

The Beach comber



HMC Newsletter January-February 2007



http:/www.herronisland.org **President's Message**

Lots of things to look back at as we start another year and lots of things to look forward to as we move along.

We have recently lost two members who have contributed much to the improvement of Herron Island: Bill Zazzo, unexpectedly and Dick Provencal whose passing was not unanticipated. Both of these men gave of their time and knowledge as Board members to make Herron Island a better place and although their presence will be missed, their contributions to us will remain. Our sympathy and remembrances go to Pat Zazzo and Helen Provencal and their families for their losses.

The spirit of helping neighbors by Bill and Dick was continued during our recent power outage. Many instances of just doing what had to be done, checking on one another, checking with the ferry crews to see if there were needs to be met took place without having to be asked. I don't dare try to list those involved since I am sure I will miss someone, but all members need to know about the effort and generosity expended by their fellow Herron Islanders during a time of stress.

It is reassuring to know that our infrastructure of ferry, water, and roads held up well during this time even though there were many tests to check them out. Deficiencies have been identified and work has begun to make plans to correct them. Chief among our needs is to install standby generators on both the mainland and island sides to operate the ferry ramps during power outages in a manner that will be much safer for our ferry crews than the existing method, which puts the crews at risk. This is not a recently discovered need, but the Board had approved obtaining and installing this equipment at the December 9th monthly meeting (timing is everything). John Farris has been working with Doug Allen to define the specific units required and details of

installation, but the commitment has been made for the project. Funding by using the Dock reserves was approved by the board, so no special assessment will be required. This project should be well underway within a month. Secondly, our phone system depends on electricity to function and even though there is backup battery power built into the Centurytel apparatus, it lasts only a short time before needing recharging. Centurytel did manage to get a small generator to the island but it needed to be fed gas to keep running and much of that task was borne by island volunteers. Roads were made passable by volunteers to the point that when the Peninsula light crews were able to get to Herron Island, a crew chief commented that those efforts by islanders reduced their anticipated on-island time by two days! If you plan to use a personal standby generator for power during an outage, please consider maintaining and testing it regularly and make sure you know how to properly operate it, so that it is useful during a time of need.

As we look forward to the coming year, the board is working toward the water system distribution upgrade. At this point, we are waiting for input from Peninsula Light Co. to see what the options are they can offer. Of course they have had a few things on their plate recently that has delayed giving us their thoughts. We anticipate their input within the next month and should be able to begin evaluating how their various plans might best benefit the membership. A meeting was held with Representatives of Key Bank to see what financing options they might have to fund the project, when we get to that point. Key Bank was involved with our ferry and also the new docks at the time they were funded. They let us know that they could be the bank involved should our path take us to the USDA rural assistance program for the long term financing. Again, more to follow on this subject as the information comes in and the project gets better definition.

Additional projects on the near horizon include a cover for the maintenance building for which the Boosters have finally secured a permit, and installation of the new pump at the North Beach to fill the road watering truck in a more efficient manner. This has been acquired and we are waiting for the right time to hook it up, after the docks are installed. The Parks committee is planning work projects in February and March to clean and re-stain the dock sections and benches as well as creating a revised set of rules to insure as much equal access to the community assets (docks and park areas especially) as possible.

It is not too early to look at our forthcoming elections for new board members in June. Please consider a board position as a chance to serve your Herron Island community. Each of you can bring strengths to the team that helps run the business of the island. I will complete my second consecutive two year term and am ineligible to run again. Kathy Fennell's position will also be up for reelection. A third position, currently held by Beth Owen filling the remainder of Clarence Jones term, will need filling. Please help by offering yourself as a candidate or talk to members who you consider to be worthy of your vote to run for a position.

Allen Moren President

Thanks, Ferry Crew!

Thanks to the ferry crew and all those members who used the ferry during the storms and blackout periods for being patient and keeping the ferry operations as normal as possible under very difficult conditions.

Thanks, Sam!

Thanks to Sam Argo for his generous help and loan of portable generators to island residents during the weeklong power outage.

Transportation Committee Update

Mike Shettlesworth will be Co-Chair of the Transportation Committee, along with Nick Huff.

Welcome, Carolyn!

Island resident Carolyn Snyder has been hired as our new Office Manager. She will replace Patty Jones upon Patty's retirement on March 31st.

Heartfelt Thanks!

Dear Herron Island family and friends,

The Surratts would like to express Heartfelt Thanks, for including us in your holiday celebrations. Your generous gifts, thoughts and greetings continue to warm our hearts. May you all be continually blessed throughout the New Year.

Sincerely,

Donnie, Sue, Skyler, Brittany & Brooks

UPDATE ON HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 2004 CAR WASH ON HERRON ISLAND

The Boosters had a car wash at Kirk's Cozy Corner back in 2004 and took in over \$800 that Saturday morning. The money was sent to the Habitat office in Tacoma to start a fund for Hurricane relief. Our idea caught on and after many other contributions, the local Gig Harbor Habitat people are now taking a "house in a box" to Slidell, Louisiana which is across the waterway from New Orleans. A "house in a box" container holds all the materials for reconstructing a home and as always volunteers go and do the work that turns it into a home. We all make a difference. Thanks Herron Island!

Judy Greinke

Graffiti

Recently, one of our island neighbor's house was vandalized with graffiti. This sort of malicious damage to property here on the island is not tolerable. The HMC Board is asking for any information about the party or parties responsible for the graffiti. This is a Class A offense, and is an affront to everyone that has property on Herron Island.

Beth Owen

Important Phone Numbers

Island Manager

Doug Allen (253) 884-9350

HMC Board of Trustees

Al Moren, President	(253) 884-2721
Kathy Deuster, Vice-President	(253) 884-6898
Kathy Fennell, Secretary/Treasurer	(206) 987-5737
Beth Owen, Board Member	(253) 851-2677
Mike Shettlesworth, Board Member	(253) 884-6919

Additional Responsibilities

Nick Huff, Co-Transportation Chairman	(253) 884-4663
Mike Shettlesworth, Co-Transp. Chairman	(253) 884-6919
Mike Davis, Water Chairman	(253) 884-1423
Dick Mowry, Water Field Examiner	(253) 884-7663
Dick Zottman, Water Field Examiner	(253) 884-9071
Scott Schultz, Water Repair	(253) 884-3196
Merry Kogut, Rules Chairperson	(253) 884-8484
Tracy Anspach, Parks Chairman	(253) 588-1921
Al Moren, Roads Chairman	(253) 884-2721
Carole Crowley, Emergency Prep. Chair	(253) 884-5288
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: beachcomber@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.)

Delinquency List as of January 16, 2007

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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 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.

Online Beachcomber

If you wish to read your Beachcomber online at www.herronisland.org and save HMC the price of paper and postage, please notify the office.

HMC Management Board Meeting Summary January 13, 2007

Administration

- The Board discussed cleanup of storm-caused roadside debris. It was decided that a local contractor will be asked for a bid for removing and shredding the worst debris.
- Interviews of two excellent candidates for the position of new Office Manager have been completed. Carolyn Snyder has been hired, and will replace Patty Haenen Jones in April.
- The Board agreed to reimburse the Boosters one half of the cost of the new community building heating system.

Emergency Preparedness

• The Board will discuss with the Emergency Preparedness Committee what went well during the extended power outage and what might be improved in the future.

Land Use

Mark Anderson advised that the plat change at the south end of the island is complete.

Transportation

- The Coast Guard-required drug testing company has been changed to a local one.
- HMC is still getting bids for generators for each ferry terminal.
- Ron Fugere, currently a part-time deckhand, is taking a captain's class to obtain his 100-ton license. He plans to take part in HMC's captain training program.
- It appears that the Federal Homeland Security Department is going to require all mariners, and certain other persons who have access to marine facilities, to purchase a Transportation Workers Identity Card (TWIC) at a cost to the individual of \$107-\$159.
- The mainland ramp remote-control mechanism failed after the power outage. The company that first responded to repair it (C's Garage Door Co.) could not make repairs. The owner stated that the company will not charge HMC since they could not make things right. Davis Doors eventually did repair the system.

Water

- The water maintenance person has been loaned a vehicle by Jerry Hansen.
- The pump house roof was damaged by high winds and will be repaired when the weather allows.

Geoduck Farming

At the December 2006 HMC board meeting, the issue of whether or not to allow commercial aquaculture, such as geoduck farming or mussel barges, anywhere on Herron Island was discussed. Article K (K-4) of the Herron Island Rules, as well as Article 11.2.4 of the Herron Island By-Laws, states that private lots may only be used for single family residential purposes, except where "in the sole discretion of the board, the business activity is consistent with the residential character of HMC, and does not constitute a nuisance, annoyance, or hazardous, or offensive use."

Because of the risk of endangering the recreational aspect of Herron island's beaches, as well as the possibility for environmental damage, the board agreed that this rule prohibited commercial aquaculture anywhere on Herron Island at this time. The board is taking a proactive stance on this -- there are no current proposals before the board to allow a geoduck lease on Herron Island

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Herron Island Emergency Preparedness Group

This was called a disaster, the week without electricity, the power crews working 36 hrs. on and 8 hrs off. We on Herron Island were very fortunate. We had no major damage to any home and **NO** medical emergencies. It really boiled down to being neighborly. Our main concern was the people living alone. Once it was determined that they were all okay our tasks were mainly taking care of basic needs. Thanks to those who saw to it we all had enough gasoline for our generators.

The phone service being disrupted caused us great concern. With no phone our single people had no way to call 911 or a neighbor. It only took one phone call to secure a generator to restore our phone service.

Our life soon became a monotonous series of chores. Get a fire started in the wood stove, fill the generator with gas, start the generator for the morning boost to the freezer and refrigerator. Stack wood for the day, and in the afternoon/evening redo the morning chores. Meals were cooked on outdoor grills, top of wood stoves or on gas ranges. Those of us with bone density worries certainly gave our bodies the exercise the doctors say we need.

Having been through two of these outages, the first in '96, you quickly learn what necessities really are!! In the way of groceries, you use what you have and if you don't have it you don't need it. We were able to get off the island and to stores after a couple of days so we weren't really cut off from goods, if the store and/or gas stations had supplies left.

The main thing to remember for our next outage is:

Call Peninsula Light, 857-5950

Turn on your battery operated radio to one of our local fm stations, 89.3, 89.9, 104.5

If you have a two-way radio, turn it to channel 8.

Let the Emergency Preparedness members know that you are ok by putting your **OK** sign in a window visible from the street.

If you have a need that you cannot fulfill, like a prescription refill, let one of us know. We will do our best to help you.

Carole Crowley	884-5288	Communication/Pet Care
Mary Turpin	884-3089	Communication
Dick Mowry	884-7663	Radio and Communication
Milt Cutler	884-5388	Radio and Communication
Mike Shettlesworth	884-6919	Lt. Search & Rescue
Karl Schafer	536-0000	Lt. Search and Rescue
Jack & Nancy Wells	884-0850	Lt. Search & Rescue/Block Coordination
Merry Kogut	884-8484	Block Coordinator
Ralph & Bertie Haun	884-3900	Block Coordinator/Communication
Kathy Deuster	884-6898	Safety & Security/First Aid
Dana Gruber	884-6898	First Aid
Pat Cawthon	884-2072	First Aid
Marie Golden	884-2714	Sheltering & Special Needs
Linda Crowe	884-1494	Sheltering & Special Needs
Steve McNair	884-4467	Damage Assessment

We have 17 very committed members, all living on the island. Because of this, we schedule our meetings on a week-day instead of another meeting on a week-end. Should week-enders wish to join we will gladly change our meeting and training days. Our current training consists of American Red Cross First Aid, CPR, Heimlich maneuver and, Fire Dept.Defibrillator, Disaster Response Communication and plus many other Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Team (PC NET) trainings. Not everyone on the list of members has had certification in all trainings. Fortunately, we were not called upon to use our medical training during this power outage. **PLEASE** consider joining this committee to learn how to prepare and care for your own family and also to serve the island.

Unsafe Food

If you were not on the island during the power outage (12/14-12/21) the food in your refrigerator and freezer will not be safe to eat.

February Booster Valentine fun!

Join the fun—live entertainment and music for dancing. Wear your dancing shoes and bring your favorite finger food

to share! We plan on setting up chairs (no tables) to leave plenty of room to shake your booty!



When: 6 pm, Saturday, February 10th

Where: Community Center/Fire Hall



March Booster Spring Fling!



Potluck and B I N G O N I G H T 6 pm, Saturday March 10th at the Community Center/Fire Hall

See you there!

DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD... March 11th ...daylight savings time begins!



It's that time again!
To get ready for summer fun...

If you use the docks, N. Beach or play baseball at Goodpastor Park we need you... of course, we appreciate everyone willing to lend a hand...

Join a Parks work party...

Small Boat Dock & N. Beach Park

10 am, Saturday, February 3 We plan to clean the docks, gangway and benches to prepare for staining and clean up the beach. Bring your favorite tool: scrub brush & bucket, rake or shovel.

Baseball Field Preparation!

10 am, Saturday, March 3
at Goodpastor Park
We plan to spread the sand using shovels and rakes... so
bring yours along... and just call it
Spring Training!

AROUND THE ISLAND

Everyone has either heard or experienced the storms and the after effects these past few months.

As a result of these storms and after effects numerous islanders have been exposed as good-deed-doers. Our gooddeed-doers made these "events" more tolerable for us who live here. Some cleared downed trees keeping the roads clear; another got fuel for the water department generator to keep our faucets flowing and toilets flushing; another kept the phone generator fueled and operational and another shared his generator and located one for someone else.

These are just a few of the ways our good-deed-doers showed themselves. Each of them has contributed in countless ways...and continue to.

Being a good-deed-doer is probably the best way to live the great commandment "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." Life becomes more than being nice to someone only if they are nice to you. Instead, it's elevated to being nice to someone before they even have a chance to deserve it. It's like passing on a smile just for the fun of it.

We appreciate and thank all of our good-deed-doers!

Things happen around Herron Island... thanks to all who have made it possible and make it happen. (this column is brought to you by: "The Herron Islander"). If you see or know of something happening around the island, e-mail The Herron Islander at:

The Herron Islander @yahoo.com

Did you know?

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- Did you know? The island owns the property on the south side of where we line up for the ferry on the mainland.
- Did you know? Familiarize yourself with Section A. Mainland property, of the Herron Island Rules to prevent your vehicle or your guest vehicle from being towed away. The length of time a vehicle parks there and/or whether vehicles have a valid HMC sticker or guest pass can prevent this from happening. Be informed. Read and understand the Herron Island Rules.
- Did you know? All member boats must have a valid HMC decal prominently posted near the opera tor's station or the bow. Member boat trailers must also display a valid decal in a prominent location near the trailer's tongue. *Herron* Island Rule E-9. Get ready for boating season. Take time to get your sticker at the HMC office.
- Did you know? Treat others as you want to be treated. Do not go on their property without permission if you don't want them on yours. Trespassing on private property is prohibited. Please respect private property. Herron Island Rule G-6.

This column brought to you as another way to keep you informed. If you have a question of comment or idea to include please e-mail: The Herron Islander at:

TheHerronIslander@yahoo.com

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Charter of Parks Committee October 21, 2006

HMC Management Parks Committee is a permanent standing committee consisting of five or more HMC members in good standing. The size of the committee will vary depending on the amount of work confronting it.

Mission: To promote safe and useable park grounds and equipment for HMC members and guests.

The charter of this committee is to:

- 1) Manage, maintain and enhance park grounds and equipment.
- Prioritize projects without creating undue financial burden to HMC Management members.
- 3) Forecast park expenses and submit an annual budget to the Finance Committee.
- 4) Communicate to the Board of Trustees, HMC Management staff, other HMC committees, organizations, and HMC members, the committee's plans and projects in order to gather guidance, support and/or assistance (volunteer or otherwise) as needed.
- Communicate with HMC Management staff about financial and business matters pertaining to parks.
- Coordinate with appropriate HMC Management staff regarding grounds maintenance and equipment.
- Recommend to HMC Board and HMC Rules Committee polices and compliance practices regarding park use.
- 8) Perform other Parks responsibilities as determined by the HMC Board.

Adopted: 12/9/2006

President, HMC Board of Trustee

WINTER FERRY SCHEDULE (10/1 through 3/31)

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Lv. Island 8:30, 11:30, 6:30

Lv. Mainland 9:00, 12:00, 7:00

Christmas:

Lv. Island 8:30, 6:30 Lv. Mainland 9:00, 7:00

New Years

Lv. Island 11:30, 4:30, 6:30 Lv. Mainland 12:00, 5:00, 7:00

List of HMC Management Park Grounds as of October 2006

Small boat launch/ramp at N. Beach

Small boat docks & gangway

Swim dock

N. Beach (fire pit, benches, BBQs, small boat storage area)

Rose McGinn Pavilion (tables, horseshow pits, playground equipment)

Goodpastor (baseball field, basketball court, playground equipment) plus undeveloped area of Goodpastor Park

S. Beach Trail and beach

Wildlife Park/Nature Park (W. Yew Blvd lots)

Tides:McMicken Island, Case Inlet
based on Seattle (Madison St), Elliott Bay Washington (NOAA)
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