



# The Treasure Island News

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## Bridge Repairs Tentatively Set

---by Daryl Axelson & Linda Pryor

**Repairs are tentatively scheduled for Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> through Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

Following the bridge inspection in April, the Club contracted with Exeltech Consulting Engineers to provide environmental and design services needed to prepare the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) for the Club to obtain approvals and secure a Contractor to complete the recommended bridge repairs; and to provide construction support services during the repair project. The services provided by this contract cost \$44,667.00.

Quigg Brothers from Aberdeen, Washington has been selected as the Contractor to accomplish our Bridge Repairs. At the August 5 Special Board Meeting bids for the bridge repair were reviewed. A meeting was held on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in Aberdeen with Quigg Brothers, Exeltech Consulting and Board members Roger Hansen, Gary Longmire and Daryl Axelson.

Value Engineering items were discussed as a means to lower the cost of the Contract. The type of contract was also discussed and it was agreed that a private type contract could be utilized instead of the WSDOT type contract as long as none of the liabilities were passed from the contractor back to the Treasure Island Country Club. Exeltech, Quigg and Roger Hansen worked together to develop a revised contract.

At a Special Board Meeting held August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the suggested value engineering items and revised bridge repair contract were reviewed and discussed.

The Value Engineering items were:

1. Exclusion of a performance bond would offer a credit of \$1,920
2. If the specification for the treated lumber can be changed from "No. 1 Douglas Fir, ACZA treated to 1.5 lbs. per cubic foot retention" to "No. 2 & better. Douglas Fir, ACZA treated to 0.6 lbs. per cubic foot retention" would offer a credit of \$3300.
3. If the fabricated structural steel does not need to be hot dipped galvanized a credit of \$1750 could be offered.
4. If the fabricated structural steel is primed coated with inorganic zinc primer instead of the hot dipped galvanizing, this would add \$1200 to the contracted price.
5. If the bolts do not need to be hot dipped galvanized a credit of \$1300 could be offered.

Options 2, 3 and 4 were accepted. Exeltech Consulting Engineers advised that the repairs would still have a life expectancy of 5 to 10 years with these changes in materials. The lump sum contract with Quigg Brothers will cost \$207,700 plus \$17,447 sales tax for a total of \$225,147.

The Trustees approved of sending a letter of intent to Quigg Brothers, allowing the contractor to start ordering materials before the final contract is in place. The material will take approximately 15 days to arrive from the date Quigg Brothers received the letter of intent.

A letter from the Club to the Mason County Department of Community Development was required as a condition for

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## Annual Meeting

**Pictured below... Linda Pryor, Secretary-Treasurer and Daryl Axelson, Acting President signing adoption of revised Bylaws before a Notary**



**---by Linda Pryor**  
Attendance at our Annual Membership Meeting broke the record with 170.5 lots represented; 106 in person and 64 ½ by proxy. Linda Pryor presented Financial Reports; Commissioners reported on projects completed since last July and those that are planned for upcoming months. Minutes of the meeting are posted on the Club's website ([www.treasureislandcountryclub.org](http://www.treasureislandcountryclub.org)) and print copies

are available from the Club Secretary upon request.

In addition to electing two new Trustees, Mike Croke and Roger Hansen, members voted on seven ballot items.

Those items voted on that *passed* were: Approve 2009 Operations & Maintenance Budget; Approve \$47,000.00 Capital Expense to sandblast and paint the water tank interior; Approve Revised Bylaws and amendment to Articles of Incorporation, Article V.

Those Items voted on that *failed* were: Approve installation of requested speed bump at 151E; Approve installation of speed bump at 651E; Approve \$70.00 annual Dues increase effective Jan. 2010 for Operations & Maintenance; and, Approve \$130.00 annual Dues increase effective Jan. 2010 for the Asset Replacement Fund. (Vote tallies are listed on the TICC website.)

## Sanitary Survey 2009

**---by Rod Wilkinson & Daryl Axelson**

Every five years the Department of Health's Office of Drinking Water (ODW) conducts a sanitary survey of the water systems in Washington. This year it was Treasure Island's turn. During the survey, the ODW representative and a registered engineer, looked at operation and maintenance procedures, recordkeeping, and the system facilities. The Treasure Island Team that met with the ODW representatives were: Skip Beahm, our Water Distribution Manager, Rod Wilkinson, our Water Quality Monitoring

Specialist and Secretary, Margaret Clarey, former Water Distribution Manager, Dave Dickinson, Island employee, and Daryl Axelson, Water commissioner.

While we don't have the final survey report, the ODW Inspector interim findings indicate he was satisfied with the employees, facilities, procedures, and records at Treasure Island. We have already worked through some of the minor recommendations.

As the new Water commissioner, I would like to extend a special thank you to the following people involved with

getting prepared for this Sanitary Survey. Skip Beahm for his knowledge and professionalism as our WDM. Rod Wilkinson for keeping our documents current and for his diligence in staying on top of our Water Quality Monitoring program to ensure our water is the best in the state. Margaret Clarey and Dave Dickinson for being on the team and providing invaluable historical information on our water system. Darrell Pryor for painting the pipes and valves in the well houses. Cheryl McCoy for painting the needy fire hydrants, standpipes and sample stations.

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approval of the Mason County building permit. It stated:

1. The repairs have been designed as temporary repairs with a 5 to 10 year life. The bridge will be replaced or more permanent repairs implemented in that time period.
2. Substitution for materials that are shown in the Contract Plans shall be approved by Mason County and Wash State Dept of Fish & Wildlife.
3. Once the repairs are complete the bridge will be posted according to the recommendations of the Engineer of Record for the repairs.
4. An annual inspection of the bridge will be conducted by a Professional Engineer. Repair recommendations from the inspection will be made in a timely manner.

5. Special inspection will be conducted after major events that could damage the bridge. Examples would be significant storms or earthquakes.

All permits for the project totaled \$4,424.46.

The Bridge repairs are scheduled to start on or about September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and be completed on or about November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

The disruption to Island



traffic should be kept to a minimum as the majority of the work will be accomplished from below the bridge. There may be 1 to 2 hour closures during this time. We have asked for as much notice for these closures as possible and will be posting a notice at the traffic signal bulletin board and on the website.

## TICC Water Tank Painting

---by Daryl Axelson

The interior of our water tank is scheduled to be painted the end of September. Our tentative start date for the actual painting crew to start is September 23<sup>rd</sup>. As we get closer to the event, the information will be posted on the 4 reader boards on the island and on the website.

During this entire process we ask that you help our water system out by conserving as much water as you can. We will be on a direct feed from our pumps to the

distribution lines, which means the pumps will be running more frequently than they normally would.

Before the painting crew arrives, the well pumps will be turned off and we will continue to draw water from the tank until it is drained down to a point where we are experiencing lower than normal pressure at our homes.

The water tank will then be isolated from the rest of the system and at the same time, two of our wells, which will have been fitted with pressure

regulator switches, will be turned back on to provide a direct water pressure to the distribution system.

The tank will then be drained the rest of the way down and ready for the painting crew.

After the painting crew is done and gone, the water tank must be put back into service. This involves filling the tank with water, letting it soak for several days and then doing a water sample test. If the sample passes, the water in the tank must be drained and the tank refilled again.



This entire process, from the time we start draining down the tank until we have the tank back on line, could take up to 3 weeks, so please help by contending with the lower water pressures and making every effort to conserve water.

## Thank You All...

Membership participation is the key to a strong community.

Attendance at the annual meetings is an important part of that and this year's quorum was impressive.

Just as important are the volunteers who contribute their time and effort for the benefit of their fellow members. Appreciation and sincere thanks are extended to:

- Outgoing Board member Morina Dustan for her time and commitment during her tenure on the Board;
- Iris Hare for her service on the Board and volunteer hours

spent maintaining and operating the water system;

- Our employees, David Dickinson and Cheryl McCoy, who do great work for low pay;
- Rod Wilkinson for maintaining the web site;
- Debbie Axelson for helping us to produce a great newsletter;
- Jackie Longmire, JuleAnn Mahugh, Margaret Clarey, and Debbie Axelson for serving as Tellers at our annual meeting;
- Debbie Axelson, Morina Dustan, and Linda Pryor for serving on the Bylaw

Committee;

- Daryl Axelson, Pam Berger, Mike Croke, Morina Dustan, Roger Hansen, Gary Longmire, Dan Poole, Wes Stock, Art Towne, Jeff Vert, and Rich Whitlock for serving on the Bridge Committee;
- Karen Weber and her family for making another great 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade possible;
- All the members and their guests who volunteered to judge the parade and clean up after the event; Helena Rowse for making the medals; and Kim Cimmery for

taking photographs for the website and newsletter;

- Frank and Judy Ivanovich for hosting the catered picnic after the annual meeting;
- Jim Bruno, Wes Stock, and Marc Bauman for taking care of some repairs at the dock facility;
- Rocky Brown, Tom Spaulding, Gary Longmire, Linda Pryor, Rod Wilkinson, Daryl Axelson, Dave Dickinson, and Iris Hare for helping with various projects undertaken at the beach/picnic area.

## West Nile Virus found in Mason County

Mason County reported that a crow is the first bird to test positive this season on west side of state... A dead crow collected in the Little Egypt Road area of Mason County. It is the first West Nile virus detection in Mason County and the west side of our state this year.

West Nile virus (WNV) is a potentially serious illness. WNV is almost always spread to people by the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected after feeding on birds that carry the virus. WNV is not spread by direct contact with infected people or animals. When dealing with WNV, prevention is your best bet. Fighting mosquito bites reduces your risk of getting this disease, along with others that mosquitoes can carry. Take the commonsense steps below to reduce your risk:

1. Avoid outdoor activities between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are likely to be biting. If you must be outdoors when mosquitoes are active, cover up by wearing shoes, socks, long pants and long-sleeved shirts.

2. When you are outdoors, use insect repellent containing an EPA-registered active ingredient. Follow the directions on the package. Repellents that contain DEET, Picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus are the most effective. With any of these products, read the entire label carefully before using and follow the directions.

3. Maintain screening on windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out of buildings.

4. Get rid of mosquito breeding sites by emptying standing water from flower pots, buckets and barrels. Change the water in pet dishes and replace the water in bird baths weekly. Drill holes in tire swings so water drains out. Keep children's wading pools empty and on their sides when they aren't being used.

WNV infects certain wild birds. Of those infected, crows, jays, ravens, magpies, and hawks tend to become sick and die. Increasing numbers of dead birds may be an indication of West Nile virus in your community.

## It Costs You! Report any Suspicious Activities or Vandalism



---by Linda Pryor

An increase in vandalism this year is discouraging to the Trustees charged with the care of Club properties and to the volunteers and employees who work towards keeping things in good repair. Please impress upon children and guests that when they damage Club property, they are damaging *your* property and the result is the same – it will cost you money!

In addition to graffiti on signs and structures, the picnic and dock areas are taking a lot of abuse. Climbing on the picnic shelter roof has damaged and broken shingles and

facie boards and cottage stones have been removed from the fire pit.

Incidentally, the fire pit is not for glass, the garbage can is not for household trash, and the firewood is for use at the beach - not free for pick-up!

The bulkhead at the dock will be compromised if rocks continue to be removed and thrown off the pier for the splash effect. A significant number of rocks need to be retrieved and reinstalled and the smashed sign-in sheet box needs to be replaced.

Please watch for destructive activities - give a shout at the vandals and/or call Security, Rodger Pryor, at 360-801-6534.

On August 7<sup>th</sup>, Security reported a suspicious vehicle and driver to the Sheriff. The car was determined to

have been stolen from the outskirts of Mason County, as was the outboard motor in the trunk. The driver of the vehicle associates with an island tenant and was known to be on the island somewhere. The Deputy referred to this man as a “professional thief” whom they were very familiar with and who had recently been released from jail. Rodger and four Deputies spent hours searching for him.

With the assistance of a search dog and handler from Kitsap County, his trail was followed as it criss-crossed the island and eventually ended at the water on the east side (about midway.) It is likely that somebody is missing a small boat!

Cooperation from all those who were inconvenienced during the search was very appreciated.

The island tenant associated with the thief has many visitors coming and going; when the Deputy paid this home a visit, he knew everyone gathered there by name. (The property owner has been notified of the recent incident and other suspect activities at their rental.)

Members are advised to be watchful, report suspicious activity, and be sure your valuables are not inviting thieves – particularly outboard motors and jet-ski’s.

If you would like to receive Neighborhood Watch Alerts via email, contact Jackie at [longmire@wavecable.com](mailto:longmire@wavecable.com), or phone 360-275-3697.

## Island Wildlife

---by Linda Pryor

It’s been hard to miss the growing wildlife population on the island this past spring and summer. In addition to the ever-present raccoons and river otters, deer and fox have decided this is a nice place to live and raise their young.

A joy to some and a nuisance to others, the Board has received many

questions regarding how “we’re” going to get rid of them. We’ve also heard from those who want to see them protected here on the island. The Board of Trustees does not have the authority or the ability to enforce local, state, or federal laws with regard to wildlife. Members with questions or concerns should contact the WA

Department of Fish & Wildlife’s main office at 360-902-2200 or visit their website at [www.wdfw.wa.gov](http://www.wdfw.wa.gov).



### Mason County Recycling

Everyone who receives service from Mason County Garbage was notified that recycle bins would be delivered in mid-August. They will not be delivered to Treasure Island until the bridge repairs are completed and weight reductions are lifted. The additional cost for recycling should not be included on your billing statements until the bins are delivered.

***Blast from the Past***

Staff photo by Bob Rudsit  
Traffic light signals the old bridge will go

## Still 1 lane, however ***Bridge to lose thunk, rumble***

By **JOHN BAILEY**  
News Tribune Staff Writer

The bridge to Treasure Island goes thunk, thunk, thunk when a car rolls across its worn, wooden planking.

But the rumble will be reduced to the hum of tires on pavement this summer when the bridge is rebuilt.

It still will be a single lane with a stop-and-go signal at each end to control the one-way traffic.

The islanders like it that way. They're an independent lot.

They have their own government, their own water system, maintain their own road and they're rebuilding their own bridge.

Treasure Island — still known as Reach Island on some charts — is just north of Stretch Island in the upper reaches of Case Inlet across from the Longbranch Peninsula.

It's privately owned and it's privately operated.

The island comprises the Treasure

Island Country Club and seven trustees are elected by members to do things that need doing.

Like rebuilding the bridge.

Trustees hired an engineer and determined to replace the old deck with new concrete slabs. The islanders agreed in a near unanimous vote.

The cost of over \$100,000 will be divided equally among owners of the 252 lots there.

Islanders will be isolated from the mainland during work days when reconstruction begins within a week or so. But they feel the improvement will outweigh the inconvenience.

And they're prepared to meet emergencies which may arise. The Grapeview Fire Department will station a truck on the island during the six weeks the work is being done.

A MAST helicopter from Ft. Lewis is prepared to land on the beach to meet other emergencies, a stretcher will be borrowed from the fire de-

partment and a station wagon can substitute for an ambulance to reach the beach landing area.

Outside of emergencies, islanders who want to leave the island will have to be on the go before work begins in the morning or wait until work ends for the night — or wait for weekends when the span will be open for the two days.

There's not much of a full-time population on the island. Only about 28 families live there year-round. Others are weekend or summer residents.

Those who find themselves stranded during the day can still reach across the water by telephone. And some are closer by wire to the mainland than to their neighbors.

Some Treasure Island homes are served through the Bremerton exchange and others through Shelton. From one house to another can be a long-distance call.



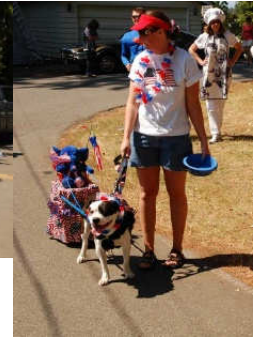
Float – Aloha Island – Scherer Family



Big Group – Garden Treasures – Ericson/Matson Family



Cool Car – 1969 Toronado – Sean Murphy



Pet – Bubba - Swettenam



Costume – Adults – Rice Krispie – Heather Ross



Costume – Teens- Even & Braden Klouse – Townne Family – Uncle Sam mummy and Uncle Sam



Costume – Kids 5 to 12 – Emily Jordan & Landes Holmberg-Grumme Family – Wake Boarders



Costume – Little Kids 0 to 4 – “Snap” Haley – Ross Family



Cyclist – Bubble Gum Sam – Watland Family



Most Unusual – Rick & Marta Buran – Elephant tricycle



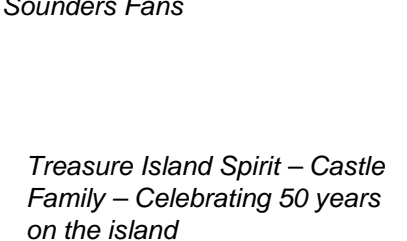
Exceptional Effort – Seattle Sounders Fans



Cutest Kids – Anna – Castle Family



Most Patriotic – The A-M-E-R-I-C-A Guys – Watland Family



Treasure Island Spirit – Castle Family – Celebrating 50 years on the island



2009 Fourth of July Parade

Pictures taken and submitted by Kim Cimmery

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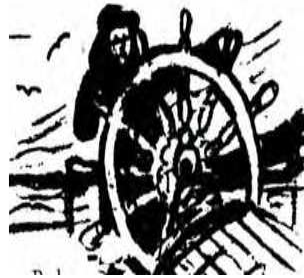


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**At the Helm**



**2009 Meeting Calendar**

**September 12, Saturday, 9:00 AM:** Board Meeting (Grapeview Fire Hall)

**October 3, Saturday, 9:00 AM:** Board Meeting (Grapeview Fire Hall)

**November 7, Saturday, 9:00 AM:** Board Meeting (Grapeview Fire Hall)

**December 5, Saturday, Time TBD:** Board Meeting (Grapeview Fire Hall)

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You can help by reporting dead [crows](#), [jays](#), [ravens](#), [magpies](#), and [hawks](#) to your [local health department](#), environmental health program or online using the DOH Online Dead Bird Reporting Form <https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/eh/portal/ehs/odbrr/> . Other dead birds are monitored for avian influenza and other diseases. Report single waterfowl or shorebirds, and wild bird die-offs to the [Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife](#) at 1-800-606-8768.

For more information on the WNV go online to the Washington State Department of Health <http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/Zoo/WNV/WNV.html>

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