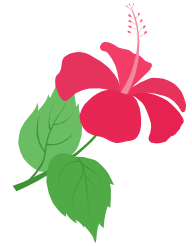




The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

May 2015



President's Message

May is here and Memorial Day is approaching quickly. The start of summer vacations is getting ready to kick off and Members are starting to arrive more frequently to get their residences ready. If you have not been to the island in the last couple of weeks upon your return you will find that our mountain of gravel is disappearing from North Beach as it is put onto the roads. The roads are wider and smoothing out as the road work is being done. The operators running the grader, dump truck and front end loader ask that you please don't pull out in front of them when they are moving. This equipment does not stop as quickly as a car and it does have a weight advantage over a car, golf cart, bike, ATV or go-cart. When it comes to vehicles, weight and size normally wins out during impact tests, planned or unplanned. Another impact that is being felt by the road crew is that people like to stop and chitchat with someone else out for a walk or passing by. Normally this does not present a problem unless you're spreading gravel with a dump truck or driving a grader to move gravel to smooth out the road. Having to stop the process of spreading gravel creates additional work for the crew. Please be careful when you see the road crew and equipment in your area and let them proceed uninterrupted. The roads will get done faster if everyone is considerate to each other.

You may have noticed some changes to our ferry crew lineup on some days. Two of the ferry crew are out for personal reasons and Claudia has had to scramble to keep the ferry staffed to keep the ferry on schedule. We are currently short of standby captains to operate the ferry and with the improving job market it is getting harder and harder to find people that want to work as standbys. Captain John has been helping Claudia with suggestions where to run additional want ads to help find personnel. Our regular crew is returning to full duty shortly but the issue of finding standby captains will continue to be an ongoing problem for now. If you know someone that has a

captains license for a 100 ton vessel and would like to have some part time work please send them Claudia's way.

It is election time for Board Members once again. Ballots will be going out shortly for three positions. Only two Members have submitted applications to run for the Board so all three positions will be filled by the Members with the most votes including write-in candidates. If none of the write-in candidates accepts the position, the remaining four Board Members will appoint a Member who is willing to serve on the Board for one year as permitted in our Bylaws. Please take the time and give consideration to this ballot since this is your Homeowners Association.

The ramp painting bids are due in by the end of next week (May 22) and we will know then who is doing the work and what the exact cost is going to be. We will also know what the Special Assessment will be and also narrow down the timelines for this fall's painting event. Six firms are submitting bids to do the work which means there is some good competition for this job. As soon as we get the information we will get it posted and sent out on the Membership email list. If you are not on the email list or need to update your email address please send a note to Claudia or Carolyn to add your email address. With the ramp painting this fall the ferry schedule will fluctuate at times and knowing head of any changes may be of benefit to you.

In this month's Beachcomber is the proposed budget for our next fiscal year. The assessment is proposed to go up \$350 with the vast majority of this increase going into the dolphin reserve account. (See the special note about this year's general assessment on Page 24 below.) Even though we have found a less costly way of installing the dolphins the work still needs to be done. The next phase of the work is to pay for the engineering of the dolphin project so that we don't experience delays and can move forward with possible loans and needed permits. The USDA loan application

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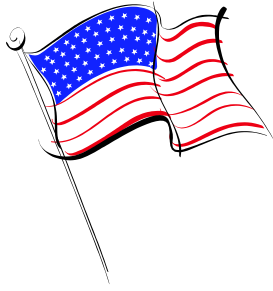
is going in and right now everything looks good but things may change depending on our new Congress and White House resident coming next year. If the USDA loan permit is accepted and we vote to use the USDA loan to finance this project we can avoid a high special assessment and spread the pain out over a few years. As always there are pros and cons but right now we are keeping our options open.

That is about it for news, so please come out for the Memorial Day weekend as the Boosters have their events planned and enjoy a restful three day weekend. It has been a while since we had one.

**Gary Wanzong, President
HMC Management Board of
Directors**

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MEMORIAL DAY



BOOSTERS EVENTS

Saturday, May 23rd, 2015

Goodpastor Park

Softball Games

Sign-Up 10:00-11:00 (All players must register)

Youth Game—11:00-1:00 (Ages 5-12)

Adult Game— 2:00-4:00 (Ages 13 and up)

HOT DOGS, CHIPS AND POP FOR SALE
(BOTTLED WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PLAYERS.)

Sunday, May 24th

Community Center

9:00 AM

Coffee & Cinnamon Rolls

Island Apparel Sales

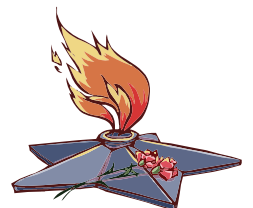
Junk in the Trunk Sales



North Beach

11:00 AM

Sailboat Race—Sign up at the pink
umbrella or call Anita @ 253-820-8030



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 Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday, and after 2:00 PM on Fri-
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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.)

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.

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. BLANK GUEST PASSES ARE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS AT THE OFFICE, BY MAIL, AND ON THE FERRY.

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Beachcomber news items must be submitted by 5:00 PM on the Wednesday after the monthly Board meeting on the second Saturday of the month. Items **MUST** be emailed in electronic format to beachcomber@herronisland.org. Include your name and phone number in case any questions arise. Paid advertisements are to be arranged with the HMC office **PRIOR TO PUBLICATION.**

Island Manager Report May 9, 2015

Administration:

Volunteers: Tracy Anspach, Karl Schafer, Paula Trent and Marty Deiss assisted with the swing set and fence completion. Pat Zazzo, Karl Schafer and Paula Trent helped put up the emergency assembly signs. John Farris and Terrill Chilson edited and published the low tide cancellation schedule, adding 19 runs to replace many low tide cancellations. Kathy Deuster, Dana Gruber and Virginia Major prepared 500 envelopes for mailing of water statements. Pat Zazzo has been singlehandedly killing HMC tansy. Thanks to all those who helped and who I haven't named.

Insurance: HMC spends approximately \$65,000 annually on insurance policies covering property, liability, docks & piers, the ferry. We have had favorable claim experience (none) and keep our broker apprised of the risk reduction steps HMC has taken, such as replacing the sport court. So, our 2015-16 renewal premiums will actually drop below last year's. Last year's increase was also well below the industry averages.

Island Rules vs. Island Manager FYI: On occasion, someone will come into the office and ask why the Island Manager hasn't "done something" about an apparent rules violation, often involving noise, dogs or speeding. With rare exception, these are Member to Member issues and should be resolved between Members, or through the Rules Committee. The Island Manager may file a Rules complaint, when directed by the Board to do so, or if the Manager is personally the object of a violation.

Water Operations:

Members who need service on their side of the HMC meter need to hire a contractor to do the work. HMC will not perform work on private property, except in case of emergency. If such an emergency occurs, the Member will be charged for the service. All sample water bills not picked up at the April 11 meeting have been mailed to Members.

There were fifteen names on the April 16 "leak list". These members will be contacted by email or letter so that the leaks can be repaired before the tiered billing begins in November 2015.

Water Committee Report: None.

Fire Department Liaison: No report.

Land Use: No report.

Emergency Preparedness: In order to prepare island residents for wildfire or other evacuation reasons, four sites have been designated around the island with "Emergency Assembly Point" signs. These points were approved by the fire department and will be the subject of an emergency preparedness exercise.

Mike Shettlesworth has done some research regarding security on the mainland while ramps are painted, including installation of motion sensor lights.

Parks: Committee Report.

Please contact Tracy Anspach at 380-8261 if you'd like to help with planning and organizing parks improvements and maintenance. Volunteerism saves \$\$\$ and builds community.

The old mower is for sale, as is. At last report, it was running. It is a John Deere L130, and can be seen or tested by arrangement with the office. The price will be \$300 or best offer, and we will post the bid period in the Beachcomber.

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Roads: Committee Report.

No committee report. Gravel is being spread on the roads by Steve Kramer and Bill Placek. Grading will follow.

Rules: No outstanding complaints.

Herron Island Ferry:

Low Tide Cancellations ADDED RUNS: Nineteen runs have been added to replace some of the 28 runs and shuttles affected by low tides in May, June, July and August. Thanks to Merry Kogut for suggesting this. And to Janet Podell, John Farris and Terrill Chilson for their time and effort in working out the details.

Memorial Day Weekend: Memorial Day is May 25th, and it's time to review the ferry restrictions. No vehicles or combinations over 25 feet long will be transported after the 12 Noon- 12:30 run Thursday, May 21 through the end of the day, Monday, May 25th.

July 4 Weekend: It's not too early to note that July 4 falls on a Saturday this year. Similar ferry rules apply from 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 2 through Sunday, July 5. There will be no noon crossing on July 2, and no 2:30-3 p.m. ferry on Sunday, July 5. Plan for a long weekend with fewer ferry runs and avoid the traffic!

Ferry Ramp Painting: Bid documents were advertised, and a fair amount of interest has been received so far. The preproposal meeting will be held on the island May 13th, so that contractors can view the project and ask questions. The bid opening is set for May 22. The contractor may begin work **Wednesday, September 9.** This date takes advantage of the better summer weather, but follows the busy Labor Day weekend. The ferry will not be available to vehicle traffic for approximately 30 days, although foot traffic will be allowed in the mornings and afternoons. Specific schedules will be better known when bids have been received and reviewed. HMC will also attempt to make arrangements for parking lot security during the construction period.

The original Request for Proposal did not include a task of project oversight/construction services. We have requested a proposal from Sargent Engineers for oversight of the project. It is critical that they review all construction materials as well as the methods used in the project. The price for this scope of work is \$24,290, and we recommend Board approval of this contract amendment.

The Board is seeking interest from anyone able to provide mainland parking lot security during the ramp work. If you know of someone who would be willing to provide security (stay alert!) from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily, please have them contact the office.

Dolphin Replacement Project: Two firms submitted proposals to design the new ferry dolphins. The proposals were reviewed by a committee headed by Mike Graham, with Janet Podell, John Farris, Charles Smith and Pat Zazzo all participating at different times. The two firms were PND Engineers and KPFF Consulting. The committee met three times during the review process and has selected PND Engineers, largely on the basis of their experience with the Skagit and Whatcom County ferry dolphin projects, their innovative approach to geotech issues, and commitment to replacing dolphins with a minimum of ferry service disruption. We recommend that the Board accept the proposal of PND Engineers and move forward with preliminary design and geotechnical report.

USDA has informed us that we are eligible for a loan to finance the dolphin replacement project, as we did with the water system. This process requires considerable documentation, including interviews with commercial banks, budget development and more. We can submit a final application as soon as we have the preliminary design and geotech report. If debt financing becomes an attractive option, the question would

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have to be submitted to the Members for approval. The interest rate would be no greater than 3.75%. The rate fluctuates with rate adjustments by the Federal Reserve, so it could go down, as the water rate did, but this appears unlikely.

Other:

We are once again advertising for standby captain candidates. Currently we have only one qualified standby captain.

Fire District #16 no longer does First Aid training, and so we are hoping to obtain the training from another fire department or from the American Red Cross.

Technology: No report.

Legal Liaison: We currently have 15 delinquencies, 12 of which are with the attorney for action, and two of which are making installment payments. Delinquency rate of 3.9%. Three are for less than \$200. Last year at this time we had 12 delinquencies with 7 at collections. Currently, HMC has 384 Assessable Units and 397 Water customers.

EVENT!

EMERGENCY ASSEMBLY POINTS' UNVEILING

WHAT'S THIS?

Herron Island's Emergency Preparedness Committee in conjunction with the Fire District has identified four areas spread evenly around the Island that are open and have little fuel for wildfires. Fire District 16 has added these four areas to their maps to guide them to where groups of people will be in an emergency event. The Committee is hosting an "Emergency Assembly Points" unveiling so that you may come by and familiarize yourself with their locations.

WHERE ARE THE ASSEMBLY POINTS?

North Beach
Goodpastor Park
East Madrona at South Herron Blvd
West Herron Blvd at 1113 (North of Maple)

WHEN?

May 16 between 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Come by, greet a Committee Member, and grab a cookie.

The Kayak Racks are Coming!

As promised last year, the kayak racks are being built as we speak and will soon be available. (Hopefully by Memorial Day weekend) These racks were funded and are being built by a group of HMC volunteers. They are being provided on a first- come, first-serve basis at no charge with a few basic rules to be followed:

Kayak Rack Rules

- 1) Kayaks must have an HMC sticker (so we know how to find you in case they wander off and get into trouble on their own).
- 2) Racks are only for HMC members whose kayaks are used on a regular basis in the spring and summer. NOT for general storage. (Do you want your kayak to feel neglected?)
- 3) Please be considerate of your fellow kayakers and leave lower spots for short people. (They'll thank you for it.)
- 4) As a courtesy to others, please use no more than two spots to hold your kayak/s. (Remember those sharing lessons you learned as a child?)
- 5) Your kayak must be removed by October 31st or when the small boat docks are taken out of the water. (Frostbite on a kayak is not a pretty thing.)
- 6) These racks are self-managed because we trust you. So use them, have fun, and remember.....everyone deserves a good paddling.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIP OF THE MONTH

WILDFIRE PREVENTION & AWARENESS

Warm weather is returning and the fire season is approaching quickly. Take steps now to prevent wildfire and to defend your family and property from wildfire. Know where Herron Island's Emergency Assembly Points are so that in the event of a wildfire or other emergency you can quickly get to a 'Point' that has little or no combustible vegetation and where Fire District 16 will be looking for Island Residents should evacuation become necessary.

PRACTICE FIRE PREVENTION

- Have a garden hose(s) that is long enough to reach any area of the house and other structures.
- Use caution any time you use fire. Dispose of charcoal briquettes and fireplace ashes properly, never leave any outdoor fire unattended, and make sure that outdoor fires are fully extinguished and cold to the touch before leaving the area.
- Do not use welders or any equipment that creates sparks outside on dry, windy days.
- Do not park vehicles in tall, dry grass. Exhaust systems are very hot and can ignite dry grass.
- Store combustible or flammable materials in approved safety containers away from the house.
- Keep the gas grill and propane tank at least 15 feet away from any structure. Clear a 15-foot area around the grill. Do not use the grill during potentially dangerous fire weather conditions. Always have a fire extinguisher or hose nearby.

CREATE HOME IGNITION LANDSCAPING ZONES

Limit the level of flammable vegetation and materials surrounding the home and increase the moisture content of the remaining vegetation. Because fire travels quickly on a hill, the steeper the slope, the more open space you will need to protect your home. If you live on a hill, extend the zone on the downhill side.

ZONE 1 A minimum 30-foot defensible space surrounding the house

- Clear away all combustible materials—including leaves or needles and other debris—from the roof, gutters, and decks (on top and below), and around the foundation.
- Remove vines from the exterior of the house. Move shrubs and other vegetation away from the sides of the house. Prune branches and shrubs within 15 feet of chimneys, stove pipes, or the structure. Avoid using bark and wood chip mulch next to any structure.
- Remove tree limbs within 15 feet of the ground. Create a 15-foot space between tree crowns.
- Replace highly flammable vegetation, such as pine, eucalyptus, juniper and fir trees with plants that do not burn as readily. Less flammable options include trees with low sap or resin content like many deciduous species, or those that have high moisture content, like succulents and some herbaceous species. For more information on "firewise" landscaping, go to www.firewise.org/wildfire-preparedness/firewise-landscaping-and-plant-lists.aspx.
- Replace or prune any plants that could help fire move from the ground into the treetops.
- Ask the power company to clear branches from or near power lines.
- Store outdoor furniture cushions, brooms, or other flammable items when not in use.

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ZONE 2 From 30 to at least 100 feet around the house

- In this zone, reduce or replace as much of the most flammable vegetation as possible.
- Create “fuel breaks,” such as driveways, gravel walkways, and lawns.
- Prune tree limbs 6 to 10 feet from the ground.
- As in Zone 1, if you live on a hill, you may need to extend this zone further than 100 feet for additional safety.

ZONE 3 From 100 to 200 feet from the house

- Keep vegetation thinned to remove underbrush and keep tall trees from creating touching canopies.
- Stack firewood at least 100 feet away from the structure.

EVACUATION If authorities advise or order you to evacuate, do so immediately. Have your “Grab and Go” Bucket or Backpack ready. (See the April Beachcomber for information about the “Grab and Go” Bucket or Backpack.) Keep your car’s fuel tank full.

- While your safety and your family’s safety are most important, there are things you can do before evacuating that can help firefighters. If there is time before you need to evacuate, do the following: Turn on lights outside and in every room to make the house more visible in heavy smoke.
- When evacuating, leave hoses connected to a water source so that they are available for firefighters.
- Close all windows, vents, doors, and fireplace screens. This will help reduce drafts in the home and reduce radiant heat.
- Disconnect automatic garage door openers so doors can be opened by hand if you lose power.
- Move flammable furniture, including outdoor furniture, into the center of the home away from windows and sliding glass doors. Remove flammable curtains and window treatments.

When driving away from a fire:

- Roll up windows and close air vents because smoke from a fire can irritate your eyes and respiratory system.
- Drive slowly with your headlights on because smoke can reduce visibility.
- Watch for other vehicles, pedestrians, and fleeing animals.
- Avoid driving through heavy smoke, if possible.

If you do not leave before the fire reaches your immediate area and you are trapped in your home, take the following actions:

- Call 911, provide your location, and explain your situation.
- Turn on the lights to increase the visibility of your home in heavy smoke.
- Keep doors, windows, vents, and fire screens closed. Keep your doors unlocked.
- Move flammable materials (e.g., curtains, furniture) away from windows and sliding glass doors.
- Fill sinks and tubs with water.
- Stay inside, away from outside walls and windows.

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AFTER THE FIRE Because fire damages the stability of a structure, have a professional examine your home or office and certify that it is safe before you go in.

- Use caution when entering burned areas. Hazards may still exist, including hot spots that can ignite or trees that can fall without warning.
- Be careful: avoid walking on smoldering surfaces. After a fire, the ground may contain heat pockets that can cause severe injury or spark another fire.
- Check the attic. If you see smoke or fire, get out of the house and call 911.
- Wear leather gloves to protect your hands and heavy, thick-soled shoes to protect your feet.
- Look out for power poles that may be unstable due to the fire. Stay away from downed power lines and report them to 911 or the power company's emergency number.
- Watch for ash pits (holes created by burned tree roots that are filled with hot ash), charred trees, smoldering debris, and live embers, and mark them for safety. Warn family and neighbors to keep clear.
- Check the roof and gutters. If possible, wet them down to completely put out any smoldering sparks or embers. If you see that fire is still present, call 911.
- Use local alerts, radio, and other information sources, such as FEMA or American Red Cross apps, to get information and advice as soon as it is available.
- Use text messaging or social media to communicate with family and friends. Telephones and cellular phone systems are often overwhelmed following a disaster, so use phones only for emergency calls.
- Call 911 and seek help immediately if you or someone you're with has been burned. Cool and cover burns to reduce the chance of further injury or infection.
- Discard food exposed to heat, smoke, or soot. When in doubt, throw it out.
- Do not drink, brush teeth, prepare food, or wash/bathe in water until officials indicate the water source is safe.
- Follow the recommendations from your local health department. For example, authorities may recommend tetanus shots because bacteria may be present in contaminated soil.
- For Further Information, go to www.dnr.wa.gov/RecreationEducation/Topics/PreventionInformation/Pages/rp_prevent_wildfireprevention.aspx



Renting a Honey Bucket for family gatherings.



Here is what you need to do:

1. Contact Brandon Divine directly at (360) 661-1966
2. Please call 3 to 4 weeks in advance so he can schedule
3. The cost will be only \$150 if you schedule it to be delivered on the days that he normally services the island. In order to get this price you have to agree to keep it on your property for two weeks so it can be picked up on their next regularly scheduled trip to the island.
4. There is an additional \$100 charge for an extra Honey Bucket if you need 2 instead of just 1
5. Otherwise, the regular rate would be \$250, plus the ferry fee and a \$70 per hour charge for his time.
6. Payment would be required at the time the order is placed.

So if you need one it would be prudent to make the arrangements about a month in advance, just be sure to speak with him directly and he will place the order for you.

Just thought this would be helpful information for residents.

Respectfully,
Robin Kelly

For Sale by HMC, As-Is:

John Deere L130 lawn tractor with 48" mower deck. Purchased by HMC in 2005.

Price: \$300 or best offer. Please submit your bid by 10 AM Thursday, May 28.

Bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope to the office with your name and contact information.

To see the mower, contact Island Manager at 253-884-9350.



TANSY RAGWORT ALERT:

Tansy Ragwort has been an ongoing issue for Herron Island landowners for many years. The State of Washington has listed this toxic, invasive plant as a noxious weed, making control mandatory for all Pierce County residents. Due to the efforts and cooperation of Herron Island property owners, we are making progress at controlling this aggressive weed.

During the last week of May, Field Inspectors from the Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Board will be conducting Noxious Weed inspections. This is alert all Herron Island landowners of the possible presence of Tansy Ragwort on their property. **It is the responsibility of each owner/agent to control all noxious weed(s) growing on their property by the due date of June 15th, 2015.**

Noxious Weed Control Specialists from the Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Board will re-inspect the island following the June 15th due date. To avoid a costly violation, landowners must control all Tansy Ragwort on their property the 15th of June.



Control methods for Tansy Ragwort include:

- Digging up the plant with the roots.
- Applying appropriate herbicide.
- Bagging flowers and throwing them in the garbage.
- Maintaining a healthy, vigorous cover of desirable plants.

Methods that *do not* work:

- Mowing is not an effective form of control, as Tansy will re-flower.
- Do not leave flowers on the ground. They can still go to seed.
- For details on Tansy Ragwort, or any other noxious weed and control options available, visit our website at www.PierceCountyWeedBoard.org or you may call the Noxious Weed Control Center at 253-798-7263.



Maintenance Reminder: Ditches and Culverts

Ditches and culverts are HMC property, and their purpose is to keep water flowing freely away from the roads and private properties. There is nothing more satisfying than clearing a silted-up ditch or clogged culvert and then watching the water flow happily down the hill.

It is the responsibility of the owners to maintain ditches and culverts between their property and the roadway (see Rule C-9, Ditches and Culverts). If you've walked around the island during the Annual Rain Festival (October to June), you probably noticed that many ditches are blocked with silt, debris, and assorted vegetation. That prevents water flow, leading to erosion and sometimes causing the water to flood the roadway.

So this summer take a moment to inspect the ditch bordering your property. Remove any logs or debris, and keep weeds and grass mowed. Do not pull out the weeds or grass, as this can contribute to silt erosion. **Do not dig down into the ditch or culvert without first checking with the Water Department** (Charles Smith, (206) 707-4645). Charles and the Roads Committee have a list of ditches that are in most need of maintenance, so this is just a reminder to owners to clear any obvious obstructions.

And next winter take a walk around the island and enjoy the sight of water gurgling down the hill, happily tucked away in the ditch. How cool is that!

Tansy Eradication in Progress

Currently volunteers are spraying and pulling Tansy on HMC right-of-way and HMC owned lots in an effort to avoid being fined by Pierce County's Noxious Weed Board. The spray being used in these areas is a mixture of Vinegar and Epson Salt and is non-toxic and considered safe for people and pets. If you have concerns or questions, please contact the Board at MemberInput@HerronIsland.org

SAFER TANSY and WEED CONTROL

Excellent results have been found using this human, pet, and environmentally safer approach to tansy and weed control. Vinegar is an acid and exposure can be damaging so it's recommend that you use the same precautions as when using commercial herbicides.

- 1 Gallon Vinegar
- 2 cups Epson Salt
- 1/4 Cup Dawn Dish Soap

Just mix and keep some in a small spray bottle. Spray in the morning after the dew has evaporated. Walk away and after dinner the weeds are gone. It will kill anything you spray it on.

Many thanks to the Island Residents who have shared this recipe.

It's Lyme Time!

Be Tick Aware!



1 Walk in the middle of trails;
avoid sitting on logs and leaning on trees.

2 Wear a hat, tuck
in hair, if possible.

3 Wear a long-sleeved
shirt fitted at the wrist.

4 Wear shoes, no
bare feet or sandals.

5 Wear long pants
tucked into high socks or
duct tape around pants.

6 Consider Deet for skin
and permethrin for clothes.

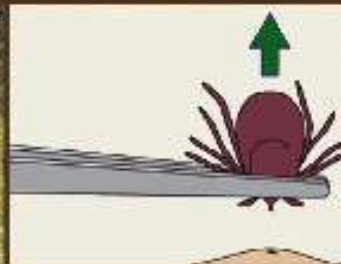
7 Wear white or light-colored
clothing to make it easier to
see ticks.

8 Do tick checks immediately
and 3 days after outdoor activity.

9 If you find a tick, ask an
adult to remove it carefully
and save it.



Lyme Disease is transmitted
by a tiny tick the size of
a poppy seed.



Remove tick with
tweezers. Pull
straight out as
close to the skin
as possible. Save
tick in container
and call doctor.

California Lyme
Disease Association
www.lymedisease.org

Lyme Disease Association
www.LymeDiseaseAssociation.org

PROTECT YOURSELF

THINGS WE WISH WE HAD KNOWN ABOUT LYME DISEASE

Protect yourself. Check yourself, family members and pets for ticks daily. Remember that ticks are carried by deer, mice, birds and other small animals found right in your backyard. Nymphal ticks are the size of a poppy seed in early spring and are particularly hard to find. They are active above 35 degrees. You can be infected repeatedly with Lyme disease each time you are bitten by a tick.

Remove the tick properly and take it to a Department of Health laboratory or testing facility to have it tested for the presence of the organism that causes Lyme disease. Since infection can spread rapidly throughout your system, you may want to consult your doctor about prophylactic antibiotic treatment.

Observe. A person infected with Lyme disease can exhibit symptoms within days of exposure, but symptoms may appear weeks, months or even years after the bite.

Treatable. Lyme disease in its initial stage is often easily treatable, however, delayed diagnosis or inadequate treatment can lead to serious brain, heart or joint problems.

Examine/evaluate. Early symptoms of tick-borne illness can include a headache, stiff neck, numbness, tingling, fatigue, swollen glands or migratory pains that may come and go. Late stage symptoms are generally multi-systemic and can be very serious.

Co-infection. A single tick bite can transmit more than one tick-borne illness, such as babesiosis, ehrlichiosis, or tularemia. Co-infections can complicate Lyme diagnosis and treatment.

Testing. Since the diagnostic tests for Lyme disease are often inaccurate and therefore unreliable, a clinical diagnosis for Lyme disease should be made by a physician based on medical history and symptoms. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention supports this in their literature pertaining to Lyme disease.

Youngsters. Children ages 2-12 are at the highest risk for being bitten by ticks because they often play in tick habitats. Children often find it difficult to explain the subtleties of how they are feeling, and may often appear well and remain physically active.

Obvious. A person may have Lyme disease without presenting the most obvious and "classic" symptoms such as bull's-eye rash, flu, joint pain or swelling. Many people never see a tick or develop a rash.

Understand. There are over one hundred different strains of Lyme disease in the United States; therefore, length and choice of antibiotic treatment varies greatly, and a standard antibiotic treatment of 2-3 weeks may be insufficient.

Recurring. Many people who suffer from Lyme disease experience symptoms that come and go over time. Continued symptoms or the development of new ones after treatment may be a sign of persistent infection or a new infection. The medical community is divided over the existence of "chronic" or persistent Lyme disease.

Symptoms. The symptoms of Lyme disease (also known as the Great Imitator) may mimic those of multiple sclerosis, lupus, chronic fatigue, fibromyalgia, mononucleosis, Alzheimers, Guillian-Barre Syndrome, ALS, rheumatoid arthritis, Parkinson's Disease, ADD or ADHD, GERD, or many other diseases.

Educate. The more you know and understand about Lyme disease and other tick-borne illness, the greater your chances are of avoiding infection and detecting illness if it occurs.

Lyme disease can affect behavioral and cognitive functioning. Memory loss, attention deficit and processing problems, mental confusion, slurred speech, disorientation, irritability, depression, anxiety, hallucinations, and learning problems have all been reported as a result of Lyme disease.

Fact. A person living in a Lyme endemic area should consider Lyme testing if suffering from a chronic condition that does not improve with treatment. Examples include recurrent gastrointestinal problems, a chronically sore throat, or chronic ear infections.

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS and PROTECT YOURSELF

Time For Lyme, Inc.

P.O. Box 31269

Greenwich, CT 06831

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Article submitted by Robin Kelly

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Website Photos

If you have any photos from island activities that you would like to share on our website, please send them to webmaster@herronisland.org.



Reminder

Requests for reimbursement must be accompanied by a receipt and received by the office by the Thursday before the Board Meeting to be included in the list of bills to be approved by the Board. Failure to get your bill in on time will result in a delay in payment until the following month.



Package Delivery

If you order packages to be delivered to the mainland terminal, please track their delivery so you can be available to pick them up or make other arrangements. It is not the responsibility of the ferry crew.



Concerns or Ideas

All Members are invited to voice their concerns or ideas by using the Member Input email address, contacting the Board Members or the HMC Office:

MemberInput@herronisland.org



Welcome, New Islander!

HMC welcomes a new Member to Herron Island:

- Kenneth Brown



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Please use these email addresses for all future communications to Board Members. They can be accessed on our website (herronisland.org) under the HMC Board tab.



SUMMER FERRY SCHEDULE (4/1 through 9/30)

MON		TUE		WED		THUR		FRI		SAT		SUN	
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Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day same as Sunday

**Tide Tables**

Plots of the monthly tide tables are available on our website (herronisland.org). The plots are for nearby McMicken Island, which is the NOAA data point closest to Herron Island.

**Fallen Behind on your Assessment?**

If you owe \$200 or less, you may get access to the island by paying the delinquency in cash to the deckhand. At the March 14 meeting, the Board increased the limit from \$100 to \$200.

2015 "Charlie Wells" Herron Island Ferry Schedule

Low Tide Cancellations, Additions and Adjustments

MAY 2015

Sun 5/17	10:30 am—12:00 noon cancelled ADD: 1:30 pm—2:00 pm
Mon 5/18	12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled ADD: 2:30 pm—3:00 pm
Tue 5/19	12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled ADD: 2:30 pm—3:00 pm

Memorial Day Holiday Ferry Restrictions

Combinations of any length (vehicle towing anything) and single vehicles longer than 25 feet will **NOT** be transported **after** the 12:00 NOON—12:30 pm run, **Thursday, May 21, 2015 through the end of day, Monday, May 25, 2015.**

Note: Monday, May 25, the ferry will operate of holiday schedule, same as weekend schedule.

JUNE 2015

Tue 6/2	ADD: 9:30 am—10:00 am 12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled
Wed 6/3	12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled
Thu 6/4	ADD: 9:30 am—10:00 am 12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled
Fri 6/5	2:30 pm—3:00 pm cancelled
Sat 6/6	ADD: 12:30 pm—1:00 pm 2:30 pm—4:00 pm cancelled
Sun 6/14	9:30 am—10:00 no shuttles 10:00 am departs early 10:30 am—12:00 noon cancelled ADD: 1:30 pm—2:00 pm
Mon 6/15	12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled ADD: 2:30 pm—3:00 pm
Tue 6/16	12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled ADD: 2:30 pm—3:00 pm
Wed 6/17	12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled ADD: 2:30 pm—3:00 pm
Thu 6/18	ADD: 9:30 am—10:00 am 12:00 noon—12:30 pm no shuttles
Fri 6/19	2:30 pm—3:00 pm cancelled
Tue 6/30	12:00 noon may depart late

DRIVE SAFELY!



NOTE: No shuttle means only one trip for that time

JULY 2015

Wed 7/1	12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled ADD: 2:30 pm—3:00 pm
Thu 7/2	ADD: 9:30 am—10:00 am ☼ 12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled
Fri 7/3	ADD: 9:30 am—10:00 am 12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled
Sat 7/4	1:00 pm—3:00 pm NO RUNS
Sun 7/5	2:30 pm—3:00 pm cancelled
Sun 7/12	9:30 am—10:00 am cancelled
Mon 7/13	9:30 am—10:00 am cancelled ADD: 2:30 pm—3:00 pm
Tue 7/14	12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled ADD: 2:30 pm—3:00 pm
Wed 7/15	12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled ADD: 2:30 pm—3:00 pm
Thu 7/16	ADD: 9:30 am—10:00 am 12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled
Thu 7/30	12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled ADD: 2:30 pm—3:00 pm
Fri 7/31	ADD: 9:30 am—10:00 am 12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled

Independence Day Holiday Ferry Restrictions

Combinations of any length (vehicle towing anything) and single vehicles longer than 25 feet will **NOT** be transported **after** the ☼ 9:30 am—10:00 am run (as the noon runs are cancelled due to low tides) **Thursday, July 2, 2015 through the end of day, Sunday, July 5, 2015.**

AUGUST 2015

Sat 8/1	11:30 am—12:00 noon no shuttles 12:00 noon departs early
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Labor Day Holiday Ferry Restrictions

Combinations of any length (vehicle towing anything) and single vehicles longer than 25 feet will **NOT** be transported **after** the 12:00 NOON—12:30 pm run, **Thursday, September 3, 2015 through the end of day, Monday, September 7, 2015.**

Note: Monday, September 7, the ferry will operate on holiday schedule, same as weekend schedule.

Check www.herronisland.org for schedule updates

Herron Island Homes For Sale:

- **312 East Madrona Blvd** (MLS # 767363): Cute cabin (1 bed / 1 bath) on a .31 acre level lot with separate bunk house. **\$79,500**
- **216 Fir Lane** (MLS # 756290): Remodeled cozy A-frame cabin with a water view! Open plan kitchen/living/dining along with a ¾ bath-room and upstairs loft. Price includes additional .2296 acre lot. **\$114,900**
- **607 West Herron Blvd** (MLS # 770067): Perfect island get-a-way home with 3 beds/1 bath. Huge open living/dining/kitchen layout with slider out to the deck to enjoy your water view! Most furniture/content included. **\$129,950**
- **1208 West Herron Blvd** (MLS # 770264): Home on 70 feet of medium bank waterfront including staircase to beach with a view of the Olympic Mountains and the sound to die for! Interior remodel needs completing so don't be distracted by that view. **\$290,000**
- **22604 South Herron Blvd** (MLS # 785142): **NEW LISTING** – Fabulous 60 ft. of high bank southern exposure with a million dollar view! Built in 2007 – 3 beds / 2 ½ baths. Great room leads out to huge covered deck. **\$349,500**

Herron Island Land For Sale:

- **1018 East Herron Blvd** (MLS # 727896): .261 acre lot with a two bedroom septic system installed along with power and water. Price includes large new storage shed. Great view of NE Case Inlet and just yards from the north beach. **\$29,950**
- **1503 West Herron Place** (MLS # 682969): Over half an acre lot (.60) with 70 feet of tidal frontage. Previously approved for a 3 bedroom septic (status expired). Build your dream home! **\$18,000**

Call us to view any of these properties!

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“We Live Here, We Work Here”

**Are You on the List?**

HMC now has 346 Member email addresses on the notification list. If you want to get notice of the online Beachcomber, or get the latest on windstorms, power outages, water line breakages, or other news, please send an email to office@herronisland.org and request that your email address be added. To be used for HMC purposes only.

OWNER: STEVE KRAMER



RESIDENT/MEMBER SINCE 1959

EXCAVATION:SITE PREP, SEPTIC REPAIR, WATER
& POWER LINES & CULVERTS**HAULING:**DRIVEWAY ROCK, TOPSOIL,
SAND MIX & DRAIN ROCK

DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE

DECKS & ROOFING

DECK STAINING

DEMOLITION - DUMP RUNS

RETAINING WALLS & STONE/
BLOCK WALLS

HOME REMODEL & REPAIR

CARPET, VINYL & LAMINATE
INSTALLATION/REMOVAL

SITE CLEAN-UP

HOUSE PAINTING

PRESSURE WASHING

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CC KRAMER*968D9****253.884.3671 OR 253.857.9202
P.O. BOX 816 LAKEBAY, WA 98349***(Paid Advertisement)***HERRON ISLAND
YARD MAINTENANCE**

JIM DAVIES

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jada40@att.net**ESTIMATES BY THE YARD**

- *Tansy Removal
- *Appliance Disposal
- *Deck Cleaning/Restaining
- *Lot Cleanup/Dump Runs
- *Hauling Rock/Sand/Bark

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vouches for their being properly licensed.)***FREE CLASSIFIED ADS**

1. For Rent for weekend or vacation a 27 ft RV is available. Perfect for friends and family coming to visit Herron Island. 2. RV space for rent, with complete power, water and septic. This space is perfect for weekend or vacations. dalesmail@truthcounts.net or call Dale 209 479--0218.

Non-commercial ads of 100 words or less will be accepted for inclusion in this section free of charge. Please email your ad to beachcomber@herronisland.org, Subject: Beachcomber Ad. The ad must be resubmitted for each issue in which it is to be printed.

Notice of Annual Membership Meeting of HMC Management

You will be receiving a **Notice of the Annual Membership Meeting** to be held on Saturday, June 13, 2015 at 12:00 Noon at the HMC Community Building. At the meeting, the Membership will be voting to fill the three (3) vacancies on the Board of Directors. This is your opportunity to vote for those candidates who you believe are best qualified to help our Herron Island community go in the direction you want to go. Read through each of the candidates' applications before you make the decision. **It is important that everyone takes the time to vote. Be sure to cast your ballot properly so it can be counted.**

Copies of the candidates' applications are on the following pages.

NOTE: While three (3) board seats are open, we only have two (2) candidates running for a Board seat. This means that the three Board seats will be filled by the candidates receiving the highest number of votes **including any write-in candidates**. Please choose your write-in candidates carefully and be sure that he or she is willing to serve as a Board member.



BOARD CANDIDATE APPLICATION

(Please complete and return to HMC office by 10:00 AM, May 9, 2015)

NAME (as you would like to have it listed on the ballot): Sherri Anderson

YEARS AS A MEMBER OF HMC: Four

OCCUPATION: Financial Reporting Manager / Accountant

PROFESSIONAL OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE: I have 30 years experience in Finance, of which 24 years has been working for Providence Health & Services (PH&S). I managed the Accounting Department in Oregon for over 8 years. In 2011 transferred up to Washington to be part of PH&S Corporate Financial Reporting which consolidates financials for 6 states. Last year I implemented a new financial reporting system. Some of my volunteer experience includes being nominated as President and Secretary of bowling leagues, volunteered on work committees such as Employee of the Month, Mission and Team Building Committees. I have received two Employee of the Month awards with PH&S.

EDUCATION OR TRAINING (including school, military training, and professional courses)

Institution	Type of Training
<u>Portland State University</u>	<u>Bachelor's Degree of Science with Business/Accounting Major</u>
<u>Providence Health & Services</u>	<u>Leadership/Management and Crucial Conversation trainings</u>

HMC EXPERIENCE ON THE BOARD, COMMITTEES OR OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Served two years as an HMC Board Member 2012-2014 and did not renew due to work promotion and involved in design/implementation of a new financial reporting system. Currently active on Rules Committee. Actively attends and participates in monthly board meetings. Volunteer to put the small boat docks back in the water March 2015, and prior Parks activities including but not limited to Parks Cleanup, 2011 and 2012.

GOALS: Please list goals you would have for HMC and Herron Island during your term on the Board. To bring transparency to the Board and Members. I will be more involved in HMC finances and make recommendations for improvements and changes.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT:

As a board member, with many years of financial experience, I intend to get a better understanding of the finances, be transparent and make sure all decisions and discussions are brought to the board meetings so that Members have the opportunity to hear and know what is going on Herron Island. You can feel at ease in expressing your concerns, ideas, comments, feedback or anything else as I will listen. Please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to represent you on the Board.

Candidate's Signature: Sherri Anderson

BOARD CANDIDATE APPLICATION

NAME: Gary Wanzong

YEARS AS A MEMBER OF HMC: 13

OCCUPATION: Maintenance Manager

PROFESSIONAL OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE: Certified Plant Maintenance Manager, Certified Building Operator, Certified Environmental Systems Auditor

EDUCATION OR TRAINING: Degree in business and avionic engineering. Additional training in various Life Safety, OSHA, electronic, business, environmental and safety courses.

HMC EXPERIENCE ON THE BOARD, COMMITTEES OR OTHER ACTIVITIES: I have served four years on the HMC Board and five years on the Finance Committee along with helping out on various projects.

GOALS: I would like to see our community remain financially solvent and continue to plan on making improvements to our infrastructures. I feel that planning for future expenses, and building reserves to cover these expenses, will diminish the financial burdens to our Members both in the short and long term.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT: We as a community have been moving forward with maintaining our long term capital assets. Currently we are in the process of planning the extensive maintenance on the ferry ramps and the eventual replacement of the ferry dolphins. These are the last two expected large capital projects that are in need of attention now. I would like to remain on the Board through the completion of these projects. As a Maintenance Manager of a large facility part of my responsibility is to assure that the return on investment is maximized when funds are expended. When a project is undertaken, all options should be explored so that the current and future costs along with the benefits and detriments are know so that a sound financial and practical decision can be made. As we near the end of our major infrastructure projects I would like to have in place a maintenance schedule with projected timelines to assist future Boards and Members for financial and maintenance planning. This would facilitate making decisions easier, create historical data and reduce overall costs of operating our community.

A Note about this year's General Assessment

Members will note a large increase in our annual assessment for the 2015/2016 budget year. The reason for this increase results from the need to sufficiently fund our Reserves for the upcoming Dolphin Replacement Project anticipated to occur in 2019. We have been attempting to keep members informed about this with periodic updates as information becomes known. This year's increase (\$350) is tied to this replacement project. On a monthly basis this represents about \$29 per month more than our previous assessment. Overall, our annual assessments are still lower than many other homeowner's associations. (And they don't even have a ferry to operate.)

Several notices have been posted on this subject. Since last year the Board has reported information as it has become known. Please refer to the following communications:

Keeping You Informed Notice (Broadcast emails)

- Dec. 7, 2014
- Jan. 14, 2015
- Feb. 17, 2015

Beachcomber

- Nov. 2014 President's Message

"Which Project is Which?" Notice

- April 2015 - (Broadcast email and article included in April Beachcomber)

The Board is aware of the burden this may be for some of our members. Unfortunately it can't be avoided if we are to maintain our island's infrastructure as we are obligated to do. But there are ways to ease the burden. Setting aside money on a monthly basis is one way. Some of our members currently make monthly payments to the office which is credited to their account.

That way the financial burden is spread out in smaller increments over the year instead of one lump sum at the end. HMC would be happy to accept monthly payments from members if they so choose.

You can be sure that the Board and Finance Committee worked very hard on this year's budget and looked for every opportunity to save costs wherever they could.

HMC Management Profit & Loss Budget

	Oct '13 - Sep 14	Oct '14 - Sep 15	Oct '15 - Sep 16
Assessable Units	394	389	384
Units minus delinquents	388	382	376
Total Income minus Assessments	234,162.78	259,320.00	260,620.00
Total Expenses	982,857	930,892	1,053,269
Yearly Assessment per member	1,929.62	1,758.04	2,108.11
Total Assessments	748,694.07	671,572.26	792,648.92
Monthly Assessment per Member	160.80	146.50	175.68
	Actual Costs	Current	Proposed
	Oct '13 - Sep 14	Budget	Budget

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Assessments	674,565	671,556	790,969
Ferry Fees	174,022	170,000	170,000
Other Income			
Beachcomber Ads	560	600	600
Renter's Fees, Copy, Fax and Notary	624	2,000	1,500
Refund of Fees from Intuit/QB	0	0	0
Nsf Fees	315	200	300
Postage	32	20	20
Property Transfer fee	4,025	1,500	2,000
Research Office Time Fees	0	0	0
Rules Fine	0	0	0
Interest & Handling (Delinquent Accounts)		6,000	6,000
Handling Fees	15,058		
Interest Delinquent	3,619		
Member Credit Card Fees	591	1,000	700
Other Income		0	0
Contributed Monies	1,000		
Miscellaneous - Other	12,923		
Payroll Taxes	1,003		
Attorney Collections (see note 3)	0	10,000	10,000
Water Shut Off Fee	50		0
Water expenses paid from HMC bank account transferred back	20,293	0	0
Total Other Income	60,094	21,320	21,120
Reserve Transfer			
Dock Piles and Dolphins			
Ramp Inspections - every 2 years			
Ramp Cable Replacement - every 5 years			
Ferry Engine Overhaul (5 years, next 2018)			
Ramp Painting			69,500
Community Building Renovations			
Ferry Replacement			
Water Truck Replacement			
Shipyard (2 Years on even years)		68,000	
Park Reserves			
Road Reserves			
Total Reserve Transfer	0	68,000	69,500
Special Assessment for Ramp Painting			
Interest Earned			
HMC Management Reserves (See note 5)	45	0	

DRAFT 2015 - 2016 BUDGET

HMC Management Profit & Loss Budget

	Actual Costs Oct '13 - Sep 14	Current Budget	Proposed Budget
General Fund	0	0	
Interest Earned - Other	2	0	
Total Interest Earned	47	0	0
Total Income (See note 7)	908,727.97	930,876.00	1,051,588.92
Gross Income	908,727.97	930,876.00	1,051,588.92
Expense			
HMC Regular Operations			
Accountant/Auditor	6,582	6,000	6,500
Reserve Analysis	3,160	1,390	1,390
Bad Debt Write Off	0	2,000	1,500
Bank Fees	30	400	200
Amount of Check that was returned for NSF	30	0	0
Community Building Maintenance	2,269	1,000	1,000
Community Asso. Institute	134	150	150
Contract Svcs for Junk Removal	0	150	100
Credit Card Fees - Member Payments	797	1,000	800
Emergency Preparedness	647	500	1,000
State and County Taxes	1,385	2,771	2,000
HMC Property Pre-Sale Expense	0	200	200
Removal of unsafe trees	5,356	6,000	8,000
Insurance			
Directors/Officers Ins	2,785	3,050	3,164
Crime (Break-ins and Theft)	501	478	501
5 Million Excess Liability	10,000	10,400	10,000
14 Million Excess Liability	9,000	9,360	9,000
Total Insurance	22,286.00	23,288.00	22,665.00
Legal Fees (see note 7)			
Attorney Fee Invoicing	-6,785		
Collection Costs	14,978	18,000	18,000
General	23,239	12,000	12,000
Total Legal Fees	31,431.69	30,000.00	30,000.00
Office Equipment	1,938	1,100	1,100
Other			
Education and Training	120	300	300
CrystalTech-Web hosting	0	100	100
Mileage	181	250	250
Background Checks	188	200	200
Miscellaneous Equipment	537	1,000	1,000
Total Other	1,025.40	1,850.00	1,850.00
Payroll Expenses	1,479	1,000	1,800
Pension Administration Ferry Crew	595	600	650
Postage			
Box Fee	78	80	90
Stamps & Postage	2,587	2,200	2,800
Total Postage	2,664.75	2,280.00	2,890.00
Printing	1,431	1,500	1,500

HMC Management Profit & Loss Budget

	Actual Costs Oct '13 - Sep 14	Current Budget	Proposed Budget
Admin Salaries			
Water	-4,941		
Aflac	186	0	0
Medical Insurance	8,551	9,000	9,800.00
Retirement	2,720	2,360	2,720.00
Payroll Taxes	8,415	6,868	8,415.00
Gross Wages	89,122	74,655	89,000.00
Total Admin Salaries	104,053.20	92,883.00	109,935.00
Island Security Costs	353	500	800
Office Supplies	1,720	1,200	1,200
Telephone/Fax	2,609	2,500	2,600
Utilities/Electric	1,117	1,300	1,400
General Labor (Parks & Building Maintenance and Cleaning)			
Gross Wages	4,471	5,500	7,320.00
Payroll Taxes	62	902	986.59
Reserve - Legal (Cap is \$35,000 - Balance is \$34,550)	0	0	0
Septic (Cap is \$100,000 - Balance is \$3,250.00)	1,500	1,500	1,500
Total HMC Regular Operations	199,126.52	189,463.26	211,036.59
Piles, Dolphins and Ferry Ramps			
Garbage - Ferry	303	250	350
Insurance - Docks and Piers	15,497	16,200	15,497
Ferry Ramp Generator Maintenance and Fuel	793	1,000	1,000
Other			
Annual DNR Lease	113	225	225
Parts and Supplies	3,385	1,000	1,000
Other/Inspection	11,349	1,000	1,000
Total Other	14,846.56	2,225.00	2,225.00
Repairs/Maintenance	32,607	4,000	4,000
Sanikans	2,851	3,400	3,400
Utilities	1,486	1,500	1,840
Cable Replacement	25,000	0	0
Ramp Painting			
Reserve Account for Piles, Docks & Ramps	0		
Dock Piles and Ferry Dolphins (Cap is \$3,200,000 - Balance is \$206,997.61)	9,000	9,000	151,680
Ramp Painting (Cap is \$212,000 - Balance is \$69,500.00) (SEE NOTE 6)	33,500	34,000	1,000
Reserve - Inspection of Ramps (Cap is \$15,000 - Balance is \$10,250.00) Required by Pierce County. Occurs every 2 years, even. Next inspection is 2016	3,000	2,500	7,500
Reserve - Ramp Cable Replacement (Cap is \$40,000 - Balance is \$28,000.00) Recurring 5 year expense cycle. Replacement is 2019	20,000	6000	4000

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	Actual Costs	Current	Proposed
	Oct '13 - Sep 14	Budget	Budget
Total Ferry Docks and Ramps	158,882.88	80,075.00	192,492.00
Ferry			
Engine Overhaul	56,647	0	0
Equipment	4,796	2,000	2,000
Fuel	54,014	60,000	70,000
Insurance			
Marine Package	18,600	19,400	17,910
Vessel Pollution	747	1,060	747
Commercial Package	6,972	6,972	7,447
Total Insurance	26,319	27,432	26,104
Repairs	2,653	6,000	5,000
Other			
Rentals for fill in Captains/Deck Hands	480	500	600
Sheds (waiting, oil and school)	0	300	300
Cellphone	499	600	600
Drug Testing	1,378	700	1,400
Inspections and Licensing	731	1,500	1,500
Miscellaneous	1,102	2,000	2,000
Tickets & Passes & Stickers	1,859	1,500	2,000
Uniforms	1,566	1,300	1,200
Legal Fees - IBU Attorney	0		1,000
Reserve - Legal Fees IBU Attorney. 0			
Balance - Estimated cost is \$5,000.00 every three years. Next contract is 2016.	0	0	2,500
Total Other	7,615.35	8,400.00	13,100.00
Passenger Vessel Asso.	474	450	500
Routine Maintenance & Supplies	9,667	4,500	6,500
Ferry Salaries & Benefits			
Employee Paid Supplemental Insurance - Reimbursed by Employee		0	
Medical Insurance	34,868	35,851	40,870.00
Retirement-Employer	13,844	16,086	17,008.00
Payroll Taxes	22,228	24,227	25,584.00
Gross Wages	249,701	276,173	291,541.00
Total Ferry Salaries & Benefits	320,640.14	352,337.00	375,003.00
Ship Yard	30,696	68,000	0
Supplies, Paper Products, Water	550	2,000	1,000
Personal Property & Excise	4,596	2,600	5,000
Reserve - Shipyard (Cap is \$120,000 - Balance is \$88,000) Next cycle is 2016. Note 1	49,000	40,000	40,000
Balance is \$18,125.00) next cycle is 2018 Note 2	9,000	6,250	9,500
Reserve - Ferry Replacement (Cap is 1,000,000 - Balance is \$2,500.00	1,000	1,000	1,000

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Total Ferry	577,667.21	580,969.00	554,707.00
Parks			
Maintenance			
Lawn Equipment	3,729	200	200
Parks Shed (lawn shed)	0	0	0
Pavilion Building and NB parking	0	0	0
General upkeep including park parking	83	3,300	3,300
Total Maintenance	3,812	3,500	3,500
Other			
Garbage Pick Up	626	600	700
Misc.	-40	100	100
Sanikans	2,786	3,300	3,300
Total Other	3,372.18	4,000.00	4,100.00
Parks Development	0		
Playground Improvement	0	1,000	500
Small Boat Dock Floats			
Removal and Installation Equipment			
Rental - \$1,100 for each rental of equipment	2,060	2,200	2,500
Maint & Improvements	637	750	750
Total Small Boat Dock	2,696.66	2,950.00	3,250.00
Supplies & Equipment Repairs	674	1,000	1,000
Utilities	502	700	700
Reserves - Parks (Cap is \$36,000 - Balance is \$11,615.70) For fencing & playground equipment	500	1,000	1,000
Total Parks	11,557.02	14,150.00	14,050.00
Roads (ferry island/mainland lots)			
Auto Insurance (water truck)	820	860	815
Dust Control Truck	1,487	1,000	2,000
Road Maintenance (Contract costs for work other then grading)	12,371	30,000	40,000
Road Grading Contract Costs		8,000	8,000
Road & Ditch Materials (Material only)	7,797	2,000	3,500
Salaries			
Payroll taxes	148	975	1,148.33
Wages	0	6,400	8,520.00
Total Salaries	148.05	7,375.00	9,668.33
Reserves (See Note 8)	10,000		
Gravel General (Cap is \$50,000 - Balance is		10,000	10,000
Ferry Hill Black Top Repairs (cap is \$30,000 - balance is \$2,500		5,000	5,000
Reserves - Road Equipment (Cap is \$30,000 - Balance is \$4,500.00)	3,000	2,000	2,000

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	Actual Costs	Current	Proposed
	Oct '13 - Sep 14	Budget	Budget
Total Roads	35,623.22	66,235.00	80,983.33
Total Expense	982,856.85	930,892.26	1,053,268.92

General note: This budget was generated based on analysis of the last seven years of actual expenses. This budget follows the accounting requirements and format used by HMC.

Note 1: Ferry goes into dry dock every two years on the even year

Note 2: New engines go into yard for rebuild every five years but may be extend. Estimated cost is \$40,000 for both engines. Next yard service is 2018.

Note 3: Legal fee expenses is partially offset by legal fee income. This allows for accounting requirements.

Note 4: Reserve accounts now must total 10% of operating budget per RCW 64.34.010, 64.34.020, 64.34.308, 64.34.380, 64.34.382, 64.34.384, 64.38.010, 64.38.025, 64.38RCW and 2008c115s8.

Note 5: Dividend Reserve is interest earned from reserve accounts.

Note 6: Special assessment of approximately \$500.00 was issued in the spring of 2015 for ramp painting in 2015.

Note 7: Unexpended funds from prior FY year will be allocated to appropriate reserves.

Note 8: The Road Reserve account shows a current balance at the time of this publication. This reserve will be utilized this FY to purchase a barge of gravel.

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Actual Costs	Current	Proposed
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HMC WATER

	Oct 13 - Sep 14	Oct 13 - Sep 14	Oct 14 - Sep 15
Assessable Connections	399	397	397
Connections minus delinquents	394	390	389
Base Fee per Connection	167.44	154.49	124.98
Reserve Fee per Connection	83.76	96.80	96.80
Tier 2 and Above Excess Water Fee			14,604.00
 Base Assessment per Connection - Annual	 251.20	 251.29	 221.78
Base Assessment per Connection - Monthly	20.00	20.94	18.48
Base Total Assessments - All Connections	94,276.00	98,002.00	86,274.07

Note: Base assessment does not include water usage above base or USDA loan repayment if applicable.

Water

Ordinary Income/Expense

Base Fees	86,220.19	62,250.00	48,618.00
Usage Fees			14,604.00
Handling Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00
HIWU Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00
NSF FEE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water Hook Up fee	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water Shut Off Fee			0.00
Water Availability Letter	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water Usage	0.00	0.00	0.00
 Reserves	 46,830.60	 37,752.00	 35,406.00
USDA Water Special Assessment		53,278.00	53,278.00
Total Income	133,050.79	153,280.00	151,906.00

Expense

Accountant/Auditor	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Bad Check	0.00	200.00	200.00
BANK FEE	0.00	50.00	50.00
Contract Manager - WA Water	5,002.55	12,000.00	7,000.00
Insurance	0.00	1,800.00	2,160.00
Legal	0.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
Mailings (Postage and Admin)	844.54	1,500.00	1,000.00
Membership Fees	0.00	200.00	100.00
Mileage Reimbursement	0.00	400.00	400.00

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Other Expenses			
Excise Tax	6,520.36	2,100.00	4,250.00
Miscellaneous	7,000.72	500.00	500.00
Permits & License	638.80	500.00	500.00
Water Samples	2,193.97	500.00	750.00
Total Other Expenses	16,354	3,600	6,000
Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00
Repairs - Parts	11,549.42	2,000.00	2,000.00
Supplies			
Supplies & Repairs - Contractors	930.91	2,000.00	2,000.00
Utilities	2,916.44	3,000.00	2,600.00
Wages - Administrative and Meter Reading	12,394.20	27,800.00	33,524.70
Taxes	2,973.67	2,600.00	3,333.17
Gross Wages	13,006.25		
Pension	0.00	600.00	605.00
Cell Phone			250.00
To Water Reserve (Cap is \$1,800,000.00 - Balance is \$175,048.74)	33,000.00	37,752.00	35,406.00
USDA Water Special Assessment	0.00	53,278.00	53,278.00
Total Operating Expense	98,971.83	151,280.00	151,906.87

General note: Every five years a Sanitary Survey is done by the Health Department. 2015 is the next