

February 2, 2018

Dear Diamond Island Owner:

Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow so while can't look forward to an early spring, we can begin to plan for placing the island ferry in operation. Will it be a new ferry pursuant to the plan approved overwhelming by the owners or the old one? Here is a brief answer and up-date.

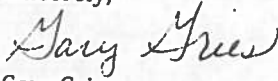
As you all know, the new barge committee was not able to develop a complete specification for a new ferry, and the association rejected spending money on a design firm to do so. So, last fall, pursuant to owner approval, the Board signed a letter of intent with one of the potential builders, RPS Barge, and made a good faith down payment essentially to motivate RPS to spend the time and resources necessary to complete the design. The committee and RPS have been working together and have resolved all of the major design hurdles except for the on/off ramps. A number of ramp alternatives have been analyzed but all had deficiencies. The major sticking point is whether the ramps will function in extreme high or low water conditions. Last week RPS presented us with a new, pretty creative alternative. We are working through the details now and are hopeful that this will be the answer.

If so, we can move forward to signing a contract and beginning construction. As you can probably anticipate, the new ferry will not be ready for our normal spring opening. We will be starting the season with the old ferry and will replace it when the new one is ready. We hope to do this before Memorial Day to minimize any disruptions to normal service.

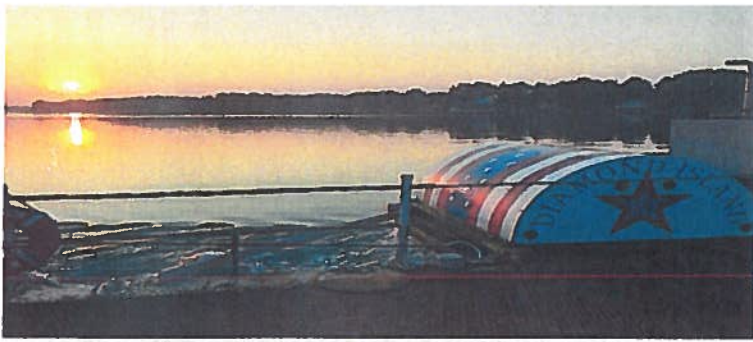
Everything else, such as cost, financing, other specifications, etc., is on track with what everyone approved in August.

We keep you informed. If you have any questions in the interim, please contact me or any of the other board or committee members.

Sincerely,

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Gary Gries
President, D.I.A.



2018 DIA Spring Letter

Hello Diamond Islanders!

It is time again to officially start thinking about spring and planning our Spring/Summer of 2018 on Diamond Island.

We have a lot to look forward to with a new barge being built and tentative plan for completion mid to late spring, 2018. Your Barge Committee has been working on this project continuously to build our Island the best barge as a result of our discussions/planning last summer. Special thanks to the barge committee for the amount of time they have spent on this project. Please note there will be some service disruption while placing the new barge on line. Residents will be provided ample notice to plan/schedule around this process.

As discussed and voted on @ our August, 2017 meeting, we will be increasing dues as follows:

- \$100 increase per household which brings the new amount to \$750
- \$50 increase for each secondary house which brings the new amount to \$350

One (1) window sticker will be issued with payment of main residence (this has not changed). You will find your invoice attached with the dues amounts, along with the option of purchasing additional stickers, car and truck passes.

I know everyone is anxious and wants to know when the old barge will be placed on line this spring. Bill Hullinger, our Barge Maintenance Manager has stated that if weather and ice permits, the date will be Saturday, March 24, 2018. With this initial placement, please note this is for early maintenance and any preliminary work that needs performed prior to "official" opening day. With that being said, opening day is planned for Friday, April 13, 2018 @ Noon. Official Spring barge operation hours will be determined by Bob Price once he has all barge operators available and on schedule. If you know of anyone who is interested in being a barge operator, please contact Bob Price @Bob.PriceEd@gmail.com.

Seasonal trash pick-up will again be handled by Mike Maloney and we are not expecting any changes from last summer. If this should change, everyone will be notified accordingly. A BIG THANKS to Mike for handling this for us!!

As we plan for our new season, just a reminder of a topic that was brought up @ our August, 19, 2017 membership meeting. If you are a resident that owns & operates a golf cart or similar type of leisure vehicle on the Island, please follow all traffic rules/regulations. And let's just use common sense and respect our neighbors.

Have a safe winter and I look forward to seeing everyone in the SPRING!!

Laura Ryan, #149 - DIA Secretary

