

The Bradford Island News...

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Happy Holiday's to you, your families and loved ones
from the Bradford Island Staff:

- Family & Health First
- Bradford Island is Dedicated to keeping our Island safe

Bradford Island's Prop. 218 Study:

The District's Administrator has sent out a request for proposals from local engineering firms to conduct the Prop. 218 study for Bradford Island to determine future assessment rates. The District will be reporting on the status of this at our upcoming board meeting.

Bradford's Assessments for 14/15:

The 2014/2015 assessment roll has been approved by the Contra Costa County Tax Collector's office. The districts assessment will show up as a line item on your property tax bill. The total assessment is collected in two payments per year.

Bradford's 2014 Election:

There are no trustee's terms expiring this year. However, there will be a vote taking place by the landowners to adopt the Bylaws. Once an election date has been established it will be published in the Newspaper. An all landowners will receive a ballot by mail. Anyone wanting to be on the committee for the election may notify Angelia.

Bradford's Construction in Progress:

Construction is underway and the project should be completed by the end of the year.

*Thank you to all of our residents and visitors to the island, for your patients and support
during the course of our construction period....*

~ District Bylaws ~

The District's Bylaws originally adopted in 1921 have now been updated...

The District's legal counsel has reviewed and finalized the Bylaws since our last Newsletter went out. These Bylaws were presented to the Board of Trustees for approval at the October 7, 2014 Board Meeting. These Bylaws were adopted with a 4 in favor, 0 – opposed and 1 trustee absent.

These amended Bylaws will now require the approval by a majority of the landowners in order to be adopted. There will be a future election date set and the landowners will have the opportunity to vote on the bylaws at this time.



The draft Bylaws have been posted onto the District's website for your review. We welcome you to review them and email the District Administrator with any input or comments that you may have for the Trustees to take into consideration.

As a reminder the Bylaws do not supersede the California Water Code Law or other State & Federal laws.



Trustees are not paid and receive no monetary compensation for being a board member.....

A special thank you to our volunteers on the board for your dedication and devotion to the Island and its Residents....

President Khune & Trustees: Robert Davies, Michael Craig, William Hall & Ben Orozco



Our District's Levee Superintendent Smith Cunningham (AKA "Smitty"), is devoted to keeping our levees safe. Smitty conducts routine levee inspections around the island on a regular basis. These inspections conducted are done by truck, by foot or by boat.

Conducting these routine levee inspections ensures that there are no immediate threats to the island and its current residents' health and safety.

Smitty attends annual flood fighting courses put on by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to better serve & protect the District.

This helps to ensure that Smitty is current on all flood fighting methods. The DWR also hands out a vast amount of informational brochures and emergency contact information that are useful in the event of an emergency.

Keeping Our Island Safe During this Upcoming Winter

If you are interested in assisting during the event of a flood fight, we recommend that you download the training manual from the DWR website and study it.

www.water.ca.gov/floodmgmt

The District has a contract with the California Conservation Corps. To come out and assist Bradford Island in the event of an emergency.

Smitty will also be conducting additional levee inspections during the high tide season. The District has a flood fighting container located on the Island which contains these supplies in the event of an emergency flood fight. Annually the Office of Emergency Services (O.E.S.) puts out a notice on where to obtain local sandbags in the event of an emergency. The District's Staff is provided with this information and will utilize it if deemed necessary.

Smitty will also be monitoring the district's newly constructed pump station and the island's ditches to ensure that there is no flooding on the island.

There District's Engineer and Smitty are in constant communications with one another and he will assist in the coordination of a flood fighting event.

~ 2014 Flood Fighting Preparedness ~

Congratulations Mia Brown

The District's Board Members and Staff would like to Congratulate Mia on her newest addition to her family. Mia gave birth to her first born child this month... It's a BOY!
We look forward to meeting the newest addition to the Bradford Island Family....

*Have a very Happy and Safe
Halloween with your Family
and Loved Ones...*

We welcome you to visit the district's
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