

The Beachcomber

HMC Newsletter

March, 2003



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President's Message

In this month's message, we have some major membership changes to report. Sadly, we lost our old friend and Board member Bill Turpin, who passed away on February 24th. Bill was a retired Seattle firefighter who served us over the years as Board secretary as well as chairman of the Roads, Water, and Land Use committees. He and Mary have owned island property for over 40 years. Mary is still hard at work on the Finance Committee and we look forward to working with her for years to come.

In happier news, the Board unanimously and enthusiastically appointed Al Moren to fill the remainder of Bill's term. Al is a former Board member who has most recently been our Roads chairman. He and Linda, who is president of the Boosters, have just moved to the island full-time. Linda Shettlesworth has been hired to replace Barbara Huff as Office Manager when Barbara retires at the end of September. Linda will begin working with Barbara immediately to learn the details of day-to-day HMC business administration. Linda's husband Mike will be joining our ferry crew as a fill-in deckhand. Mike is a Coast Guard retiree and has expressed interest in upgrading to ferry captain. HMC will continue to encourage Mike and Kevin Kircher to upgrade, as we urgently need backup captains in the event of an unexpected long-term leave by John or Steve.

We are losing our Beachcomber editor, Phyllis Krueger. Although Phyllis has continued to publish the newsletter, she has sold her beach house on the island and will no longer be an HMC member. We thank Phyllis for her past contributions as editor and as a fill-in deckhand, and are looking for a volunteer familiar with Microsoft Publisher who can spare a few hours a month to take over.

As we approach our annual meeting in June, we again ask you to consider running for the Board. Some of our most effective Board members have lived off-island, so please don't be deterred because you are a part-timer. We will be mailing the ballots in May, and applications should be received at the office prior to the May monthly meeting.

On the continuing subject of the bylaws update, the assessment method and schedule for implementation have been selected. One assessment will be levied for each contiguous parcel of lots, with one non-contiguous lot allowed in the assessment if it is used for a septic drainfield. Only one house is allowed per parcel. This will allow members to retain adjacent lots without penalty, but will require members with multiple lots scattered over the island to pay extra. The plan will be phased in over a four-year period, which will allow those members most affected with an increase in assessment the time to make any necessary adjustments.

It remains for us to define the total amended bylaws package to be presented to the membership. We received a proposed draft from our attorney last year, and will be discussing changes to the draft at the April meeting. The bylaws define the operating procedures and powers of the Board, so the discussions will be of interest to all members.

The ballot for Board positions will be mailed to the membership in the May Beachcomber. The proposed FY03/04 budget and probably the proposed amended bylaws package will be submitted for ratification in June. The meetings of the next three months will be the most crucial of the year, and we hope to see you there.

Nick Huff & Ken Freeman

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Island Manager

Doug Allen (253) 884-9350

HMC Board of Trustees

Nick Huff, President & Transportation (253) 884-4663

Ken Freeman, VP, Treas & Emer Prep. (253) 884-2749

Janet Podell, Secretary (253) 874-2452

Ferd Reichlin, Rules & Regulations (206) 242-7847

Al Moren, Land Use (253) 884-2721

Fred Fath, Asst Finance (206) 246-7016

Bill Zazzo, Water (425) 823-1902

Additional Responsibilities:

Dick Provencal, Water Repair (253) 884-2571

Al Moren, Roads; Tracy Anspach, Parks; Phyllis

Krueger, Beachcomber

Herron Island Office Hours: Monday 9:30 as long as necessary but at least until Noon; Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 to 4:30; Fridays as necessary. The office is **CLOSED** Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Office Phone: (253) 884-9350

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Website: <http://www.herronisland.org>

Office email: Office@herronisland.org

Manager email: HMCManager@herronisland.org

EMERGENCY 911

FERRY CELLPHONE (253) 691-1457

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

DELINQUENCY LIST as of March 14, 2003

BISENIUS, Holly

BOYAKINS, May

COOPER, Marc

COPELAND, Michael

DICKINSON, Linda

DROUILLARD, Joni

HARRELL/TANNOCK

KIRK, LeeRoy

MARTIN, Sarah

NETTLEBECK, Thomas

OVERLAND ESTATES/J. Holt

TITZLER, David

TREW, Terry

RENTER:

CARLYLE, 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 to the dock to be at least 5 minutes before the scheduled time of departure.
- Walk-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'VE EXPERIENCED GUESTS AND SERVICE PEOPLE EXPECTING TO COME OVER TO HERRON ISLAND WITHOUT GUEST PASSES. THIS VIOLATES THE ACCESS POLICY THAT WAS PUT IN PLACE FOR ALL 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 TO YOUR GUEST IS NOT PART OF THE DECKHAND'S JOB.

Beachcomber News items need to be submitted to the HMC office by the 12th of each month. Items may be handwritten, typed or emailed. Your name and phone number are to be included in case there are any questions. Paid advertisements are to be arranged through the HMC office.

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HMC Board Meeting Summary

March 8, 2003

Administration

- Per Article IV, Sections 2, 4 and 7 of the By-Laws, the Board appointed Allen Moren to fill the unexpired term of Bill Turpin on the Board.
- The Board approved a merit step increase for Deckhand Kevin Kircher and for Captain Steve Wiggins.
- Barbara Huff will retire as Office Manager in September. Following a thorough evaluation process involving two excellent applicants, Linda Shettlesworth has been hired as Barbara's replacement. She will begin training this month. The administrative staff and the Board extend their sincere appreciation to both applicants for their interest in, and giving their time to, the selection process.

Transportation

- We are close to hiring a new part-time (fill-in) deckhand. Still looking for another part-time captain, and there is a possibility of at least one deckhand obtaining a captain's license, which would allow his filling in, on occasion, in that capacity.

Finance

- The Pierce County Board of Equalization ruled favorably on our appeals on two HMC-owned properties. Reductions were from \$7500 each to \$800 and \$400, respectively.
- Marine insurance renewal. Our broker advises that the marine market in general is experiencing approximately 15% premium increases. Our base policy premium increase is about 12%. We have a 45% increase on the Excess P & I policy (now split between two carriers) that is over budget by \$3800.
- Because premiums have increased considerably, the Board decided to increase ferry insurance deductibles in two areas, which will save HMC over \$5000.

Legal Liaison

- The attorney continues to work on the usual collections issues. He indicated that he hopes to have updated Articles of Incorporation finished by the end of this weekend.
- The Board decided, in response to a delinquent owner who wishes to deed his property over to HMC in lieu of payment, to advise our attorney to work out an agreement.

Land Use

- Updated Travel Trailer/Motor Home Certification, HMC Form 13.

Roads

- The new island roads encroachment policy is completed, and a new Encroachment Permit, HMC Form 11, is ready for use.

Water

- Status of the SWSMP project: In conjunction with the engineer, the I. M. is currently working on drafting letters asking for cooperation from property owners within 100 feet of the wells in keeping the wellhead area free of any potential pollution, and on a draft cross-connection control program, as required by the Department of Health.

HERRON ISLAND WELCOMES YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES

A special welcome to all of our new owners. We look forward to getting to know you. We have a lot of special events and a wonderful Booster Club. You're welcome to join the Boosters on the second Saturday of every month at 6 p.m. for potluck and a meeting at the Fire Station/Community Building. We hope that you find our little island a very special place – WE DO! Thank you for joining

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Captain John Says:

The summer schedule goes into effect on April 1st.

Call ahead to make arrangements to ferry any vehicle or combination that is larger than a pick up. Due to tides or volume of cars you will be asked to wait unless you have arranged the passage beforehand.

How to bring a trailer to Herron Island:

To bring a trailer onto Herron island you must have a Certificate filled out and on file at the office. Please refer to the Rules & Regulations booklet, page 8, 9.a. which reads in part, "Travel trailers and motor homes must present a completed HMC certification form prior to transport to the Island, certifying that they will be used in accordance with HMC and Pierce County sanitary regulations while on the Island.

WE ALL LOVE HERRON ISLAND AND WANT TO KEEP IT LOOKING IT'S BEST.

HMC RULE F-5: UNLESS GARBAGE PICK-UP SERVICE HAS BEEN ARRANGED, EACH OWNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVING ALL TRASH AND GARBAGE WHEN LEAVING THE ISLAND. (CLASS C)

(Please don't litter.)

RULE C-5: LONG-TERM VEHICLE PARKING IS PROHIBITED ON ISLAND ROADS OR RIGHT-OF-WAY. VEHICLES PARKED FOR MORE THAN 24 HOURS ARE SUBJECT TO TOWING AND REMOVAL FROM THE ISLAND AT OWNER'S EXPENSE. (CLASS B)

BOOSTERS

BOOSTER EVENTS

The Boosters "BIG" project for this Spring is the pouring of the patio behind the Community Building. We hope to have the forms in place and the supplies necessary at the site so we can begin the pour on Saturday, April 26th. The more able bodied men available to help the less strain on each of us. The Boosters will be there to provide lunch, as they will at the other work parties listed in this Beachcomber as well.

Booster Potluck

Saturday

April 12, 2003

6 PM At the Community Center

Everyone is welcome .

March 29th Work Party

We will be meeting at the North Beach Saturday, March 29th at 9:30 AM to repair and clean the small boat docks and cement the fire pit on. Grandma says: "Many hands make light work." Please join us.

Next work parties are April 11 to put the small boat docks in the water and April 12 to assemble the docks to the pilings

IN MEMORIUM—PHYLLIS DONNELLY

We are so sorry to have to report the passing away of another long time Herron Island resident on Wednesday, March 12th. Phyllis died of complications of throat cancer. She was a very sweet woman with a great sense of humor. Our sympathies are extended to her family.

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HMC BOARD POSITIONS AVAILABLE

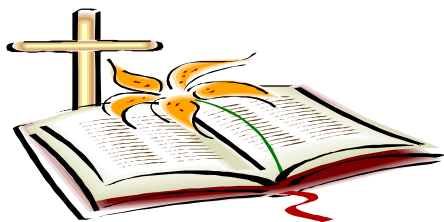
WE WANT YOU!!



Board application forms are in this Beachcomber. The Board needs people experienced in resource planning, budget making skills, planned community development skills and

knowledgeable in the area of public administration. Don't forget, your property value is tied to the reasonable management of this association.

Please fill out the application to be included in the May Beachcomber. The ballots will be counted at the June Annual Meeting, and the new Board will be installed at that time.



EASTER

SUNRISE

SERVICE

Everyone is welcome to attend the Easter Sunrise Service on April 20th starting with a social gathering beginning at 7 a.m. and the service starting at 7:20.

There will be special music provided by Marianne McColley, and a guest speaker from the Lakebay Community Church. Coffee and rolls will be served along with Brigitte's famous clam chowder. There will be a special ferry run at 7 a.m. for those folks coming from the mainland. Our guests look forward to seeing you on Easter morning!

Dallas Amidon and volunteers

In Memoriam: Bill Turpin

Our deepest sympathy to Mary, Geraldine, Melody, and the rest of Bill's family. Bill passed away on February 24th after a long and valiant battle with bone cancer. He served several terms on the Board of Trustees and has always been an active member of the community whether on the Board or just attending the meetings. He was a favored member of the Boosters from the time it was started. He and Mary were instrumental in the design and construction of the ferry. He will be missed. If you would like to make a donation in Bill's name, his family would appreciate all donations be made to The Group Health Hospice Program. Donations can be sent to The Group Health Hospice Program, 1730 Minor Ave., Suite 1500, Seattle, WA 98101. Donations are tax deductible, and the hospice program will notify the family of your gift.

We would like to thank all our friends and neighbors on Herron Island for all your acts of kindness, support and love. We are touched by your generous spirits and all that you have done for us.

Your kindness will be remembered and appreciated. Thank you.

*In friendship and love,
the family of Bill Turpin:
Mary, Geraldine & Melody*

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Call DALLAS AMIDON

Resident Island Realtor

800-786-2966 or 253-884-6166

Windermere Key Realty Inc.

253-884-3304

**** Million Dollar view for only \$127,750!!!**

2+ bedrooms, 1.5 baths., Across from North Beach.

1220 sq. ft. of living space.

A spacious deck for sitting and looking at the view.

Bank Terms Only.

**** The last waterfront lot left to sell.** Located on the one-way road. Only \$62,500!!! It has steps to the beach, water on property, great view, and 60 feet of waterfront. Owner Terms.

**** View lot that perks!!** Overlooks the South Beach. Ready for that certain buyer. Listed at \$55,900. Owner Terms.

**** 4 lots left with drain fields installed.** Prices from \$21,950 to \$22,950. Owner Terms.

Full Time Renters Seeking Cabin

Fred and I have rented on Herron Island for the last 7 years and would like to do so again.

Please call Shanti Simpson
@

206-824-2727 (Seattle)

or 253-884-6743 (island).

*We are non-smokers.
References available.*



Beachcomber Editor Needed

This is a fun job and keeps you in touch with the people and events on the island. I have done this for two years now and am ready to turn it over.

We use Publisher 2000 and the Beachcomber is on a template and you just fill in the blanks. Don't I make it sound easy? Please call the HMC office and let Barbara Huff know how soon you can begin.

Monthly issues are ready for printing by the 15th of each month, the week after the Board Meeting.

Phyllis Krueger

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CANDIDATE NOMINATING FORM AND QUESTIONNAIRE

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

YEARS AS A MEMBER OF HMC: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

Most Recent Employer

Position

Employment Dates

PROFESSIONAL OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE: *Please list three professional or volunteer experiences (other than HMC experience) which you feel qualify you for a position on the Board.*

EDUCATION OR TRAINING (after high school): *Please list up to three degrees, certificates, or other educational achievement.*

School/College

Major

Years Attended

HMC EXPERIENCE ON THE BOARD, COMMITTEES OR OTHER ACTIVITIES: *Please list your involvement with HMC, including Board experience, Committee experience and volunteer activities.*

GOALS: *Please list goals you would have for HMC and Herron Island during your term on the Board.*

CANDIDATE STATEMENT: *Because space is limited, please make your remarks in 300 words or less.*

Candidate's Signature: _____

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
16	17	18	19	20 <i>Transportation meeting 7:30</i>	21	22
Happy St. Patrick's Day!						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	<div> <div>Summer Ferry Schedule becomes effective on April 1.</div> </div>				

**Work Party
March 29**

April

2003

		1	2	3	4	5
<div> <div>Second half of HMC dues are due April 1. Accounts will be considered delinquent if not paid by then.</div> </div>		8	9	10	11	12 <i>Board Mtg, 19 Booster's Potluck, 6</i>
		13	14	15	16	17 <i>Transportation Meeting, 7:30</i>
20 <i>7AM Easter Sunrise Service No shuttle after the 2 run; 2:30-3, 3:30-4 runs are cancelled; 4:30 late</i>	21 <i>No shuttle after the 3 run; 3:30-4 and 4:30-5 runs are cancelled.</i>	22	23	24	25 <i>No shuttle after the 12:30 run. The 2:30 run will be late.</i>	26 <i>The 2:30-3 runs are cancelled; the 3:30 run will be late.</i>
27	28	29	30	<div> <div>Low tides = Ferry cancellations</div> <div>Anticipate ferry cancellations and delays due to minus tides during the last two weeks of April.</div> </div>		

**Work Party
April 11 & 12.**

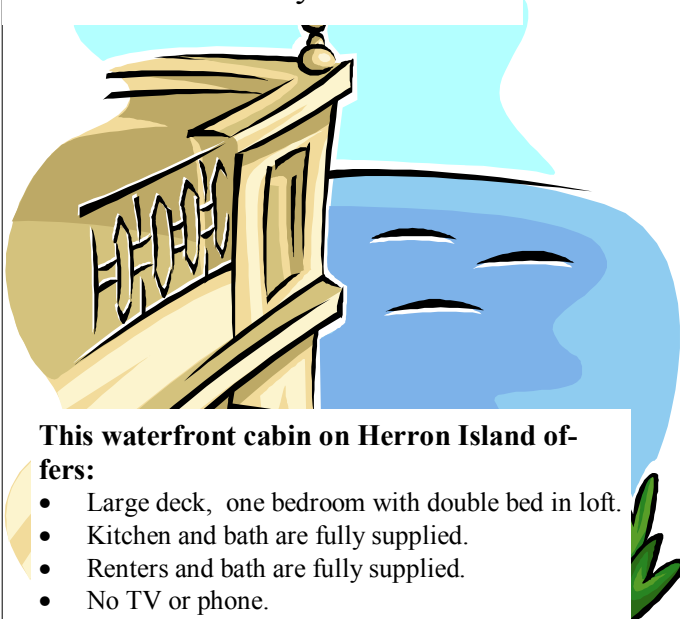
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For Rent: \$100/day \$500/week



This waterfront cabin on Herron Island offers:

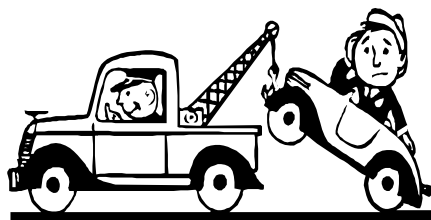
- Large deck, one bedroom with double bed in loft.
- Kitchen and bath are fully supplied.
- Renters and bath are fully supplied.
- No TV or phone.
- Non smokers only.



Contact Jerry or Christine Palmer: 253-529-1378

FREE Classifieds on the Web

HMC web site (www.herronisland.org) now has a classifieds section for members. Just send an email to webmaster@herronisland.org with the text of your ad.



**Your neighbors
are begging you
to tow those
ugly wrecks!!**

Call: Ron's Auto

Wrecking; 253.857.5600

or cellphone: 253.370.5565.

APRIL 1ST **IMPORTANT—IMPORTANT**

The second half of the Annual Assessment is due. It must be postmarked by April 30th to prevent going delinquent.

CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME

Sue Surratt has planned a community service project to benefit our Herron Island community. As an AmeriCorps member teamed with others, she will replace the existing bus shelter on the mainland with long lasting materials. She has partnered with the Boosters (who are donating their entire Memorial Fund to her project) and would like to beautify the surrounding area as well. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Please send them directly to the Boosters. Specify Bus Shelter Project.

Boosters, PO Box 119, Lakebay, WA 98349

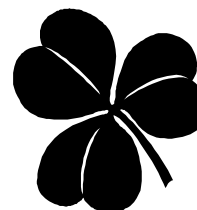
In appreciation, **Sue Surratt**

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