

1993

Harstine Island Community Club

Harstine Island Community Club Annual Newsletter

This newsletter is published by the HARSTINE ISLAND COMMUNITY CLUB. An incorporated, non-profit organization. The COMMUNITY CLUB works to improve or maintain the quality of life on the Island and to serve as a vehicle for addressing Island business in an integrated and democratic manner.

The **COMMUNITY CLUB** hosted a number of informative presentations at its monthly meetings throughout 1992. The Harstine Island Planning Board was formed. The attached letter and questionnaire provides further detail. In February, the by-laws were changed. The executive board was expanded to include two members at large. The parking lot was leveled and pit run gravel added. The Club obtained a part-time caretaker. The annual Island clean-up sponsored by the Island Youth Club on April 25 was successfully completed. The annual spaghetti dinner, held in May, saw a large Island turnout. The annual Oktoberfest dinner presented Lorna Hink as the "Person of the Year." Four awards were made for "Honored Citizen of the Year:" Jacob and Rosetta Wingert, Laura Brakebill and Kay Braget. The new Harstine based cookbook *Just Among Friends* containing hundreds of choice recipes, stories and facts written by Gerri Lewis and Marge Klein is now in print. Copies may be obtained from Gerri Lewis at 426-4120, Jarrell's Cove Marina, Harstine Gallery and at Benn Pottery. All proceeds go to the Community Club. The environmental study *Forest Resources and Critical Areas of Harstine Island* is available through Damon LeJune at 426-0494. There is a limited supply.

The **GARDEN CLUB** had a year of successful activities. The Apple Squeeze produced more than 200 gallons of tasty cider from three presses and many volunteers hard at work. In 1993, the annual plant sale will be held on Saturday, May 8, featuring flowering and vegetable bedding plants, herbs, shrubs, strawberries, canberries, grapes and houseplants. Coffee and plant care advice will also be available. The Farmer's Market starts in early June. All are welcome to sell fruits, vegetables and crafts on Saturdays from 10 :00 AM to noon across the road from the Community Hall. The annual Apple Squeeze this fall will again feature fresh squeezed cider by the gallon, cups of hot spiced cider, doughnuts, coffee and candies apples, all produced at the Hall by many volunteers ranging from children to grandparents. The GARDEN CLUB's informal meetings welcome everyone, Islanders or not, on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Hall. On occasion they meet at a member's home or garden.

The **HARSTINE ISLAND WOMEN'S CLUB** meets at the Community Hall on the first Thursday of each month. Brown bag lunch meetings begin at noon and all women on the Island are welcome to come as guests or to be

members. The activities of the Club are two-fold: fund-raising for benefit of the community and of the Island, and second for socializing, fun and friendship. Spring and Christmas luncheons are held in May and December respectively. Flea Markets, Rummage Sales and a Pancake Breakfast rounded out the charitable fund collection activities. This year saw contributions made to Mason General Hospital Lifeline, South Sound Hospice, two Shelton Food Banks and the Olympic College Building Fund. Officers are: President Pat LeClair, Vice President Adella Ashbaugh, Secretary Margaret Loughlin and Treasurer Lucy Dike.

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The **THEATRE CLUB** meets for a potluck dinner and meeting at 6:00 PM on the last Monday of each month. Anyone interested please come. This year saw the production of two full length plays - a period melodrama presented mid-summer and directed by Shirl Larson and an original play for the Christmas season written and directed by local artist Patricia Dunlap. All performances were to a packed house. A similar schedule is expected in 1993.

The **HARSTINE GRANGE** continued to maintain the highest standards by again achieving First Place at the Mason County Fair for their grange display. A trophy was presented acknowledging this outstanding performance over the previous eight years. Five hundred dollars was contributed to the Olympic College Fund in 1993 the the **HARSTINE GRANGE**. All are invited to the annual Ham/Oyster Dinner scheduled for March 6, 1993. All who are interested in the pleasures of rural living are invited to join the **GRANGE**. Membership applications may be obtained through Bud Glaser 426-8871 or Francis Bacon 426-8873.

1993 Upcoming Calendar Events

March 6	Grange Ham/Oyster Dinner	3:30 - 7 PM
April 17	All Island Clean-Up	9 AM
April	Women's Club Fund-Raising Event	TBA
May 8	Garden Club Plant Sale	9 AM - 12 PM
May 22	Cemetery Clean-Up (Jarrell's Cove)	10 AM
May 29	All Island Annual Spaghetti Dinner	TBA
TBA	Cemetery Clean-Up (Ballow)	10 AM
TBA	Theatre Club Production	TBA
September 4	All Island Labor Day Dance	9 PM
September 25	Women's Club Harvest Breakfast & Rummage Sale	TBA
October 8	Octoberfest/Awards Banquet	6 PM
TBA	Garden Club Apple Squeeze	10 AM - 3 PM
December	Women's Club Fund-Raising Activity	TBA
December	Theatre Club Production	TBA

HARSTINE ISLAND PLANNING BOARD

P O Box 1894, Shelton, Washington 98584

January 1, 1993

Dear Property Owner,

Early in 1992, the Harstine Island Community Club formed the Harstine Island Planning Board to develop a plan regarding future growth on the Island. Specifically, the Community Club directed the board to develop a plan to:

- Protect water quality and quantity.
- Maintain the rural character of the Island.
- Protect private rights.
- Provide a legal basis for plan enforcement.

Harstine Island is currently divided into approximately 2,200 parcels most of which are privately owned. There are about 600 residences on the Island, both full and part-time. Of the 19-square mile total land area, approximately 60% is currently classified as "Forest Land." Only three miles of privately-owned shoreline remains undeveloped.

From 1980-90, Mason County's population grew at an average rate of 2.3 percent per year. From 1990-92, it grew at 3.7 percent per year.

During the past year, we have been investigating options to best plan for future growth. We have concluded that we should develop a Sub-Area Plan as part of the Mason County Comprehensive Plan. A Sub-Area Plan, when adopted by the Mason County commissioners, will contain the policies related to managing growth on the Island.

As a volunteer board, it is our objective to develop a plan that reflects the desires of the majority of Island property owners. Accordingly, we will be spending a great deal of time this year talking with you and learning your views. Our first effort is the attached questionnaire.

Please complete and return it to the address noted above as soon as possible. Your response will be held in confidence and will assist us in preparing a plan that will be acceptable to our community.

Thank you for your help.

Members of the Harstine Island Planning Board

Tom Harlan, Chair

Bob Helm, Vice-Chair

Diane Edgin, Secty-Treas

Robert Cole

John Diehl

Morley Preppernau

Randy Price, Alternate

Tom Ryan

HARSTINE ISLAND PLANNING BOARD QUESTIONNAIRE

January, 1993

Name: _____

Address: _____

We welcome your comments on this questionnaire or, if you prefer, you may include a separate letter.

- (1) Do you agree with the Community Club's directive to produce a plan to manage future growth on Harstine Island?

(circle one)

agree

disagree

Comments:

- (2) Do you agree with the four goals of the Planning Board as they are set forth by the Community Club? *(See attached letter.)*

agree

disagree

Comments:

- (3) Do you believe that a Sub-Area Plan should be designed to limit population growth on the Island in order to achieve these goals?

yes

no

Comments:

(4) Should there be a minimum lot size (for instance, 1 acre, 2 acres, 2 1/2 acres, 5 acres, etc.) for future development?

yes

no

Comments:

(5) Which, if any, of the following commercial or industrial activities should be allowed to develop on the Island?

Advertising Signs	yes	no
Animal Husbandry	yes	no
Automobile Service	yes	no
Bed & Breakfast	yes	no
Condominiums	yes	no
Convenience Store	yes	no
Directional Signs	yes	no
Home-based (Cottage) Businesses	yes	no
Industrial Fabrication	yes	no
Junk-yard	yes	no
Office Complex	yes	no
Rental Units	yes	no
Resort	yes	no
Shopping Center	yes	no
Trailer Court	yes	no
Warehouse	yes	no

Comments:

- (6) Should property owners be restricted in the use of their land when such use will adversely effect the quality of the water system or wetlands? (Consider forestry, building development or animal husbandry adjacent to streams, aquifer recharge areas and on or near wetlands.)

*yes**no*

Comments:

- (7) Should development which necessitates the widening of roads be permitted?

*yes**no*

Comments:

- (8) Should the Sub-Area Plan provide incentives for the retention of land in the Forest Land classification?

*yes**no*

Comments:

- (9) Should the Sub-Area Plan provide incentives for alternatives to clear-cutting?

*yes**no*

Comments:

AFTER COMPLETION, PLEASE MAIL PROMPTLY TO:

Harstine Island Planning Board

P O Box 1894

Shelton, Washington 98584

Club Meeting and Contact Information

GARDEN CLUB	Rod Hammett 426-3089 or Barb LaJune 426-0494 2nd Thursday 7:00 PM
HARSTINE GRANGE	Warren Ireland 426-3521, Bud Glaser 426-8871 or Francis Bacon 426-8873 3rd Friday 6:00-7:30 PM Potluck Dinner, 7:30 Meeting
COMMUNITY CLUB	Ginny Breismiester 426-2288 Barb LaJune for Hall Reservations 426-0494 2nd Friday 6:00-7:30 PM, Happy Hour/Potluck Dinner 7:30 Meeting
PLANNING BOARD	Tom Harlan 427-1583 Call for meeting times.
PINOCHLE (mixed)	Damon LaJune 426-0494 1st & 3rd Saturdays 7:30 PM
PINOCLE (women)	Kay Braget 426-8737 Call for time and dates.
THEATRE CLUB	Gene Nelson 427-8699 Last Monday 6:00 - 7:30 PM Potluck Dinner 7:30 Meeting
WOMEN'S CLUB	Pat LeClair 426-0797 1st Thursday Noon Brownbag Lunch Meeting
YOUTH GROUP	Warren Ireland 426-3521 Call for time and dates.

1993 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / DONATIONS / DUES

Please send dues and donations to: Harstine Island Community Club
c/o Damon LaJune, Treasurer, E 651 Burgundy Road, Shelton, WA 98584

Community Club Dues (\$5 per person \$10 per family)

Donation for Property Development

Donation for Building & Maintenance

Donation for Cemetery

Other _____

TOTAL