



The Beachcomber

HMC Newsletter

November-December 2005



<http://www.herronisland.org>
President's Message

Summer's over but the pace of activities on Herron Island goes on. The new water tank is now operational thanks to the efforts of our Island Manager and a host of others. It was a long process but it was worth it as now we have cleaner water and enough capacity to meet both long term growth and fire fighting requirements.

The board would like to acknowledge the contributions of Michael Jones who recently resigned from the committee on emergency preparedness. Michael has worked diligently on this committee as well as volunteered for responding to emergencies on the island. We wish him well in his new endeavors. Michael also recently alerted the Island Manager to an opportunity for reducing our fuel costs with a new vendor. Doug followed up and negotiated a new contract with this supplier that will help to offset the rising cost of fuel for the ferry. Thanks to both for this.

We would also like to thank Patty Jones for her past performance as editor of the Beachcomber. With all her other activities, the time has become too great to continue. Ken Freeman has agreed to take over as editor on a temporary basis but for the long term, we will need a new volunteer editor. The Beachcomber committee (Terrill Chilson, Kathy Deuster and Carole Crowley) have been active and will support the production of the Beachcomber and have worked recently on recommendations to reduce the cost of this important newsletter. Our thanks to them for all their efforts.

Again, without all the volunteers that have contributed so much to the Island we would not be the place we are today and the costs of running the island would be far greater. Thanks to all.

Fred Fath
President

Winter Burn Bans

With the approach of cold weather, we can expect occasional periods of stagnant air and temperature inversions. These conditions tend to trap pollutants and result in the imposition of burn bans by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. A Stage I burn ban means that no burning is allowed in fireplaces and uncertified wood stoves, unless it is your only adequate source of heat. A Stage II ban prohibits burning in any fireplaces or wood stoves (certified or not), unless it is your only adequate source of heat. When a ban is called, all outdoor burning is prohibited. To find out if a burn ban is in effect, you can call the agency's toll-free information line at 1-800-595-4341 or check their web site at www.pscleanair.org. HMC will attempt to keep members informed with a notice on the home page of our web site and a sign at the top of Ferry Street.

NOTICE:

HMC is looking for temporary quarters on the island for fill-in deckhands and captains. A stipend will be paid to the property owner. Please call the office if you have a place available.

HMC Activities Calendar

Saturday, December 10th

10:00 am, Monthly Board Meeting
1:00 pm, Finance Committee Meeting
6:00 pm, Boosters Christmas Dance

Saturday, January 14th

10:00 am, Monthly Board Meeting
1:00 pm, Finance Committee Meeting
6:00 pm, Boosters potluck and Bingo

Delinquency List as of November 2005

Important Phone Numbers**Island Manager**

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HMC Board of Trustees

Fred Fath, President (206) 246-7016

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Dick Mowry, Water Field Examiner (253) 884-7663

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Bill Zazzo, Acting Chair Rules & Reg See Above

Tracy Anspach, Parks (253) 588-1921

Patty Haenen Jones, Office Manager (253) 884-9350

**Herron Island Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
9:30 am to 5:30 pm. The office is CLOSED Monday,
Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday.**

Office Phone: (253) 884-9350

Office Fax: (253) 884-5047

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

Office Email: Office@herronisland.org

Manager email: HMCManager@herronisland.org

Beachcomber: Office@herronisland.org

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.)

FLADAGER—HAYNES—JOHNSTONE—KEARNS—
KIRK, L.—KIRK, M (Estate of)—LAWRENCE—LEE, A.—
LEHMAN—MARTIN, S.—MCCLEERY—MEIER—
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WHITE—ZUMAYA

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. PROVIDING GUEST PASSES IS NOT PART OF THE DECKHAND'S JOB.

Beachcomber News Items need to be submitted to the HMC Office by the Friday after the Monthly Meeting. Items MUST be emailed in electronic format. 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 PRIOR TO PUBLICATION.

**HMC Management
Board Meeting Summary
November 12, 2005**

Administration

- Owner Dick Pugh is proposing that he pay for a portion of repairs to the HMC bulkhead under and adjacent to the island ferry terminal that is next to his property. He will fund the job to a maximum of \$20,000.00. Some type of escrow account may be needed to ensure that the money would be available to HMC, and HMC will need to contract for the repairs and permits. Bay Marine has submitted a proposal at a cost of \$24,750.00, including tax. The Board agreed to proceed with the repair project, following the completion of financial arrangements with Mr. Pugh.
- The Board agreed to use Fred Meyer gift cards for the annual employee Christmas bonus.
- The Board discussed Rules updates proposed by the I.M. and asked that the attorney go over them prior to any changes.

Information items

- The Office Manager position has been included for coverage in the new Group Health insurance plan.
- The regular ferry crew is eligible for the annual safety bonus, which totals \$400.00, to be divided equally among the four crewmembers.
- There have been several resignations from various committees.

Emergency Preparedness/Fire Department

- Michael Jones prepared a report to the Board and resigned from the Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Legal

- HMC's County Councilperson's office has been asked to research whether Pierce County can be assessed for dues on lots the County owns.

Transportation

- The County engineer has offered to have their engineering department do the required bi-annual survey of the mainland ferry terminal. He indicated that their charge for doing this would be approximately half of the cost of a private firm. The Board agreed to ask the County to do the work, pending receipt of information regarding actual cost.
- The recent report indicated several areas of maintenance that need to be addressed, including some concrete repair and painting of the steel transfer span. Some of these repairs will need to be contracted out and the I. M. will investigate the costs.
- A new fuel supplier, Associated Petroleum Products, has been arranged for and HMC now has an account there. APP offers considerable savings on fuel purchases.
- The Board agreed that discount ticket books, but not monthly commuter passes, may be used by contractors.
- Two new part-time deckhand trainees have been hired. One lives off-island. The question of adequate overnight living quarters for part-time crew is still open. Per the Board, a small stipend will be paid by HMC for the use of a facility. Any owner of a home or cabin who would be willing to make it available on a very occasional basis is requested to call the HMC office (253-884-9350).

Water

- The State Department of Health has signed off on the new reservoir. Pierce County has been advised that we are ready for their final inspections but they have not yet done it.

- Well Number One may need to have a check valve installed. To be investigated.
 - Montgomery Water Group has furnished a letter supplying detailed scope revisions to go forward with the SMSMP as well as the additional cost for doing so. They are currently also researching the updated cost of materials and whether to use ductile iron pipe or plastic pipe for the new large mains.
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**REAL ESTATE POLICY – ACCESS and PROPERTY TRANSFER FEE
REVISED October 8, 2005**

Scope: All Real Estate Personnel and Sellers of Island Property

Effective: Immediately

Objective: This policy statement is intended to accommodate the needs of members of HMC who wish to sell property on Herron Island and to accommodate those individuals who may wish to purchase property.

1. Real estate personnel, when traveling to Herron Island on real estate business, shall be required to show a valid real estate license to the deckhand and present their business card for the deckhand to attach to the log sheet. The real estate personnel and passengers in the same vehicle will be charged the same ferry fees as any other guests. Agents who live on the island will be charged the owner rate.
2. Prospective buyers unaccompanied by real estate personnel must present a valid guest pass and pay the same fees as any other guest.
3. Real estate personnel and prospective buyers will be made welcome on Herron Island providing that they respect the Island speed limit (15 MPH) and other rules and regulations required for all members.
4. Additional information and special arrangements for access will be considered by the HMC office (phone 206-884-9350). Office hours vary, so leave a message if no one answers. Do not expect to make arrangements with the ferry crew.
5. When traveling to Herron Island, real estate personnel using the ferry are requested to observe and be aware of extreme tide conditions that may affect travel time.
6. Members selling their property shall sign an agreement to pay a flat fee of \$100.00 to HMC on sale of the property. This fee is intended to compensate HMC for administrative staff time and expenses related to property sales. This agreement shall be included as part of the sales contract and the fee shall be payable on closing.

Your observance of this policy is required and appreciated.

THIS POLICY SUPERSEDES ALL OTHERS ON THIS SUBJECT

HMC MANAGEMENT FEE SCHEDULE 2005-2006

(Revised 10-08-2005)

HANDLING FEE MONTHLY FOR DEL. ACCTS	\$ 4.00
INTEREST 1% MONTHLY OR 12 % PER ANNUM	
NSF CHECK	\$ 35.00
FILE RESEARCH PER HOUR	\$ 20.00
NOTICE OF LIEN—NOTARIZED	\$ 50.00
SATISFACTION OF LIEN—NOTARIZED	\$ 50.00
STICKER REPLACEMENT	\$ 5.00
SPECIAL FERRY RUN (PER RUN)	\$ 125.00
WATER HOOK UP	\$ 220.00
WATER SHUT OFFF—LEAKS	\$ 25.00
WAL (WATER AVAILABILITY LETTER)	\$ 10.00
COPIES—EACH	\$ 0.15
FAX—LOCAL INCOMING	\$ 1.00
LOCAL OUGOING	\$ 1.00
LONG DISTANCE—FIRST PAGE OUTGOING	\$ 2.00
LONG DISTANCE EACH ADDITIONAL PAGE	
OUTGOING	\$ 1.00
LOCAL AND LONG DISTANCE INCOMING	
PER PAGE	\$ 1.00
ISLANDS MAPS—MEDIUM	\$ 4.00
LARGE	\$ 7.50
PROPERTY TRANSFER ADMIN. FEE	\$ 100.00
BEACHCOMBER ADS	
-PERSONAL—PER QUARTER PAGE	\$ 10.00
-COMMERCIAL—PER QUARTER PAGE	\$ 20.00
-PHOTO—ADD \$10.00	
RETURNED MAIL	POST OFFICE RATE

Boosters Update

Mark your calendar, 6PM Saturday, December 10th for the Christmas dance. Bring appetizers or desserts. (NO gift exchange). January 14th will be a regular potluck and Bingo.

The Thanksgiving dinner and bingo were a delicious and fun time. Thank you to those who cooked turkeys: Bill Zazzo, Barbara Huff, Richard Urfer, Al Moren and Mike Shettlesworth.

On October 1st we made \$800 on our island car wash for Habitat for Humanity Hurricane Relief. (The \$31.50 collected in the donation container at the Labor Day Weekend ball game was included with the car wash money). It was a good time with good car washers and free hot dogs.

At the October Booster meeting it was decided to spruce up the inside of the Community Center this winter by finishing the window trims, new blinds and painting.

Approximately February time frame, Nancy Broege has volunteered to give several short nature talks. If you have suggestions for this winter's potluck/meetings, please call Mike 253.884.6919 or Kathy 253.884.6898.

Kathy Deuster

Community Garden News

The Boosters provided a substantial donation which enabled us to purchase weed barrier for the walkways, rock for the wall outlines, and siding for the shed clean-up. Kudos to those in parenthesis who have assisted on numerous work parties and other activities.

1. Rock delivery (Gary and Beth Wanzong)
2. Construction of rock outlines (Carole Crowley, Kathy Deuster, Dana Gruber, and Carl Schafer)
3. Mulch donations (Carole Crowley, Tim Jones, Pat Cawthon)
4. Weed barrier and mulch spread (Carole Crowley, Kathy Deuster, Dana Gruber, Tim Jones, Carl Schafer)
5. Utility sink and plumbing hardware donation (Milt Cutler)

The continuing progress and accomplishments are making this garden look fabulous.

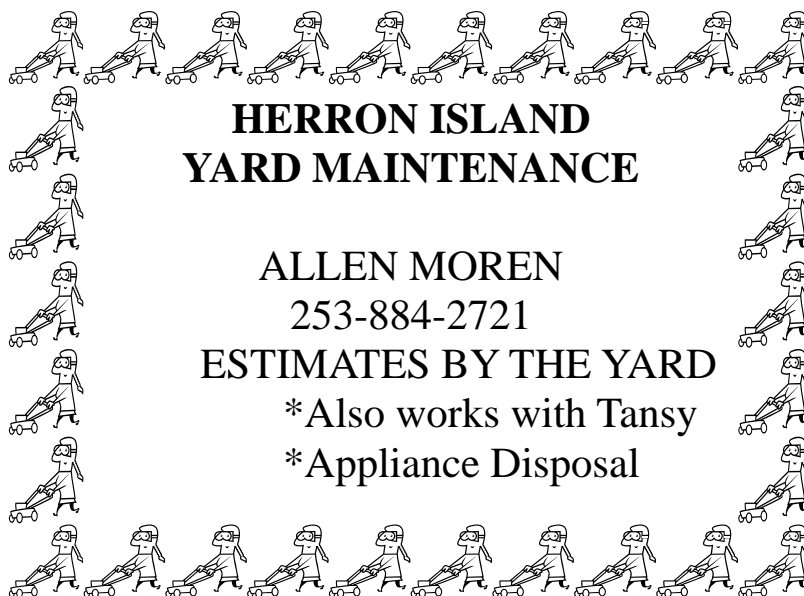
Please contact me at (254.884.6898 or PO Box 1020, Lakebay, WA 98349 so I can add your name to the list of future growers. There is no charge for a 10x10 plot, but there are many opportunities for you to help with the remaining unfinished projects (shed clean-up, wire stringing, tree clean-up, making greenhouse tables, greenhouse repairs, etc.

Dana Gruber



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