



The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

August 2005



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President's Message

At the August regular HMC Management board meeting there were several items that should be of concern to all members. The good news is that the construction of the new water tank was essentially complete. The concrete needs to cure for about 4 weeks before the tank is cleaned and made ready for use. It looks like it should be operational sometime in September. That is just in time as the old tank is causing more water test failures and chlorination is required. This has been a longer than anticipated project due to delays in getting permits but it is finally coming to completion.

Over the next few months, the Finance Committee and the Board will review and update the schedule of fees for services provided by HMC. Two fee-related issues were discussed at the August 13th Board meeting that required more immediate attention. As of August 1, Pierce County has increased its fee for filing notices of lien and satisfaction of lien from \$19 to \$32. To protect HMC's interests, notarized liens are filed when members become delinquent after an appropriate waiting time. The lien is then released when the assessment and any related fees (including interest, late charge, collection costs and attorneys' fees) are paid in full. To cover this additional expense, the Board has authorized an increase in the fee charged to delinquent owners from \$32 to \$50, which includes a modest administrative fee for notarizing and filing the liens with Pierce County. As the price of marine diesel has increased dramatically, our policy of not charging ferry fees to realtors and prospective buyers no longer makes

financial sense. In addition, the policy has been subject to abuse by off island realtors. The Board has thus authorized a change in the ferry access policy that treats realtors and their clients like any other visitors to the Island. Real estate agents and their clients will now be charged the appropriate ferry fee. Property transfer fees, which are payable on closing of sales and based on selling price, will continue to cover HMC administrative costs related to property sales and be subject to review by the Finance Committee in the near future.

This last week the board received an e-mail from last year's board president Ken Freeman. Ken has been spending summers at a family cabin on a lake in Michigan and has decided to move back there permanently. Ken in addition to being treasurer and president of the board during his two terms on the board managed and expanded the Herronisland.org web page. He has maintained the web site and provided all the island maps on a volunteer basis. Now that he is moving off the island, we need someone to take over the task of webmaster. Anyone with skills in this area and the willingness to volunteer their expertise can contact me. Ken has agreed to stay on and help with the transition. We wish Ken the best of luck on this move and would like to again thank him for all the work and effort he has put in to serve Herron Island. It is volunteers like Ken that make this island the wonderful place we have all come to enjoy.

Speaking of volunteers, there are many on the island that volunteer on a regular basis and often without recognition. My not being on the island all that often means that I don't know of all the efforts that go on. People like Sam Argo and Dick Mowry volunteered to do the annual brush burn.



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Many of the boosters have spent a lot of time fixing up the community building and are getting ready to paint. Sam Argo is again volunteering to spray paint. Dana Gruber writes another article in this Beachcomber about all the efforts people have put in on the community garden plots. Michael Jones has spent many hours working to keep the island prepared for emergencies. Al Moren and Tracy Anspach have been spending a lot of time on projects impacting roads and parks.

Other members have been coming forth for tasks like running the water truck. Without this volunteering, many of the improvements seen on the island would not take place or would require far more expense than they do today. I know I have not included everyone that has contributed but I want to acknowledge the volunteer efforts and hope that the membership in general appreciates all the work being done.

One final note regarding discussion during the board meeting. Mary Turpin has resigned as chairperson of the Rules and Regulations Committee. Mary has been a faithful volunteer on the island serving on multiple committees and regularly attending the board meetings. We owe Mary a great deal of thanks for all her efforts. Now, several islanders have volunteered to serve on this committee which is not the most pleasant of jobs. We do appreciate their willingness to serve. The job would be a lot easier if more island members and guests would be a little more considerate of their neighbors. HMC is not in a position to be a police force and does rely on members to take action when rules are being disregarded. We don't want to become overly legalistic. If members would take responsibility to make sure their guests know the rules like speed limits and noise limits, it would make life more pleasant for all. If

members would take responsibility for supervising the activities of children and not allow those that could be harmful to the children and others (like driving cars), it would make the island safer for all. If members would limit their use of the dock space and take trailers back to their property when not actively loading or unloading boats, it would free up space at North Beach for more to enjoy. The island facilities are for all to enjoy and should not be monopolized by a few. Common courtesy and respect of your neighbors will make life more pleasant for all of us.

Fred Fath – President



WEB SITE SUBMISSIONS

All text submissions for the island web site must be emailed to the webmaster in word-processor format. Please do not submit hard copies to the office.

Ken Freeman



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Important Phone Numbers

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Emergency

911

Ferry Cell phone

(253) 691-1457

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



Delinquency List as of August 2005

FLADAGER—JENNE—KIRK, L.—KIRK, M (Estate of)—
LAWRENCE—LEHMAN (DROUILLARD)—MARTIN, S.—
NORMAN—O'NEILL—OVERLAND (Estate of)—
TCHOCHIEV—TITZLER—WAGEMANS, G..

Ferry Business

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

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

Beachcomber News Items need to be submitted to the HMC Office by the Friday after the Monthly Meeting. Items MUST be typed or emailed. Your name and phone number is to be included in case there are any questions. Paid advertisements are to be arranged through HMC Office PRIOR TO PUBLICATION.



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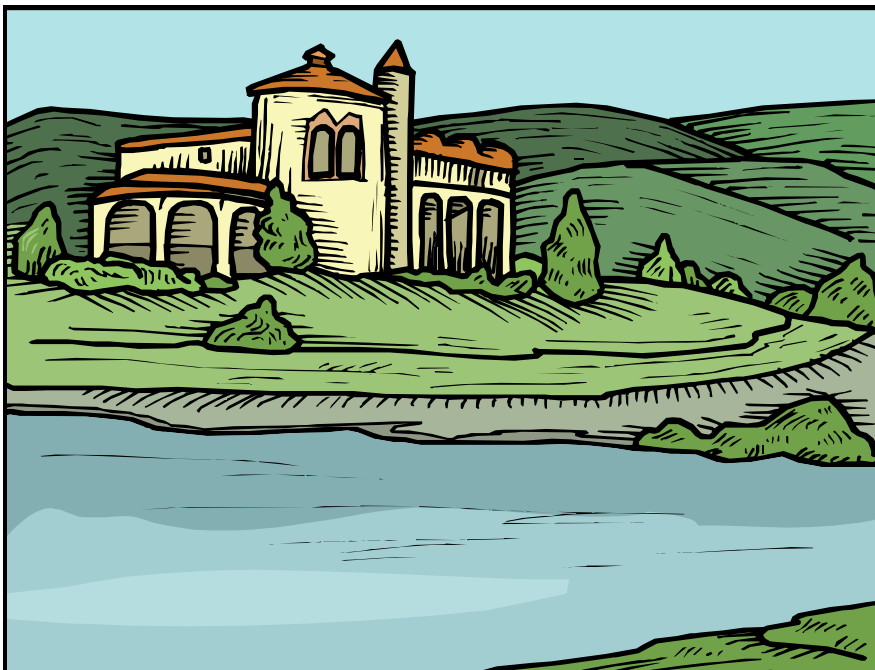
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INTERIOR PAINTING
LINDA MOREN**




**HERRON ISLAND
YARD MAINTENANCE**



ALLEN MOREN
253-884-2721
(Paid Advertisement)

Sometime between August 1st to Friday, August 5th some person or person's came on our property and removed some 6x6 12' long beams along with some 4x4's that were 10' long. We had them at our place for years and had just put them up in our driveway for raising and leveling our cabin along with a bunch of 4x4's 6' & 8' also. We would like them returned!!

If any locals saw anything please let us know.

Steve & Sandy Lewis 884-1960 Island or 360-273-8713 Mainland

(Paid Advertisement)

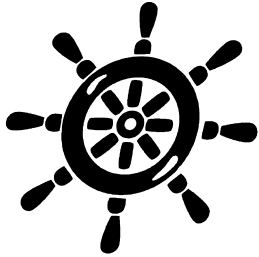


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CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

REMINDER

****COMBINATIONS OF ANY LENGTH AND SINGLE VEHICLES LONGER THAN 25 FEET WILL NOT BE TRANSPORTED AFTER THURSDAY 12PM DURING HOLIDAY WEEKENDS.****

CANCELLATIONS

August Cancelled Ferry runs

Wed 8-3	12 May be late
Thu 8-4	12:00-12:30
Tues 8-16	8:30-9
Wed 8-17	8:30-9 NO SHUTTLES
Thu 8-18	12:00-12:30
Fri 8-19	12-12:30
Sat 8-20	12 LEAVES EARLY, NO SHUTTLES

Note: No cancellations/Delays until next April.



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911

Herron Island Emergency Preparedness Group (Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Teams)

**PREPAREDNESS MEETING - 10:30 a.m. 4th Saturday of every month at the
Fire Station/Community building**

A topic of concern that has been brought to my attention is the amount of construction work that is being done here on the island. As construction occurs, make sure that you take every safety step necessary to protect your new home. Install plenty of smoke alarms, extinguishers, and exits. Make sure your electrical wiring is installed correctly to avoid possible electrical fires.

While we are on the topic of preparing one's home, I would also like to bring up emergency supplies. With all of the newcomers we have, are your homes prepared? Do you have first aid supplies, emergency clothing and bedding, and emergency food ready? Do you know how to contact Airlift Northwest in the event that the fire department will be delayed in getting to the island? If your answer is no to any of the above I would suggest you attend our emergency preparedness meetings.

HIEPG, or the Herron Island Emergency Preparedness Group, was created from the actions of concerned islanders for the purpose of teaching homeowners how to be prepared for a variety of incidents. It provides free training to anyone regardless of age who wishes to explore what could happen within a community like Herron Island, improving their lifestyle during those incidents. It is only one hour per month and in exchange you get free training, free supplies, and you work with your community to protect it.

Also please remember that we are asking that channels 2 and 8 on two-way radios are reserved for use by HMC Management and HIEPG. The last Board Meeting was interrupted due to someone using those channels. If you own limited range family radios, please be courteous and remain off of these channels. Thank you!

The next meeting is on Saturday, August 27th at 10:30am. Hope to see all of you there!

Michael D. Jones
Director/Chairman



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Birth of the Internet in 1969	2	3 Watermelon Day	4	5	6
7 Forgiveness Day	8	9	10	11	12	13 Board M. 10am Booster 6pm
14	15	16	17	18	19 Aviation Day	20 Homeless Animal Day
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 HIEPG 10:30 a.m.
28	29	30	31			

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Labor Day	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Board Meeting 10am Booster 6pm
11 Patriot Day	12	13	14	15 Rosh Hashanah —————→	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Autumn Equinox —————→	23	24 HIEPG 10:30 a.m. —————→
25	26	27	28	29	30	

WELCOME ALL NEWCOMERS!



Get involved! we need you! it's fun!

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