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RE: Maintaining Privacy on a Private Island

Dear HICA Property Owner,

We hope this letter finds you and yours well. We are currently wrapping up another successful high season on the island and we hope that you enjoyed your summer and were able to spend time with your families enjoying the island and its amenities.

Hat Island is becoming more popular. With more press touting Hat Island as the Pacific Northwest's Best Kept Secret (king5.com) and Hat Island: The somewhat secret, other-worldly Northwest gem (heraldnet.com) we are seeing more and more interest on what we all know is our own little private paradise. The key word in that sentence is private. We all love the security our island provides us. With more and more publicity we are seeing an increase of uninvited visitors coming to the island. We love visitors of our property owners but we are also tasked with the burden of making sure all visitors are in fact invited by property owners.

At our most recent Strategic Planning Retreat safety was a leading contender for what was most important to our owners. With that said we will be implementing a temporary policy on our ferry and marina to verify that visitors have actually been invited to visit our island paradise. To be effective we will need the coordinated effort of the Ferry Crew, Harbor Master and Property Owners. This will be short term while we work on a more permanent solution to how we ensure our owners that their security is a top priority of the island.

Property Owners expecting the arrival of guests to the Island, have three choices for notifying the island that they will have visitors on the island:

1. Send the office an email. In that email give the names of your guests, your lot number, your name, your contact number and the length of stay your guests will be on the island.
Example: Tommy Tutone, B300. Gleason, 867-5309, 8/30/19-9/2/19
2. Provide your guest with a letter or email that includes the same information listed above,
3. Meet your guests at the dock in person.

If your guests get on the ferry or arrive in the marina and we haven't been informed of their arrival we will do our best to contact you to confirm their status. If we cannot contact you and your guests are on the ferry they will not be allowed to disembark. If they arrive by boat, we will ask them to remain in their vessel until we can verify with the property owner that they are in fact invited guests.

We realize that this change may be an inconvenience at first but we hope that owners understand that the change is an effort to keep our private paradise safe and secure.

Best Wishes,

Kim Gleason
Island Manager