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Greetings from the Town Office,

The Elections are over and summer is approaching quickly.

Beginning last August, the Island began using clear plastic bags at the Transfer Station, (Island Exchange). For the waste that goes into the compactors, this has made the recycling process more efficient and hopefully economical. A reminder that as of May 29th the Transfer Station is open on Fridays for the summer in addition to Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

As the 4th of July approaches, firework permits will be necessary for firework displays. Permits are Ten Dollars per event and are available at the Town Office.

As people drive around the Island, you will notice new signs ('Public Access') posted at points where there is access for the public to beaches and shorelines. The approaches are anywhere from 33' wide (the width of a town road) to 100' wide. People using these accesses should be respectful of the neighboring property owners by not wandering onto their beaches or yards and removing any waste on these accesses.

At the Sand Dunes Park the Phragmites has been burned to destroy the stalks and the Garlic Mustard and Poison Ivy has been sprayed. With the higher water level this year, many of the Phragmite roots are underwater. Between the Towns' effort and Mother Nature, we hope this is the beginning of restoring the beach to a useable area.

As of May 21st, 2009 the contract at the Washington Island Airport for the realignment construction of Runway 2/20 has been awarded to an Island Contractor, Tom Jordan of TBJ Corporation. Construction should start approximately six weeks from the award date. Consideration has been given to the Fly-in Fish Boil in July.

The Open Book session for Property Assessments will be held on Thursday, June 18th, 2009 from Noon to 2:30p.m. If you wish to meet with an appraiser, you may schedule an appointment in one of two ways;

Online

www.accurateassessor.com

Click on the 'Online Scheduling' link

Choose the 'Open Book Appointment' link

When prompted, your password is **TW29**

Follow the directions as the entire process should take only a few minutes.

If you do not have Internet access, please call: Accurate Appraisal at 1-800-770-3927 for an appointment.

If you cannot make the arranged appointment times and wish to discuss your assessment, you may call Accurate Appraisal, LLC or e-mail them at question@accurateassessor.com. If you no longer own the property please notify Accurate Appraisal.

The Town Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to Noon, Monday through Friday and I will be in the office almost daily from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. If you would like to speak with me or any member of the Town Board about any questions, concerns or have any suggestions, please feel free to contact us;

Supervisors;

Liz Holmes – 847-2834

Randy Sorensen – 847-2694

Doug Huffman – 847-3801

Carol Stayton – 847-3065

and myself

Chairman Tim Jessen – 847-2655.



With your ideas, together we can continue to make the Island a safe and nice place to live.