Cook reported that repairs to the bus are under way on the brakes and should be finished by Friday. Repairs to the backhoe are on hold until the bus is back running.

Marina: Charlotte Maulsby's report mentioned the eventual dredging of the marina and that the main light at the ferry needed to be replaced. Also the grate on the north walkway may need to be replaced. Zona Wyatt has plan applications ready for the marina dredge and is sending them in. Charlotte requested input from property owners on what they thought needed attention.

Golf: Ken Baxter reported for Larry Bender that he received advice from an expert on what could be done for the repair of the damaged greens. The green on #4 is the worst. The greens are too compacted in addition to the burns causing algae to grow. These greens will need to be temporarily roped off with temporary greens set up while repairs are done. We will try to start these repairs right away. There was

also a discussion as to lack of training and placing blame unjustly on under-trained employees. There was a wealth of information offered up as sources of help for maintaining the golf course. This included a study of our course by the Everett Country Club's greens keeper, sending our employees to learn from other keepers, and more reasonable treatment of employees to keep good employees from quitting. The members agreed that we would move toward improving the maintenance of this important community asset.

Old Business: Work is still progressing on the removal of cars, but now a new form is required in order to get the names of the owners. We must file a Freedom of Information Act form to get the names. This is being done.

Discussions of the costs for the Island office pursued the legality of reimbursing costs to Bill Odgers in that it exceeds the limits allowed by the Board. It was decided that we still need to raise more money to pay for the office and we would put a request in the View Point for more donations.

In response to the Division H Grading violations, a new proposal is being investigated to re-configure the road to split at the second hairpin turn to go directly down to H1 as well as the park. This would allow us to abandon the beach road between the park and H1 reducing the bulkhead costs. The board has approved pursuing the feasibility of this proposal.

The revised denied access letters were sent out and we are waiting for results or further action.

New Business: New rates for the Elsie M II were discussed. Because of the increase costs of running it combined with the increased capacity it was felt that the rate should be raised to \$450 per run. Loads could be coordinated through the office so that two cars could be brought over together and the price split at \$225 per car. For builders, larger loads could be brought to decrease the number of overall loads. A motion was made and carried to increase the rate to \$450. No increase was made to standby time. These rates would be reviewed after the first of the year and adjusted up or down after analyzing actual costs.

Parking on the Everett side was discussed. Several people have been seen to park in the area designated for park parking only. We were asked to remind people that Island parking is the areas where you park parallel to the river, not facing the water.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Merrill Balanag, Secretary



NAVY BASE RESTRICTED ZONE

Due to the events of September 11, the U. S. Coast Guard is enforcing a Naval Vessel Protection Zone around the Naval Station in Everett. The law which authorizes the establishment of the protection zone says "all vessels within 500 yards of a US Naval vessel shall operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain a safe course and shall proceed as directed by the official patrol..." It also says "The official patrol may permit vessels that can only operate safely in a navigable channel to pass within 100 yards of a US Naval vessel to ensure a safe passage in accordance with navigation rules." The Navy and Coast guard have agreed that there is not 100yards between buoy #3 and the Navy docks. Boaters must understand the concerns of the Navy and Coast Guard about security and that they do their best to comply with the requirements of the 500 yard protection zone at the mouth of the river by slowing down as much

as possible.

Let's look at the Numbers Now

Two months ago the paper ran an article "Let's look at the Numbers". What I want to do for property owners is look at the years 1999 and 2000. These figures include payroll but do not include depreciation.

The Holiday continues to be the most expensive item in our budget. The income received was \$67,922.00. The expenses were \$132,144.00 leaving a loss of \$64,222.84 dollars for the 2 years.

The Elsie M had an income of \$82,987.00 and expenses of \$55,749.00 for a gain of \$27,238.00 for the 2 years.

The marina income was \$86,335.00 and expenses were \$30,015.00 for a profit of \$56,340.00.

Golf had an income of \$54,498.00 and expenses were \$43,977.00 for a profit of \$5,260.00.

The water system had an income of \$74,343.00 and the expenses were \$65,664.00 for a profit of \$8,679.00.

Equipment and repair had an income of \$1,467.00 and the expenses were \$34,611.00 for a loss of \$33,144.00. These figures do not include the purchase and pay off of the new backhoe that was paid for out of the Special Assessment Account.

Roads had no income and the expenses and loss was \$52,172.00.

Administration and operational income including assessments was \$354,892.00 and expenses were \$263,137.00 for a gain of \$91,756.00. Examples of expenses are property taxes, island insurance, cost of gas and diesel, B & O tax, employee medical insurance, postage, and accountant to name a few.

Total income for last 2 years \$722,444.00

Total expenses for last 2 years \$677,469.00

Total profit for last 2 years \$44,975.00

Payroll, which is included in the figures above, for year 1999 was \$150,238.00 and for the year 2000 was \$147,692.00. Assessments received for year 1999 was \$142,166.27 and for 2000 were \$151,345.59.

In summary the community has 3 job centers that definitely continue to lose money and only the Holiday has income. Unless the community doubles the rates we will have to continue to subsidize the passenger ferry. Employees are not denied any parts or tools that are absolutely needed to complete projects in any of the job centers. We have had 2 beautiful winters with a few small slides so road maintenance expense in that area has been minimal. If the community suffers serious problems it will not take long to use up any extra money that we may have. At the present time and present conditions with the help of the special assessment we can maintain the island status quo. THE \$84.00 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT WILL END JANUARY OF 2004.

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

Provided by your treasurer in response to several requests to see how various revenue centers faired during the year.

Income versus expenses
9 periods ending September 2001
Holiday Income 27,417.87
Expenses 51,703.55
Profit (loss) (24,285.68)
Elsie M Income 48,679.15
Expenses 40,613.99
Profit (loss) 8,065.16
Water Income 36,966.15
Expenses 16,793.43
Profit (loss) 20,172.72
Golf Income 27,817.00
Expenses 23,301.97
Profit (loss) 4,515.03
Marina Income 44,712.10
Expenses 30,813.25
Profit (loss) 13,898.85



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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