

Island Manager Report September 12, 2020

Administration

Thank you to members for remembering to make appointments at the office so items are ready for swift pickup. Also, thanks to all for wearing masks when you come in.

Ferry Dry Dock Dates – Thursday, September 17 to Friday, Oct 2

Wednesday, September 16, will be the last day of ferry service prior to shipyard.

These dates are always subject to change depending on length of time in the shipyard due to US Coast Guard required work list. This year may require plating work on the keel, in voids and on the car deck. HMC will not know the full extent until the USCG examines the ferry within the first few days at shipyard.

Garbage Pickup – Monday, September 14

American Disposal** will pick up trash on Monday, September 14. Thank you to Carolyn who had to wait over two hours, two days in a row, to confirm this due to system problems with American Disposal.

**On return of the ferry American Disposal will allow 1 extra can for each missed pickup date.

Parking Lot/Lanes/Ferry Access Policy

The 4th lane will stanchions disassembled for the duration of the shipyard period to allow for additional parking in the lot.

Please be aware there has been some theft activity of gas recently. The parking lot is available for parking at your own risk. While the cameras are filming 24/7, they do not always get a clear photograph of a license plates making reporting difficult. HMC encourages reporting all theft to the Sheriff's Office on the non-emergency line.

In addition, during the dry dock time period HMC will review the lanes for flow and efficiency. Also, a review will made of reservations for service providers coming to the island. This will involve a review of current unwritten expectations so that a solution can be ultimately added to the Ferry Access Policy.

Voyage to Stabbert Maritime

The Charlie Wells will leave Herron Island on Thursday, September 17, 2020, approximately 9:00 a.m. to head to Stabbert Maritime. This involves catching the outgoing tide going through the Tacoma Narrows in order to be propelled through those rough waters. In addition, the ferry will go through the Ballard Locks before arriving late afternoon at Stabbert.

Track the ferry to the shipyard and back using this web address: www.MarineTraffic.com online, or you may download the free [Vessel Finder Lite app](#) for your phone in order to track the progress of the ferry and crew.

From Derek Young's Office / Pierce County Council Member | District 7

Be informed, sign up for PC Alert

The fires in East Pierce County remind us of the importance of being connected, so when an emergency strikes, we're informed.

Don't wait for an emergency to connect to Pierce County's emergency alert system.

Through PC Alert, residents sign up to receive notifications about emergencies that affect the areas/locations they care about. The service is free, and people select what information they want to receive and their geographical areas.

When severe weather hits, flooding occurs, or unexpected road closures arise, the county's emergency management system will send out time-sensitive messages. Alerts are also used for missing person bulletins and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods.

Alerts can be received via home, mobile or business phone, email address, text message, and more. Users can receive alerts on up to 10 different devices. Users only receive alerts for the communities they choose and will not receive alerts for areas that don't affect them.

Read more on the [Pierce County Department of Emergency Management website](#). Text pcalert to 888777 or [sign up here](#).

Legal Liaison: There are 11 delinquencies; all with our attorney for action.

Departments/Committees

Maintenance: Gary Wanzong – To report

Parks: Dale Miller – No report – Thank you to those that worked at Nature Park

Policies: Mike Gage – No report

Roads: Dan Marten – To report

Emergency Preparedness: Ken Higgins - No report

Water: Frank Harrison - No report

Small Boat Docks: Sherri Anderson – To report

Rules: Mike Fassio - No hearings scheduled