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Report from the manager

Special Holiday run on July31

The ferry will depart Everett at 7:00 am and 9:00 am on July31. This is due to the expected heavy passenger load. There will be no 11:00am departure from Everett due to the extreme low tide.

Property Owners Schedule of Events for 2004

Hugh Knapp Golf July 28

Community Fun Day July 31

Wayne Hanson Office Party July 31 Dave Surface Golf August 20

Carlson/DeYoung Golf August 28

Oothoudt Family Picnic August 28

Puget Sound Yacht Club September 17-19

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.

Vehicles on Island

Property owners are reminded that correct lot number should be on the back of your vehicles. Also please make sure that your vehicle is registered with the office. Only one vehicle is allowed in the marina for long term parking.

Thank You's

I would like to thank Ron & Betty Near, Bob Lalone, Sharon Morris, Jackie Irwin and Linda Ebner for cleaning up, trimming trees and working around the south ramp and picnic area. Ron Near for keeping the grass cut in the park area near the duck pond. Bob Lalone & Ron Near for work on the area around #4 green. Also I would like to thank Roger Martin and Jane Tufts for leveling and seeding the area of the south ramp in the marina and Jeff and Sue Cushman for their work on the tennis court. Muriel Place, Judy Deleon, Dan Rome and Ken Baxter helped get the quarterly statements ready for mailing.

A special thank you goes to Lisa Delaney and Karl Arhart for taking care of the water system while I was on vacation.

THIS IS WHAT A COMMUNITY IS ALL ABOUT!

Volunteers Needed

Three volunteers are needed to run for the Board of Trustees in September. Two of the three members whose term expires can not run again because they have served 2 consecutive terms. Anyone interested in running is to contact the office or a board member. The deadline for candidate's bios is August 7th for the community meeting and news letter and so the office can get the ballot ready.

Holiday Run

Due to a low tide the Holiday run that leaves Hat Island at 1000am and leaves Everett at 1100am on July 31st has been cancelled.

July 4th Water Use

The community used 102,283 gallons of water over the holiday weekend.

Golf Course Marshals

I would like to thank Joe Ebner, Ron Near, Jon Lalone and Dwight Fry for volunteering to be golf course marshal's for the summer.

HICI Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The regular monthly meeting was held on Saturday, July 10th, 2004 at the Hat Island Picnic Area. President Larry Petersen called the meeting at 2:12 p.m. All board members were present except Stan Krohn and Ken Baxter.

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

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

Golf: Linda Ebner announced that there are four people who have volunteered to be golf marshals making sure everyone has paid for golf. She also noted that means for watering the fourth green were being pursued. A question about the lack of cleanliness in the restrooms will be addressed.

Vessels: Larry Petersen reported for Ken Baxter that the vessels were working properly. The subject of the large number of people using the Holiday over the holiday weekend was discussed. Linda Ebner said that she and Ken Baxter along with Harbormaster Lisa Delaney coordinated an extra run on Sunday to accommodate the extra people.

The question of cargo on the Holiday was brought up in conjunction with the letter published in the previous View Point. A number of people indicated that the rules were extreme and that there is a distinct need to bring some household items over at times other than once a month on the Elsie M. The reason for the initiation of the rules of no cargo were repeated being that there are now more riders than ever before with so much food, luggage, and golf clubs that on occasion, people get turned away because the Holiday reaches either the rider limit or the weight limit, which is determined by how low the Holiday sits in the water. Because there were so many members requesting a modification of the rules, the Board collaborated with these people and together came up with a compromise, which will allow for certain household items to be allowable on the Wednesday runs only. The specific change will be published in the current View Point.

Maintenance/Equipment: George Alecci reported that the part to repair the road grader was on the Island and work was under way to get that equipment repaired. As noted, there was much need for it to be back in action.

Marina: Larry Petersen noted for Stanley Krohn that Roger was still working on the docks, which is an ongoing project. Concerns were expressed as to the condition of some of the docks. Much of the work Roger is doing is replacing boards that are rotting underneath, but there is also a need to continue the work of lifting the docks, installing more encapsulated foam and putting side boards on so the foam stay where it belongs. Some of this work was done by a volunteer

group last winter, and requires more than one person to continue. A suggestion of another volunteer work session was put forth. No date was set at this time. It was noted how nice the marina looked and thanks went out to Don for his work on that.

Water: Melody Smith related that the meter and shut off valves replacement project is ongoing. She reported that the fire department had contacted the community regarding adding a fire hydrant to the island water system to give better access in the event of a fire in the northern part of the island. This will speed the refilling of the pump truck when needed. The fire department will purchase the hydrant and the community will install it. This is because there is currently only one hydrant, which is located at the fire station.

There was again another request as to when the Board was going to have a new rate structure for water and the answer was not until after this summer.

The fire department has pursued an application for federal aid (FEMA) in the event of a disaster like wild fire or earthquake to replace the water system. This will allow for quicker aid in the event we were to need it.

Old Business: Linda Ebner told everyone that she received \$100 each from the Fire Bunnies and a property owner toward the new roofs for the restrooms and fire pit area. She reminded everyone that the carnival to raise more funds for this cause would be Saturday, July 31st from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Melody Smith reported that the proposed ferry system that could include Hat Island is moving along faster than expected and that there is a possibility that our community could benefit from transportation taxes we all pay to the state to help establish this. In addition, Linda Ebner had a line on a ferry builder that could possibly build a vessel that is affordable and suitable for this community as a possible future replacement for the Holiday in the event this is the transportation preference of the community.

New Business: The Fire Department thanked everyone for their cooperation on the 4th of July celebration. They also stated that because of the number of illegal fireworks that were brought each year and the degree of escalation, they could no longer support the event unless the restrictions set by the county were observed. This means, no more reservation fireworks.

Enforcement was a question and both fines and or an off duty Sheriff on site were discussed.

Announcements: A reminder that the 10:00 am/11:00am ferry will not run on July 31st due to extreme tides.

There are three positions opening on the Board and volunteers are needed to run. Please contact the community office if you are interested.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Merrill Balanag, Secretary

Holiday Cargo

In response to a large number of people who have asked for a modification to the "No Cargo on the Holiday" rule, the Board has made the following change:

Some cargo will be allowed on the Wednesday Ferry run only, for the support and convenience of island families. A fee (\$5.00 minimum) will be charged just as is done on the community Elsie runs. Please do not abuse this change and make it necessary to rescind this decision.

The Ferry Captain's decision on ship's safety, volume or excessive quantity or weight of items brought on board prevails.

STANDING ORDERS.

No Building materials.

No Gas or gas operated tools.

No Propane or other fuels.

No automotive batteries.
No ladders or contractor's equipment.
No furniture.

REGULAR AND NEWLY ALLOWABLE ITEMS:

Food and beverages (no fee)
Golf Clubs (no fee)
Luggage (no fee)
Clothing (no fee)
Home Décor Items (Pictures, mirrors, drapery rods, etc.)
Bedspreads, blankets, pillows
Lamps and shades
Paint and painting supplies (1 gallon Max)
Kitchenware (no furniture)
Small plants (Limit: 1 flat or 1 one gallon pot per person)
Planter pots (One average person carry-on size)
Potting Soil (2 one square foot bags limit)
Garden hand tools only
Small automotive parts and supplies (1 tire limit only if emergency)

NOTE: Larger items should be scheduled for an "Elsie" run.

Message from the Board

The Board would like to address the letter from Jim Waak published in the July View Point. We don't think anyone would disagree that the original and enduring purpose of forming the community on Hat Island was to have a nice place where people can go on the weekend to get away from the city life, or in some cases, have a good place to live.

While saying that there were a series of events that caused Mr. Waak to think that the original atmosphere of the island has changed, his letter seemed to be focused on the one incident concerning his "little electric limb trimmer". As we understand from the Holiday personnel, this was his second attempt to bring this aboard.

The establishment of the rule to limit baggage to golf clubs, food and luggage came about because of the dramatic increase in ridership by the community members. Ridership has increased while passenger capability has decreased from 105 to the current 85 passengers by the Coast Guard over the last decade. Combined with the weight of goods brought over, we frequently reach the extreme limit of the vessel's capability. With our limited boat schedule, we no longer have room for people AND baggage, food, golf clubs AND freight on the Holiday. While the schedule could be increased, this would increase the cost to the community, which already subsidizes the cost to operate the ferry.

No one would condone violence as a means of rule enforcement. The responsibility for this incident is ultimately on the Board and its management. We had not foreseen such an occasion as the one described in Mr. Waak's letter, even while the Holiday personal claim they did not initiate this confrontation. The employees have now been instructed to inform anyone if an item is not allowed on board. They will ask that it not be placed on board. If someone refuses, and brings the item on aboard anyway, the Holiday will not leave the dock until the item is removed.

The society that we now live in is not the society of 40 years ago. With the change in society comes the change in the community on Hat Island. The objectives of the members of this community in the past may not be the objectives of the present community. This is still a great little community. We are just experiencing growing pains. It's up to all of us to work together to address such things as rules and enforcement. The Board welcomes positive input to address

these and other issues we face.

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