



The Beachcomber

HMC Newsletter

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<http://www.herronisland.org>

President's Message

Last month I discussed the need to replace our leaking, crumbling water storage tank. Besides having to chlorinate due to coliform bacteria contamination, the size of the tank is well below the volume required by state Department of Health standards for a community of our size. Early estimates resulted in a requirement of 70,000 to 80,000 gallons, but further analysis of fire flow, peak demand, and potential population expansion put the requirement closer to 90,000 gallons. Our current tank holds 30,000 gallons. HMC bylaws require membership approval for any non-budgeted expenditure of over \$10,000, and I'd like to describe the project for which the Board is requesting your approval on the ballot included in this Beachcomber.

The tank being proposed is a reinforced concrete cylinder with a diameter of 26 feet and height of 25 feet. This will provide a storage volume of 99,000 gallons. The concrete construction is by far the least expensive of options, with an equivalent-sized steel tank costing two to three times as much. The cost of obtaining permits, analyzing the soil, performing required engineering analyses, preparing the site, pouring the concrete, and installing the plumbing is expected to be approximately \$75,000. To allow for contingencies, Proposition No. 2 on the ballot is asking your approval for an expenditure of \$80,000.

Most of the funding would come from our \$59,000 Water Reserve Account. The additional \$21,000 would come from a special assessment of \$60 per member, payable September 1st, for which your approval is requested in Proposition No. 3. Any surplus funds remaining would be returned to the Water Reserve Account, which is planned to be restored to the previous level of \$59,000 through annual budgets over the next five years. The Board

feels that replacement of our old tank is vitally necessary and we ask your approval of the ballot propositions.

The second major topic that I'd like to address is noise. As far as I can determine, HMC has never, in our entire 46 years of existence, had an island rule against daytime noise. This has not, however, stopped some people from blaming the Board for not "doing something" whenever a member or guest has exhibited noisy or otherwise antisocial behavior. It's undeniable that some members and guests seem to think that Herron Island is a sanctuary from the law where they can escape big-city rules of civilized behavior and run wild. These folks are a small minority and the rest of us gripe about them, but we haven't had much success in controlling them. With our new bylaws and internet access to county code, I think we have the ammunition to finally make a dent in the problem. We still need to remember that our bylaws limit the Board's authority over members' behavior, and I'll discuss that further on.

What can we do about noise? The Members Only area of our web site (www.herronisland.org) has links to most of the state and county codes that govern our island operations. Included is Chapter 8.72 of the Pierce County Health and Welfare Code, titled "Motor Vehicle, Public Disturbance, and Public Nuisance Noise." This chapter addresses problems caused by small noisy vehicles, loud stereos, barking dogs, electric guitars, and any number of other annoyances. The hard part is enforcing it. The Board took the first step on June 12th by adopting this chapter, as is allowed by our bylaws, as an island rule enforceable by the Rules Committee. Let's examine how we can put this authority to work for us.

First a word about a dilemma that the Rules Committee faces. When a member sees another party breaking a rule, but the other party claims innocence, how does the committee decide? If it's a toss-up, our entire system of justice favors the defendant.



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This has happened in more than one case, with the complainant becoming bitter and frustrated. An obvious but often not possible solution is for multiple witnesses to testify. If it's strictly one person's word against another, is it worthwhile to even bother with a complaint? I'm not an attorney and I don't speak for the Rules Committee, but I would think that each individual report of the activities of a chronic speeder or stop-sign runner would establish a pattern that might be helpful in future decisions. In any event, we owe our gratitude to the Rules Committee for the sometimes thankless job that they do.

Back to the noise problem. Over the past couple of years, we've had multiple complaints about kids on dirt bikes who use vacant lots for race tracks. They spend hours generating their noise, making nearby homes virtually unlivable. Paragraph 8.72.090(C) of the Health Code specifically prohibits causing dirt bike noise "so as to unreasonably disturb or interfere with the peace, comfort, and repose of owners or possessors of real property." Paragraph 8.72.100 defines a Public Nuisance Noise as any noise that annoys three or more persons residing within separate residences. Paragraph 8.72.120(A) states that "The County Sheriff's Office shall enforce the provisions of this Chapter." As I said previously, these laws have been adopted in the island rules, as well as being county law.

I think it's critical that neighbors unite when reporting noise pollution. The first step that I suggest is a call to 911, describing the situation and explaining that a group of you are requesting action. It goes without saying that you don't argue with the 911 dispatchers or take up any more of their time than necessary. If you don't get any response, however, I think a call to the Sheriff's office during business hours to ask why they are not enforcing county law is appropriate. In fairness to the Sheriff, we don't expect a deputy to come to the island every time someone hears a bump in the night. An entire neighborhood being victimized repeatedly by a gang

of young dirt bikers is an entirely different matter. Keep in mind that the county is not interested in talking to the Board, but wants to hear from the aggrieved parties directly. This is new territory for all of us, so we'll see how it goes.

In parallel with reporting these incidents to the Sheriff, you can file a complaint form at the office for the Rules Committee. Again, it's important that you are joined by as many neighbors as possible. The process will take time, and the maximum fine for a first offense is \$100. HMC has a policy of charging a fire starter \$125 for each special crossing that our ferry has to make to bring over firefighting equipment because of an illegal burn. I see no reason why we couldn't have the same policy for a noise polluter who forced special runs to pick up deputies and whose citation is upheld in court.

We also get complaints about small, noisy vehicles cruising our roads, but I don't know if there's much that we can do about it. Chapter 8.72 defines maximum vehicle noise levels, but we're not about to be chasing after motorized scooters with decibel meters. Kids driving golf carts and other small vehicles have long been a Herron Island tradition, and from what I've heard most of the membership wants to keep it that way. We need to expect that summer holiday weekends will be somewhat noisy, and we can decide just where to draw the line at future Board meetings.

We've had some members demand that the Board solve disputes that they are having with their neighbors. With a few exceptions, such as noise, HMC does not get involved in neighbor-to-neighbor arguments. Please remember that the Board is not a police agency. If you suspect your neighbor of violating an island rule, submit a report to the Rules Committee and be prepared to attend a hearing.

Proposition No. 1 on the enclosed ballot is the ratification of the FY 2004-2005 budget. While inflation on groceries and consumer goods has been



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quite low, we all know that the same hasn't been true for fuel and insurance. We also included an overdue raise for our office staff. Please vote on the three propositions and return your ballot to the office.

I'd like to thank Carole Crowley for the great job she did in compiling the island Yellow Pages. You can find it on our web site or pick up a hard copy at the office. This is something that we've needed for years. Besides island residents who are offering services, the booklet lists mainland businesses who have been recommended by residents. If you want to be listed or have a business to recommend, please send an email to the office to be forwarded to Carole. Finally, I'd like to thank Ferd Reichlin for his past service to the Board and welcome Joseph Pentheroudakis as Ferd's replacement. Ferd served on the Board for four years, most of it as the Rules Committee chairman. A few months ago Joseph agreed to be our new Rules chairman and subsequently agreed to run for the Board. Thanks to you both!

Please email me at President@herronisland.org with any questions or comments.

Ken Freeman



Ballot Results
HMC BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ELECTION
June 12, 2004

Bill Zazzo 86

Fred Fath 86

Joseph Pentheroudakis 88

Dick Zottman 1



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Important Phone Numbers

Island Manager

Doug Allen (253) 884-9350

HMC Board of Trustees

Ken Freeman, President (253) 884-2749

Bill Zazzo, VP & Water (425) 823-1902

Fred Fath, Secretary/Treasurer (206) 246-7016

Joseph Pentheroudakis, Rules (206) 860-7535

Al Moren, Land Use & Roads (253) 884-2721

Additional Responsibilities

Nick Huff, Transportation (253) 884-4663

Water Field Examiners

Dick Mowry (253) 884-7663

Dick Zottman (253) 884-9920

Tracy Anspach, Parks (253) 588-1921

Patty Jones, Beachcomber

**Herron Island Office Hours: Monday 9:30-12:30;
Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 to 4:30. The office is
CLOSED Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.**

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Emergency

911

Ferry Cell phone

(253)691-1457

(Cell phone to be used for scheduling heavy loads, big vehicles or having something in tow, and for information regarding ferry services.)

Delinquency List as of June 2004

BISENIUS—CLYMER-GUIBERSON—DICKINSON—
KIRK, LeeRoy—KIRK, M (Estate of)—LAWRENCE—
LEHMAN (DROUILLARD)—MARTIN, Sarah—O'NEILL—
OVERLAND—RUCKS—SMITH E.—TCHOCHIEV—
TITZLER—VOGEL T.

RENTERS : CARLISLE,TOM

Ferry Business

- Call ahead if you are planning to use the ferry for a trailer, boat, or large vehicle!
- Only those guests with valid passes will be allowed on the ferry.
- Plan your arrival at the dock at least 5 minutes before the scheduled time of departure.
- Walks-ons are not to be on the dock or ramp when cars are being loaded. Watch crew for permission to board.
- Only service and delivery people may charge fares.

LATELY WE HAVE EXPERIENCED GUESTS AND SERVICE PEOPLE EXPECTING TO COME OVER TO THE ISLAND WITHOUT GUEST PASSES. THIS VIOLATES THE ACCESS POLICY THAT WAS PUT IN PLACE FOR ALL OF OUR SECURITY. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR GUEST HAS A VALID GUEST PASS SIGNED BY YOU TO ENSURE THEY ARE ABLE TO RIDE THE FERRY. PROVIDING GUEST PASSES IS NOT PART OF THE DECKHAND'S JOB.

Beachcomber News Items need to be submitted to the HMC Office by the Friday after Monthly Meeting. Items may be handwritten (but please print), typed or emailed. Your name and phone number is to be included in case there are any questions. Paid advertisements are to be arranged through HMC Office.



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**HMC
Island Manager Report
Annual Membership Meeting
June 12, 2004**

Overview

Another year has passed and Herron Island continues to be a great place to live or to have a recreational place. The HMC members who serve on the Board and on committees and volunteer for projects continue to make great contributions to the community, as do the Boosters. These include building replacement concrete pads for the North Beach boat launch ramp (with more corrosion-resistant steel reinforcement than the originals) and obtaining a new float for use as a swim raft.

The island was recently profiled in an article published by the Washington state chapter of the national Community Associations Institute.

Below is a summary of some specific areas of interest:

Ferry

- Ferry will go into dry dock in late September, probably Monday, September 20. It will therefore go out of service Sunday evening, September 19.
- The topsides, bulwarks and cabins will be painted.
- Both engines will be rebuilt. One, which had an oil pump failure last fall, will only require partial rebuilding as it received extensive repairs earlier.
- A new alarm system covering overheating, low oil pressure, fire and excessive water in the bilges has been installed by ferry crewmembers. Only the steering compartments bilge alarms, which are behind steel bulkheads, remain to be completed. This will be done while in dry dock.
- The Coast Guard will do a thorough inspection. This will include testing of the hull to determine that there are no weak spots in the steel. The ferry is an "inspected pas-



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senger vessel" and as such must pass regular Coast Guard inspections, both in dry dock and while on the water.

Ferry operations

- A new part-time (fill-in) ferry captain with a great deal of experience has been hired. There are still two fill-in positions for which we would like to hire qualified persons.
- One part-time deckhand moved off the island. A replacement has been hired and he is currently training on and accumulating Coast Guard-required sea time on the HMC ferry in order to upgrade his captain's license. With the upgrade he will be eligible for hire as a part-time captain.
- There has been no turnover of the regular crew since January, 2000.

Ramps/piers (docks)

- The ramp mechanisms have been operating well, with no motor failures.
- New signs advising drivers and passengers of ferry protocols have been purchased.

Roads

- Road dust control program continues. The saltwater pump and the water truck have proved their worth. This spring volunteers cleaned out the water tank and cleaned and enlarged the spray nozzles, allowing the water dispersal to go faster.
- Road maintenance continues and roads and drainage are generally in good condition. It is planned upgrade certain areas most in need of it during this year
- CenturyTel placed quite a few of their telephone lines underground this year. In doing so they damaged some portions of the island roads and water system. These have been repaired by HMC's contractor and full reimbursement made to HMC by the phone company.

Water

- The island's water supply itself continues to be excellent. Testing shows that it is very low in nitrates and has very low or non-existent levels of other chemicals.



However, as occurred last year during warmer weather, we are exceeding regulatory levels for coliform bacteria. These act as an indicator of potentially greater problems. No bacteria have been found in water as it comes from the two wells.

- Advice from various sources, including the State Department of Health and a rural water expert who visited the island, is that the contamination is occurring in the old concrete water tank used as the island's reservoir. The tank is cracked and it leaks in numerous places. The recommended solution is to replace it as soon as possible.
- Plans are being made to purchase and install a new reservoir that will hold more than three times the water the current one holds. It will be designed to meet fire flow and health department capacity requirements, while keeping stored water fresher and free of contaminants. A vote of the membership will be required in order to move ahead with this project.

Administration

- The Company's insurance and risk management program has again been updated in order to adequately cover the various risks to that HMC is exposed to, as well as covering the maritime operations. Our broker continually looks for the best values available, and costs are being held to levels as low as we can find, consistent with obtaining good customer service with a quality brokerage.
- Once again, it needs to be noted that insurance continues to be a seller's market and HMC and its members, guests and employees need to do everything in their power to strive for an accident-free environment so that we do not need to file any insurance claims.
- HMC's Rules and Regs updates are nearly completed.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

Herron Maintenance Company

June 2004

As part of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act of 1996, drinking water providers are required to furnish a Consumer Confidence Report to their customers on an annual basis beginning 1999. The purpose of this report is to tell you about your water. Where your water comes from and how it compares to stringent standards set by regulatory agencies.

Drinking water, including bottled water may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer-undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

Contaminants that may be present in source water before it is treated include:

- *Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agriculture livestock operations and wildlife.

- *Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

- *Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.

- *Radioactive contaminants, which are naturally occurring.

- *Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and in some cases, radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Your water comes from a single well field containing two wells. After the water comes from the wells it is distributed to your home without treatment.

Listed below are the results from 2003 laboratory tests:

| Inorganic Contaminants | MCL | MCLG | HMC Water | |
|------------------------|-----|------|-----------|-----------|
| Nitrate | 5 | .5 | 1.4 | Sept 2003 |

*Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

*Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): the level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

*Action Level (AL): the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

*N/A: not applicable *nd: not detectable at testing limit *ppb: parts per billion or micrograms per liter *ppm: parts per million or milligrams per liter *pCi/l: picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation).

As a result of consistent and high water quality the Department of Health has granted a waiver for nearly all sampling and testing except coliform. In 2003, several of the monthly routine coliform tests revealed the presence of coliform bacteria. Though not a serious threat to health, coliform bacteria is an indicator of vulnerability to more serious bacterial contamination.

An investigation was conducted to determine the most likely source of the contamination. Water drawn directly from the two wells has not shown any problems, but water that has been stored in the old, 30,000-gallon reservoir has shown the presence of contaminants at times. Expert advice following the investigation has concluded that the reservoir needs to be replaced soon. Plans are underway to replace it with a 99,000-gallon reservoir that will not only alleviate the contamination problem but will also allow for meeting current Washington Department of Health and Pierce County Fire Marshal capacity requirements.

PROPOSED 2004-2005 HMC BUDGET

| | Assessment Base with 33% Phase-in | | 371 | |
|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---------|---|
| | Reduced Base Adjusted for Uncollectables | | 360 | |
| | Budget 2003-2004 | Budget 2004-2005 | %Change | Notes |
| SUMMARY/INCOME | | | | |
| Total Expenses | 475,550 | 523,251 | 10.03% | |
| <i>Non-Assessment Income</i> | | | | |
| Ferry User Fees | 125000 | 130000 | 4.00% | Actuals for 2004 running a little ahead of budget |
| Interest | 1,000 | 500 | -50.00% | Rates are low |
| Payments/Delinquent Accts | 2,000 | 2000 | 0.00% | |
| Miscellaneous | 3,000 | 4000 | 33.33% | Actuals for 2004 running a little ahead of budget |
| Required Assessment Income | 344,550 | 386751 | 12.25% | |
| Total Income | 475,550 | 523,251 | | |
| Assessment/Member If Everyone Paid | 952 | Assessment \$1,042 | 9.53% | Based on number of assessable units with 33% phase-in |
| Amount Unpaid by Delinquent Members | -9,510 | | | |
| Assessment Per Paying Member | 979 | Adjusted Assessment \$1,074 | 9.75% | Based on number of assessable units adjusted for uncollectables |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| <i>ADMINISTRATION</i> | | | | |
| Office Equipment | 100 | 100 | 0.00% | |
| Emergency Preparedness | 300 | 600 | 100.00% | |
| Community Associations Institute | 350 | 400 | 14.29% | |
| Accountant | 3400 | 3600 | 5.88% | |
| ADP Payroll Service | 2500 | 2500 | 0.00% | |
| Bank Fees | 600 | 200 | -66.67% | |
| <i>Insurance</i> | | | | |
| Directors/Officers | 2400 | 3000 | 25.00% | |
| Uninsured Loss/Deductible | 0 | 0 | | |
| Facilities | 21000 | 16000 | -23.81% | 04 Actuals Plus 20% |
| Employee Dishonesty | 500 | 600 | 20.00% | |
| General Liability | 5000 | 7200 | 44.00% | |
| Auto/Truck | 2000 | 2000 | 0.00% | |
| <i>Legal Fees</i> | | | | |
| Collection Costs | 4000 | 4000 | 0.00% | |
| General | 5000 | 4000 | -20.00% | |
| Liens | 100 | 100 | 0.00% | |
| Litigation | 5000 | 5000 | 0.00% | |
| <i>Other</i> | | | | |
| Ferry Fees | 400 | 300 | -25.00% | |

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|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--|
| Ads for New Employees | 400 | 400 | 0.00% | |
| Website | 500 | 350 | -30.00% | |
| Misc. | 900 | 900 | 0.00% | |
| Postage | | | | |
| Bulk Mail Permit | 150 | 200 | 33.33% | |
| Meter Rental & Box Fee | 500 | 500 | 0.00% | |
| Stamps & Meter Filling | 2500 | 2700 | 8.00% | |
| Printing | | | | |
| Copier Contract | 2500 | 2800 | 12.00% | |
| Printing - Other | | 250 | | |
| Admin Dept. Wages | 41600 | 48300 | 16.11% | Wage adjustments for job parity |
| Payroll Taxes | 4200 | 4860 | 15.71% | |
| Retirement | 450 | 1150 | 155.56% | Employee participation |
| Federal, State & County Taxes | 2000 | 2000 | 0.00% | |
| Office Supplies | 800 | 800 | 0.00% | |
| Telephone/Long Distance | 1800 | 2000 | 11.11% | |
| Total Administration | 110,950 | 116,810 | 5.28% | |
| DOCKS | | | | |
| Repairs/Maintenance | 4,000 | 4,000 | 0.00% | |
| Other | | | | |
| Parts & Supplies | 1,200 | 1,200 | 0.00% | |
| Inspection | 1000 | 1000 | 0.00% | |
| Annual DNR Lease | 1700 | 1700 | 0.00% | |
| Utilities | 1200 | 1200 | 0.00% | |
| Total Docks | 9,100 | 9,100 | 0.00% | |
| FERRY | | | | |
| Ferry Dry Dock and Major Repairs | 35000 | 40000 | 14.29% | Increase to cover dry dock cost increase and major repairs |
| Fuel | 24000 | 29000 | 20.83% | Price of Oil increase |
| Insurance | | | | |
| Excess P & I | 18500 | 18500 | 0.00% | Favorable insurance environment reduced increases |
| Hull & Machinery P & I | 25000 | 25000 | 0.00% | Favorable insurance environment reduced increases |
| Equipment | 2000 | 2000 | 0.00% | |
| Routine Maintenance | 8750 | 10000 | 14.29% | Anticipated cost increases for parts and service |
| Ferry Dept. Wages | 150800 | 158923 | 5.39% | Cost of living adjustment and scheduled merit raises |
| Payroll Taxes | 14500 | 15336 | 5.77% | |
| Medical/Life Insurance | 17100 | 18500 | 8.19% | |
| Retirement | 8900 | 9387 | 5.47% | |
| Supplies | 1800 | 1400 | -22.22% | |
| Personal Property & Excise Tax | 3000 | 3000 | 0.00% | |
| Other | | | | |
| Ferry Cell Phone | 600 | 600 | 0.00% | |
| Drug Testing | 600 | 800 | 33.33% | |
| Inspection & Licensing | 1000 | 1400 | 40.00% | Anticipated cost increases from Coast Guard |
| Pension Administration | 600 | 700 | 16.67% | |
| Tickets, Passes & Stickers | 1000 | 1000 | 0.00% | |
| Uniforms | 900 | 900 | 0.00% | |
| Ferry Fees | 0 | 50 | | |
| Passenger Vessel Assoc. Dues | 350 | 350 | 0.00% | |
| Misc. | 700 | 700 | 0.00% | |

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|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---|
| Total Ferry | 315,100 | 337,546 | 7.12% | |
| PARKS | | | | |
| Parks Dept. Wages | 915 | 1000 | 9.29% | |
| Payroll Taxes | 155 | 165 | 6.45% | |
| Maintenance | 500 | 500 | 0.00% | |
| <i>Small Boat Dock</i> | | | | |
| Maintenance | 155 | 150 | -3.23% | |
| Supplies & Repairs | 500 | 500 | 0.00% | |
| Utilities | 225 | 225 | 0.00% | |
| <i>Other</i> | | | | |
| Playground Improvement | 500 | 500 | 0.00% | |
| Misc. | 100 | 2200 | 2100.00% | Includes purchase of replacement mowing equipment |
| Sanikans | 5000 | 4700 | -6.00% | |
| Garbage Pick Up | 1000 | 1000 | 0.00% | |
| Total Parks | 9,050 | 10,940 | 20.88% | |
| ROADS | | | | |
| Contract Work & Repairs | 10500 | 12700 | 20.95% | Major infrastructure improvements to ditches |
| Supplies & Materials | 2500 | 4500 | 80.00% | Includes more gravel and material for roads and ditches |
| <i>Maintenance</i> | | | | |
| Other | 200 | 200 | 0.00% | |
| Tansy Weed Control | 500 | 600 | 20.00% | |
| Dust Control Truck | 1300 | 1500 | 15.38% | |
| Roads Dept. Wages | 0 | 0 | | |
| Payroll Taxes | 0 | 0 | | |
| Utilities | 200 | 200 | 0.00% | |
| Total Roads | 15,200 | 19,700 | 29.61% | |
| WATER | | | | |
| Contract Manager | 1200 | 1200 | 0.00% | |
| Water Dept. Wages | 4850 | 5800 | 19.59% | Includes salary and hour adjustments |
| Payroll Taxes | 775 | 830 | 7.10% | |
| Water Reserve | | 12000 | | Replacement over 5 years of \$60,000 reserve fund |
| Supplies/Repairs | 2000 | 2000 | 0.00% | Tank replacement from reserves in 2004 |
| Utilities | 4000 | 4000 | 0.00% | |
| <i>Other</i> | | | | |
| Membership-Evergreen Water | 150 | 150 | 0.00% | |
| Misc | 275 | 275 | 0.00% | |
| Permits & Licenses | 900 | 900 | 0.00% | |
| Water Samples | 1200 | 1200 | 0.00% | |
| Excise Tax | 500 | 500 | 0.00% | |
| Truck Expenses | 300 | 300 | 0.00% | |
| Total Water | 16,150 | 29,155 | 80.53% | |

Amendment to the Rules and Regulations

Per vote of the Board of Directors on June 12, 2004, the following section has been added to Article IV of the Herron Island Rules and Regulations dated August 1995.

H. PUBLIC DISTURBANCE AND PUBLIC NUISANCE NOISE

Please be considerate of your neighbors on the island. Noise pollution destroys the peace and serenity of our surroundings, depresses our quality of life and the value of our properties, and disrupts the fabric of our community.

Section 8.72 in Pierce County's Code regulates excessive intermittent noises that interfere with the use, value, and enjoyment of property, and which pose a hazard to the public health, safety and welfare. The ordinance prohibits, among others, frequent, repetitive, or continuous sounds made by any animal or machinery, vehicles, sound amplifiers, which "unreasonably disturb or interfere with the peace, comfort, and repose of property owners or possessors."

Section 8.72.100 also states that "It is unlawful for any person to cause or allow to be emitted a Public Nuisance Noise. A Public Nuisance Noise is any noise which unreasonably annoys, injures, interferes with, or endangers the comfort, repose, health or safety of three or more persons residing within separate residences in the same community or neighborhood, although the extent of the damage may be unequal."

The county recognizes that additional local noise restrictions may also apply; accordingly, the following HMC Rules have been adopted:

H-1. Noise of any nature will not be permitted between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Examples include: loud voices, loud music, barking dogs, noise from construction equipment and construction activity, and noise from vehicles, chain saws, lawn mowers, and other yard and garden equipment. Board sanctioned activities are exempt. (Class B)

H-2. Public disturbance noise and public nuisance noise as defined by Pierce County will not be allowed between the hours of 8:00 am and 10:00 pm. Exceptions: noise from construction equipment in connection with construction activity, chain saws, lawn mowers, and other yard and garden equipment. (Class B)

Notice of Special Membership Meeting of Herron Maintenance Company

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Article 4 of the Bylaws of the Herron Maintenance Company that a special meeting of the membership will be held on Saturday, July 24, 2004 at the hour of 10:00 AM at the HMC Community Building. At the meeting, three (3) ballot proposals described below which have been set before the members by action of the Board of Trustees will be voted on.

Members may vote in person at the meeting or by mailing or delivering the enclosed absentee ballot to the HMC Office so that it is received prior to the time of the meeting. *Ballots will not be counted unless your name and signature appear on the large envelope.*

- 1. Pursuant to RCW 64.38.025(3), the Board of Trustees has presented the FY 2004-2005 budget to the membership for ratification.**
- 2. Pursuant to Section 2.4 of the Bylaws of the Herron Maintenance Company, the Board of Trustees has proposed that an expenditure of \$80,000 be approved by the membership to construct and install a new community water storage tank.**
- 3. Pursuant to Paragraph 2.1.3 of the Bylaws of the Herron Maintenance Company, the Board of Trustees has proposed that a special assessment of \$60 per membership, due and payable September 1, 2004 and to be applied to the cost of a new community water storage tank, be ratified by the membership.**

Official Ballot and Voting Instructions

Return the ballot delivered by USPS, not an online copy.

1. Vote yes to accept any proposal set forth below. Vote no to reject it.
2. Insert your ballot in the envelope marked "Official Ballot" and seal the envelope. Do not put your name on this envelope. Do not place anything other than one Ballot in this envelope.
3. Place the small envelope marked "Official Ballot" in the large envelope. **You must sign the large envelope and make sure that your name and address appear on the large envelope. *If your name and signature do not appear on the outside of the large envelope, your vote will not be counted.***
4. To be considered a member in good standing and have your vote counted, all delinquent charges and assessments must be paid in full before the Ballots are counted.
5. Please make sure that your name is legible on the large envelope. If your name cannot be read, the ballot will not be counted.
6. Your absentee Ballot must be received in the HMC Office by 10:00 AM, Saturday, July 24, 2004 to be counted. If you prefer to vote in person, please attend the meeting. The Ballots will be counted at that time.

Proposition No. 1

(Approval of the Budget)

Shall the budget as presented in this June, 2004 Beachcomber be ratified by the membership?

☐ YES (For Proposition)

☐ NO (Against Proposition)

(over)

Proposition No. 2

(Approval of Water Tank Expenditure)

Shall an expenditure of \$80,000 for the construction and installation of a new community water storage tank be approved by the membership?

☐ **YES** (For Proposition)

☐ **NO** (Against Proposition)

Proposition No. 3

(Ratification of Special Assessment)

If Proposition No. 2 on this ballot passes, shall a special assessment of \$60 per membership, to be added to the \$59,000 water reserve account and applied to the cost of the construction and installation of a new community water storage tank and due and payable by September 1, 2004, be ratified by the membership?

☐ **YES** (For Proposition)

☐ **NO** (Against Proposition)

PLEASE RETAIN THESE RULES & REGULATIONS

TO MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS:

Herron Island in Case Inlet is a very unique place. The Island is completely privately owned and is governed by a Board of Trustees elected by the general membership. This Board sets down the rules and regulations by which we are governed.

At the north end of the Island is the North Community Beach, swimming area, small boat dock and launching ramp. At the south end of the Island is the South Community Beach, which is undeveloped, where members and their guests may dig clams and beach comb. (The sand spit north of the South Community Beach is PRIVATE PROPERTY.) Goodpastor Park is located at about the top center of the Island. All property with the exception of the above is private. We ask that you respect the private ownership of the individual beaches and property and not trespass on them. PLEASE respect and be considerate of your neighbors.

REMEMBER, YOU USE ALL OF THE FACILITIES OF HERRON ISLAND AT YOUR OWN PERSONAL RISK!

WE ASK YOU FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE RULES:

1. No water-skiing or jet skiing in the area of the small boat docks and in the swim area.
2. When in your boat, no more than 5 mph until beyond the outer pilings.
3. No more than ONE BOAT PER MEMBER or GUEST shall be allowed use of the Small Boat Dock at any one time. All member boats must have a valid HMC decal prominently posted near the operator's station or the bow. Members are limited to one guest boat per membership - guest pass should be posted so it's visible from the dock.
4. Moorage - Loading and unloading - 1 hour, maximum; short term moorage - 24 hours, maximum, May 1 through Sept. 30; 48 hours, maximum, Oct. 1 through April 30.
5. There is a 10:00 p.m. NOISE CURFEW. Beaches and parks close at 10:00 p.m. No trespassing after 10:00 p.m. Violators will be prosecuted.
6. Not allowed on the dock: running, bicycles, and motorbikes, barbecuing or cooking.
7. Swimming in the dock or boat ramp vicinity is forbidden. Use the marked beach swim area.
8. 15 mph speed limit on all roads, motorbikes included.
9. Motorcycles and trail bikes will be operated only between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. and must be properly equipped with lights, mufflers, and an HMC decal.
10. Motorized vehicles are prohibited on all beaches, small boat dock, and in the general park area except to park.
11. Comply with all regulations posted on the ferry. It is prohibited to run vehicle engines while the vessel is underway, or to start until directed by the crew. The Captain and deck hand have complete authority while underway, loading and unloading.
12. No fishing from the ferry, ferry dock, or ferry ramp.

13. In case of sudden illness or accident, the ferry will make emergency runs at any time at no charge. Special runs such as missing a scheduled run or because you want to get on or off the Island at unscheduled times, incurs a fee per vehicle.
14. No overnight camping on community beaches.
15. Extinguish all open fires prior to leaving the immediate area.
16. No discharging of firearms or bows and arrows.
17. Fireworks may be used only in controlled area of the North Beach - not the parking area and **ONLY ON JULY 4TH**.
18. Dogs must be tied or on a leash.
19. Remove all trash and garbage from the Island.
20. Do not remove any beach gravel or sand from the community beaches. When clam digging, refill your holes.
21. Guests are allowed on the Island **ONLY** with a guest pass issued by a property owner, along with the proper fee.
22. Other Pierce County laws that apply on private property include: Minor in possession of alcohol laws; Reckless driving; DWI; Any misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor involving harm or threats of harm to any person or property; and Felonies.

REMEMBER, YOU HAVE AS MUCH RIGHT IN CONTROLLING OR STOPPING ANY UNLAWFUL OR DESTRUCTIVE ACTS AS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.



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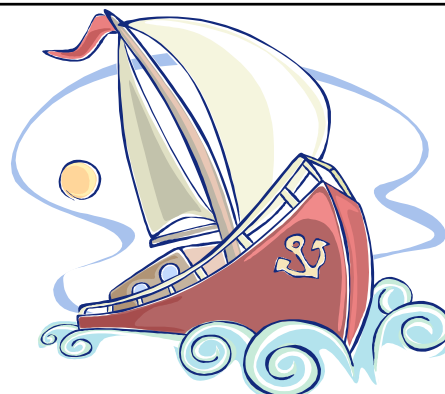
4th of July Weekend Activities

Saturday, July 3rd

- 11AM** Baseball Sign Up
(East vs. West Islanders)
Kids Games
- 12 Noon** Young Adults (12-25)
Baseball Game
- 2:30PM** Adults Baseball Game
- 4PM** Sailboat Race

Sunday, July 4th

- 9AM** Cinnamon Rolls & Coffee
Boosters Table
Island Flea Market/Table
Rentals
Fun Run Sign-Up
- 10:30AM** Fun Run & National Anthem
- 11:30AM** Burgers & Brats
Parade Line-Up
- 12:30PM** Parade & Popsicles
- 1:30PM** Kayak Race
- 5PM** Blind Man's Dinghy Race



Herron Island Water Regatta

There will be three water events during the Fourth of July Weekend. The times had to be adjusted to the tides.

Saturday, July 3rd

- 4PM** Sailboat Race
Monohull & Multihull

Sunday, July 4th

- 1:30PM** Kayak Race
12' 6" and under
12' 7" and over
- 5PM** Blindman Dinghy Race

Congratulations to the following WINNERS
on Memorial Day Weekend

- Sailboat** Monohull: Nancy Wong &
Tom Decker
Multihull: Curt Bray

Kayak & Dinghy Race had to be cancelled
at event time.



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IN MEMORIAM

Herron Island Friends express their condolences to the family of Wilma Swor.

Wilma passed away June 14th, 2004.

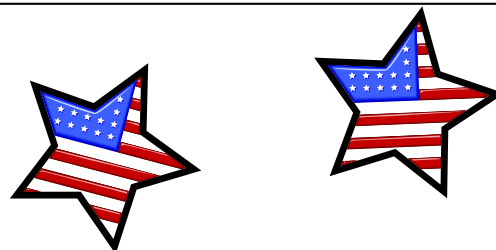
Wilma was an active member for twenty-eight years.

A memorial will be held on the Island. Date and time to be announced.



The Water Regatta would like to thank George Newcomb for designing and crafting another Island trophy.

We now have two kayak trophies, one for each class.



THANK YOU!!

TO THE COMMITTEE, THE DONORS, THE WORKERS, AND THE PEOPLE WHO CAME TO SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION TO DICK & IP PUN MOWRY AT THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST. IT WAS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS IN EVERY WAY FOR EVERYONE!



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FOR SALE! SOLD! FOR SALE! SOLD! FOR SALE! SOLD! FOR SALE! SOLD!

- Two new handcrafted log cabins; one w/loft \$169,900; One w/master & loft \$199,900. Both centrally located on island. Live your dream!
- Just listed: 3 BR 1.75 BA western view home w/double & single car garage, RV carport, shop, Bonus room, greenhouse w/water & power & more. All fenced & meticulously maintained. \$169,500
- Cozy 2 BR cabin; walk to S. Beach! Ready for summertime fun for you & yours~ \$85,000
- Watch www.HerronIsland.com for all new listings & updates~
- Sweeping S. Sound view lot! 3 BR septic in; water & power available. \$95,000
- Level lot. 3 BR septic! Water! Power! All in! \$39,500
- View lightly treed lot! Water & drain field in; electric available! \$39,500
- View E. side sunrise lot waits. Community septic, water & power available! \$32,500

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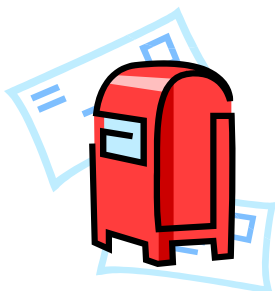


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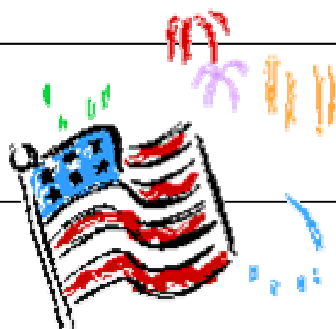
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The wait list for a new mailbox currently numbers seven. While a unit smaller than thirteen is available, it is felt that a thirteen unit box would be more appropriate.

Please contact Max Hochanadel at 884-6877 or email maxopal@centurytel.net if you want to be added to the list. Incidentally, the cost is \$100 and the box is yours.



Big 4th of July Weekend Sale at the Pink House!

820 W. Yew Blvd. and the blue house next door have dug deep inside their depths to bring you a huge sale!

Furniture (easy chairs, large TV stand, triple dressers, etc.) kitchenware, videos, CDs and lots of household goods.

Saturday & Sunday, July 3rd & 4th from 9:30a.m. to 4p.m.

First left turn past the community park/playground.

July 4th Parade

Our 4th of July Parade is good old-fashioned fun for the entire family. Everyone is welcome to join in as we celebrate July 4th on Herron Island.

Decorate your bike, golf cart, wagon, fourwheeler, truck, vintage car, or even yourself with stars and stripes and the Red, White, and Blue. We gather at Goodpastor Park at 12:30PM on Sunday, July 4th. Play your patriotic music as we parade down Maple Drive and East Herron Blvd. ending up at the North Beach.

Be patriotic — wave those flags — Get creative — Make a float

See you at the parade!!!





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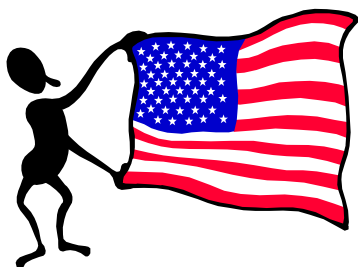
Herron Islanders,

We would like to thank everyone involved for the breakfast given for Ip Pun and Dick Mowry on May 28th, 2004. The generosity, kindness, and love will be long remembered.

We had a great time. Seeing and feeling so much love was just overwhelming. The Islanders showed just how wonderful this place is and we will not forget.

The Pot of Money was over \$1,300. Thank you each and every one and to all of the cooks and workers who gave their time, talent, and money. The Breakfast is in our book of very good memories and the people were outstanding. Again, our thanks to all! We are proud to be part of Herron Islanders.

Ip Pun Mowry & Dick Mowry



Steak Dinner & Auction

August 21st

To donate auction items, please call Ms. Cindy Denny

at

884-9426

To assist with the dinner call Ms. Kathy Deuster

at

884-6898





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Thanks to Dan Jansen's generous donation of plants we had another successful plant sale on May 30th. Thanks also to Club members Marie Golden, Chris Mohr, Sue Pottorff, Mary Turpin, and Julia Tyson for plant contributions and putting in as much as 4-5 hours helping at the sale. Mary Turpin also donated a table for the sale. (Hope we haven't left anyone out.)

On June 14 several members worked on the triangle park - weeding, digging, planting, and fertilizing. The group included Carol Cutler, Joan Frare, Opal & Max Hochanadel, and Carol & Steve McNair.

On July 8th we'll have a tour of Olympic Farmers' Market leaving on the 8:30 ferry. Contact me, Carol McNair; 253 884-4467, if you are interested in going.

August 9, we plan to make huge sandcast leaf birdbaths at Julia Tyson's. Call her for what to bring, 884-6138. By the way, Julia is a Master Gardener and can help you with gardening questions.

The area for the Vegetable Patch is waiting for its topsoil. One load has arrived, but anyone doing excavating and wishing to get rid of topsoil, please call Dana Gruber at 884-6898. Also, anyone having steel fence posts (6 feet or so) or chainlink fence wire to donate call Dana. This is a big project, folks, please help.

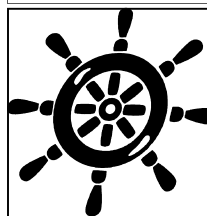
Carol McNair
President





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CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

I would like to remind everyone to please stay OFF the dock while vehicles are unloading/loading. To all walk-on passengers: You may board the ferry before vehicles **IF** the light is RED and **IF** there is a crewmember on board. Once the light is GREEN stay-off the dock until directed by a crewmember to board **or** until the light turns RED.

FERRY SCHEDULE CANCELLATIONS & DELAYS

Reminder: July 5th Ferry Schedule to be Holiday Schedule

| | | |
|---------------|------------|--|
| July | Thurs 7-1 | 12-12:30 |
| | Fri 7-2 | 12-12:30 |
| | Sat 7-3 | 11am NO SHUTTLE, 11:30-12, 2:30-3 |
| | Sun 7-4 | 12 NO SHUTTLE, 1:30-2, 2:30-3, 3:30 LATE |
| | Mon 7-5 | 1:30-2, 2:30-3, 3:30-4 |
| | Tues 7-6 | 3:30 LATE |
| | Thurs 7-15 | 12:00 LATE |
| | Fri 7-16 | 12-12:30 |
| | Sat 7-17 | 11:30-12 |
| | Sun 7-18 | 12 NO SHUTTLE, 1:30-2 |
| | Mon 7-19 | 2:30 LATE |
| | Wed 7-28 | 8:30-9 |
| | Thurs 7-29 | 8:30-9 LEAVES EARLY NO SHUTTLES |
| | Fri 7-30 | 12-12:30 |
| | Sat 7-31 | 10:30-11, 11:30-12 |
| August | Sunday 8-1 | 11:30am-12pm |
| | Mon 8-2 | 12 & 12:30 NO SHUTTLES 2:30 LATE |
| | Thurs 8-26 | 8:30-9 |
| | Sat 8-28 | 10 Leaves early NO SHUTTLE 10:30-11 & 11:30-12 |
| | Sun 8-29 | 11 Leaves early NO SHUTTLE 11:30 & 12 |



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Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Teams

PC-NET MEETING - 7 p.m. 3rd Monday of every month at the Fire Station/Community building

Wildland fire season has begun. I had my first wildland fire experience last week and although I have personally researched the hazards of these fires, it was still shocking to see firsthand. Luckily, the incident was relatively minor compared to other incidents. It was nonetheless a reminder that we must each take preventive measures during the dry season.

It is important to remember that when you have a fire, always keep a garden hose or a bucket of water, and a shovel nearby. This goes for on the beach as well. Also, do not throw the remains of your fire into the waves as it will contaminate the water. Remember to stamp down on cigarette butts with your shoe. Do not throw butts out of your car. Even if there are no glowing embers, radiant heat can start a blaze with minimal effort. Our first and best line of defense is to be responsible for our surroundings.

Fireworks are another large concern due to possible fires occurring. Remember, Bottle Rockets, Sky Rockets, Fire Crackers, and Sky Fliers are prohibited in Washington State unless you first acquire a license to use them. Sparklers are among the most dangerous fireworks not only due to the fire risk but also the danger of someone burning themselves from the intense heat. Please also remember that on Herron Island you may ONLY use fireworks during the allotted time and only on the North Beach. All violations should be reported to the Rules & Regs Committee. Further information on fireworks may be obtained from the Main Office. Do not give a small child any kind of fireworks. It takes only a single moment for an accident to occur.

If anyone is interested in receiving current training regarding First Aid, CPR, or AED training, please come to our next meeting and we will work on setting up a time to fit your schedule to accomplish this. Remember, you do not have to become an active member of PC-NET to be trained. But if you would also like to join, it helps out everyone and only requires once or twice a month of your time.

Hope to see you all at our next meeting!

Michael D. Jones
First Aid Team Leader

**Island AA meetings on Sundays at 9.30 am in
the Fire Station/Community Building**



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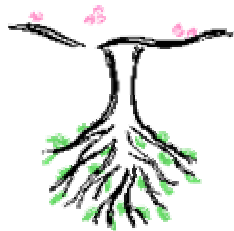
July

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 Independence Day | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Board Meeting 10am Booster 6pm |
| 11 | 12 PC-NET 7pm | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Special Membership Meeting 10am |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

August

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Board Meeting 10am Booster 6pm |
| 15 | 16 PC-NET 7pm | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Women's Equality Day | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |

WELCOME ALL NEWCOMERS!



Get involved! We need you! It's fun!

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