



Beachcomber Brief Edition



HMC Newsletter

October 2012

The full Beachcomber is published each month except for October, December, and February. The brief edition is published in these months in order to stress a few current items of which the Membership should be aware.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIP OF THE MONTH **WINTER DRIVING**

We've said "Goodbye" to summer weather and it is now time to prepare (mentally and physically) for treacherous Winter Driving conditions. The following points and recommendations could save your life and the lives of the ones you love.

- If bad weather is predicted, adjust your travel plans if you can. If you have to travel, stay on the main roads and travel prepared with extra warm clothes, a blanket, a small shovel, sand or non-clumping litter, emergency flares, a whistle, flashlight, jumper cables, de-ice materials, tire chains, and an ice scraper. Don't forget drinking water, non-perishable food, anti-septic towelettes and garbage bags for personal sanitation, and a first-aid kit.
- Keep a cell phone charger and/or an extra battery in your car.
- Keep your gas tank at least half-full. Doing so will help reduce condensation that can plug your fuel line with ice and stall your engine. You may also find yourself stuck in traffic congestion for lengthy periods.
- Don't use high beams. Visibility will be compromised in stormy conditions. Set headlights to low beam day or night.
- Check your windshield wiper blades. They should be replaced every 6 to 12 months for best performance. Keep your AC on to keep windows from fogging up while you are driving.
- Check your tires frequently. As temperatures plummet, tire pressure falls as well.

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To see the October Island Manager Report, Winter Ferry Schedule, and other documents normally in the Beachcomber, please go to the HMC Website at herronisland.org.

- Standing water can cause hydroplaning. Bridges, overpasses and shaded areas freeze first. Approach these areas with caution and avoid sudden changes in direction.
- While driving in inclement weather it takes longer to stop. Slow down and allow greater following distance. Four and all-wheel drive vehicles will not stop or steer better in icy conditions than two-wheel drive vehicles.
- Driving through standing water is the leading cause of flood-related death. Flooding can also conceal dangerous road damage or downed electrical lines. Obey closure signs until the water has receded and the road has safely reopened. Turn around. Don't drown.
- If a flash flood causes water to rise around your car, abandon the vehicle and move to higher ground if you can do so safely. You and the vehicle can be quickly swept away. Be especially vigilant when traveling at night.
- Steering and braking are more difficult on snowy or icy roads. Steer with smooth, careful movements. Avoid any abrupt braking that could cause you to lose control. With anti-lock brakes, apply constant, firm pressure to the pedal. If you have to take evasive action to avoid hitting something else, it's best if possible to steer your way around the obstacle than to brake.
- If you get stuck in snow, straighten your wheels and accelerate slowly to avoid spinning the tires. If it's safe to get out of the car, use flares to alert other cars to your presence and use sand under the drive wheels or use your shovel to dig some of the snow out. If the wheels continue to spin and you can't get un-stuck, do not get out of the vehicle. Turn on your emergency flashers and phone for help.
- If you must abandon your car during a snowstorm, pull as far off the road as safely possible to avoid blocking other vehicles and snow removal equipment. Use reflectors such as reflective tape or flashing lights to be better seen by passing vehicles.
- Be extra cautious near chain-up and removal areas as there will be people out of their vehicles.
- During high winds keep an eye out for flying debris and use extra caution near trailers, vans, or vehicles carrying lightweight cargo. It's best not to drive a trailer, van, or other "high-profile" vehicle in high winds.

**Please join us for our next Emergency Preparedness Meeting
November 10 at 12:30 in the Community Building
See you there.**



Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 4th.

BOOSTERS 2012

Thanksgiving Potluck BINGO, Raffle and Mini-Auction Saturday, November 10 at the Community Center Join the holiday celebration and fun!!!

Setup 2:30 pm — Social hour 4:30 pm — Dinner 5:00 pm

*For questions please call Event Chair: Sue Pottorff
253/884-1052 or email: thepottorffs@hotmail.com*

We have some gaps to fill on the Potluck signup sheet; we need volunteers for setup and cleanup. Members have committed to bring four turkeys and much more, however we could use commitments for: mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, other side-dishes and more desserts, please coordinate with Sue.

- **PLAY FREE BINGO Win Fun Prizes!**
- Enjoy elbow-rubbing with your neighbor!
- **Buy Raffle tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5!**
Each ticket increases YOUR CHANCE to walk away with one of nine baskets of delights and a CHANCE at winning your very own “Herronopoly”.
- **Get your 2013 Herron Island Calendar \$12.00/each—a great gift!**
- *Mini-Auction for 2nd “Herronopoly”- Be the top bidder and its yours!*

“This is a fun filled entertaining evening on the Island!”

**Join us for delicious food, fun, prizes
and community!**

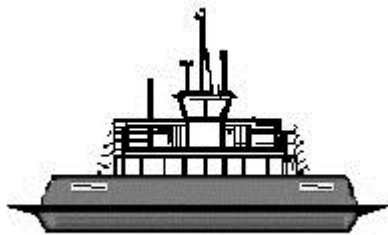
The Parks Committee fall dock removal and work party... was soggy!

The docks came out in spite of the rain. There were some damages from the recent storm which will need to be repaired before they can be reinstalled in the spring. We had a good turn-out and were able to complete a few other projects plus enjoyed rolls and coffee provided by the BOOSTERS and the hot soup. (Not everyone listed was actually present on Saturday, but they did add to the efforts which is also appreciated.)

Thanks to all our volunteers!

Steve McNair ° Paula Trent ° Carla Vierra ° Darold Vierra ° Andy Anderson ° Leonard Hill ° Mike Shettlesworth ° Judy Greinke ° Frank VanRavenswaay ° Carole Crowley ° Steve Ohlsen ° Dallas Amidon ° Steve Kramer ° Jack Wells ° Dana Gruber ° Kathy Duester ° Dick Mowry ° Dianne DeGood ° George Newcomb ° Claudia Ellsworth ° John Farris ° Terrill Chilson ° Tracy Anspach ° Carolyn Anspach°°°





HMC Management

POLICY

Subject: Policy for Use of the HMC Community Garden

Date: October 13, 2012

GENERAL

The HMC Community Garden is available to all Members for deer-proof gardening while enhancing community spirit and the aesthetic beauty for all islanders to enjoy. This Policy is established for the purpose of standardizing protocol for the use and enjoyment of the HMC Community Garden.

POLICY STATEMENT

Plot availability will be published annually in the Beachcomber. All gardeners must request assignment of a plot through the HMC Office. Returning gardeners will continue to use the plot they had from the prior year. If a gardener had a break in using the Community Garden, they will most likely be assigned a plot that is different from the one they had before. New gardeners will get a plot assignment on a first-come, first-served basis. Multiple plots may be assigned when there are fewer than 20 requests for a plot. Multiple plots will not be assigned when there are 20 or more requests for a plot.

As a condition of use, all gardeners accept responsibility for the upkeep of their assigned plot; including maintenance of the gravel path area bordering their plot, clean up and disposal of weeds, water use, and litter patrol. Gardeners may construct elevated growing boxes within their plots and decorate their plots with garden ornaments. These must be removed when a gardener does not expect to request a plot in the upcoming year.

Annual expenses, such as hose replacements and keys, will be shared by all gardeners.

This Policy has been adopted by the Board of Directors of HMC Management and is effective October 13, 2012.

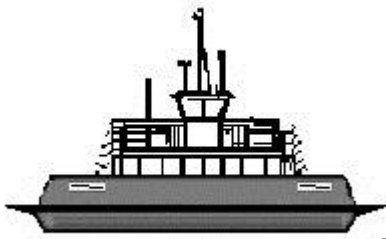
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HMC MANAGEMENT

Signature on file

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President, Board of Directors

Date



HMC Management

POLICY

Subject: Policy Regarding Encroachment Onto Island Roads

Date: October 13, 2012

GENERAL

This Policy is established for the purpose of ensuring that the condition of island roads is not adversely affected by work performed on behalf of individual property Owners with legitimate reasons for encroaching on the HMC road or road right-of-way. To this end, this Policy sets forth a permit and monitoring process. This Policy supplements, and does not replace, the existing HMC "Tight Line Policy."

POLICY STATEMENT

Any Owner having a legitimate reason to do work on any HMC-owned road right-of-way, whether part of the maintained roadway or not, must first apply for and obtain an Encroachment Permit (HMC Form 11) from the HMC Office. The work must be for the benefit of the Owner's property that is immediately contiguous to the portion of roadway involved. Types of work include, but are not limited to, trenching for septic system tight lines or underground electrical or telephone lines and grading of any kind.

An Encroachment Permit is not required for the following work:

- Work to keep roadside ditches and culverts clean (to allow for the free flow of water) as requested of them by the HMC Ditch Maintenance Policy; and
- Work done by HMC Management itself.

Encroachment Permits may be issued to an Owner by the HMC Island Manager. At the time the Encroachment Permit is issued, the Owner must pay a security deposit to HMC in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00. The security deposit is given in lieu of a performance bond to guarantee the roadway will be returned to the condition it was in prior to the Owner's work. The amount of the deposit will be determined by the Island Manager issuing the permit and will be based on the scope of the work detailed in the permit request. HMC will hold the security deposit in the General Fund.

The road section involved in the permitted work must be restored to pre-project condition within sixty (60) days from the date the permit is issued. When the work is complete, the Owner must notify the HMC Office. Upon notification, the Island Manager or a representative designated by

the Island Manager (such as the Roads Committee Chairperson) will inspect the work site within ten (10) business days and evaluate the condition of the restored road surface and/or right-of-way, as the case may be. If no further work appears to be required to bring the area back to the previous condition, the security deposit will be returned following the next scheduled Board meeting.

If, at the sole discretion of HMC, additional work is required to restore the area involved, the Owner will be so advised by letter. Thereafter, and unless other arrangements are made with the Owner, HMC may have its contractor make repairs as needed as soon as is reasonably possible. The actual cost of the repair will be deducted from the security deposit. Any deposit remaining after paying the cost of the repair will be returned to the Owner following the next scheduled Board meeting. Any cost to repair in excess of the amount of the security deposit will be assessed to the Owner in the same manner as other assessments authorized by the Bylaws.

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Rules Acknowledgement

In my President's Message found in the last edition of the Beachcomber, I mentioned the ongoing work to update our Herron Island Rules. However, in that message, I did not fully describe the scope of everyone's involvement to date. More accurately stated, Merry Kogut spearheaded an effort to rewrite and reorganize the rules for presentation to the Board. With significant contributions over a period of a year from Kathy Deuster, Max Hochanadel, members of the Rules, Parks, and Transportation Committees, as well as numerous other HMC Members, a new version of the Rules was presented to the Board and is now under review.

Thank you, Merry, and everyone who has been involved in this process for all the hard work that has gone into this so far.

Mark B. Anderson
President, HMC Management Board of Directors

Holiday Office Closures

The HMC office will be closed for the holidays Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23rd, and again on Christmas Day, December 25th.