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HMC Newsletter

April, 2002

President's Message

As spring approaches and the landscape renews itself, one needs only to look around to see the many things that are happening on the island to enhance that renewal. These are just some of the many activities that are either completed or in the process of completion.

- ♦ The Community Building has a clean, fresh appearance.
- ♦ The parks are being made safer for children's activities.
- ♦ The docks are refitted with new lift cables to ensure their continued safe operations for years to come.
- ♦ We are in the process of completing a new permanent pump station for the roads water truck.
- ♦ The first phase of a planned water system is being developed.
- ♦ There's a new roof on the North Beach Pavilion.

Many of the hours that go into these projects are done voluntarily by members who give so generously of their time and talents to make the island a better place. Volunteerism is the backbone of the island. We depend on it to keep our costs down and appearances up.

The development of the budget, for instance, is a multifaceted document that requires the efforts of many individuals for a considerable period of time. Very soon you will be looking at a proposal for next year's budget. When you study it, keep in mind that every effort has been made to keep costs as low as possible while at the same time retaining the quality of life we all enjoy.

Remember, without you, the member, and your participation, it just doesn't happen. All the positions on the board and committees are transitory and require fresh new faces from time to time. Consider a term on the board or as a committee member. Now is the time to act! We are accepting applications at the office. Make sure you turn yours in by May 1st.

Nick Huff

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BOOSTERS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY, MAY 25

The location depends on the weather – if it's fair, we'll meet at the North Beach Pavilion; if it's foul, we'll meet at the Community Building at Goodpastor Park. You are all invited to a:

WINE & CHEESE TASTING MEMBERSHIP DRIVE PARTY 7 – 10 P.M.

Bring a bottle of your favorite wine
(non-alcoholic is fine)
and a plate of cheese.

Annual Booster Membership dues are
\$2.50/person or \$5.00 a family

SUNDAY, MAY 26

Again the location will depend on the weather – same as Saturday.

9 AM	Cinnamon Rolls & Coffee Flea Market Merchandise and Membership
9:30 AM	Sailboat Race
10 AM	Blindman Dingy Race
11 AM	Burgers and Brauts

Donations to the Boosters for the flea market can be dropped off at the Community Building the week prior to the event or at the location the morning of the event.

**NOON : FLAG RAISING CEREMONY
THE BOOSTERS HAVE PURCHASED A NEW
FLAG TO BE FLOWN AT NORTH BEACH.
PLEASE JOIN US IN INITIATING IT WITH THE
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO DID SO MUCH ON SATURDAY, APRIL 20—THE NORTH BEACH PAVILION HAS A NEW ROOF, THE PLATFORM FOR THE SALTWATER PUMP WAS INSTALLED, AND THE COMMUNITY BUILDING HAS A NEW CEILING: Tom, Justin & Josh Nettlebeck, Tracy & Nick Ans-pach, Sam Argo, Jim Guse, Allen Moren, Nick Huff, Floyd Haskins, Don Greinke, John Farris, Jeff Clark, Jack Tavenner, and Steve Kramer. Linda Moren, Mary Turpin, Barbara Haskins, and Billie Hutchison were the lunch brigade. Hopefully, we didn't miss anyone. You are all MUCH appre-

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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 & Emergency Prep. (253) 884-2749

Robert Pinkley, Secretary & Water (253) 884-6501

Kathy Fennell, Treasurer (206) 365-9492

Janet Podell, Asst Treasurer (253) 874 2452

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

Bill Turpin, Land Use (253) 884-3089

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; Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 to 4:30; Friday as needed. The office is CLOSED 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

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.)

REMOVING JUNK VEHICLES

Ron's Auto Wrecking has been cleared by HMC to remove junk vehicles from the island. You can contact him at (253) 857-5600; cell 370-5565. The cost is \$50.00 for most vehicles.

DELINQUENCY LIST as of April 23, 2002

BEATY, Meritta	KIRK, Lee Roy
BISENIUS, Holly	KUCH, John
BOYAKINS, May	LAWRENCE, James
CEPEDA, Josefa/Ali REED	
CONCANNON, Thomas	THARP, Patrick
COOPER, Marc	TITZLER, David
DICKINSON, Linda	VAN HOY, Craig
DROUILLARD, Joni	
GRAHAM DEVELOPMENT	RENTER:

Ferry Business

The Summer schedule is in effect.

- 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.

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. You may reach the Beachcomber editor by calling Phyllis Krueger at 253 884 6510.

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HMC Board Meeting Summary

April 13, 2002

Administration

- Board discussed removal of abandoned vehicles, including the old water truck.

Transportation

- New relief captain completed initial training.
- Marine insurance: We have in place a new, less-costly basic policy for the ferry.
- Ferry ramp lifting mechanism cable replacement: Tuesday, April 16th and Wednesday, April 17th are the days planned to do the work. The noon ferry those days will be cancelled. Work may extend to Thursday, April 18th if necessary.

Finance

- Insurance: Our new broker is working to find a replacement for HMC's property insurance policy, which has been cancelled as of May 1st due to the carrier discontinuing that line of business.
- The Directors and Officers insurance, which was cancelled by another carrier, is in the process of being placed with a new company, at a somewhat lower premium.
- We continue to be advised that the insurance market this year is in turmoil and premium increases from a minimum of 20% to as much as 400% are being seen in all lines.

Water

- Applications for a loan from the State Revolving Fund (at low interest rates) to work on the water system are due in mid-May. However, to use this program HMC would have to install meters at every water hookup. At this point it appears unlikely that such a loan would be the best option.

Legal Liaison

- A meeting was held with the attorney, the I.M. and several Board members to try to get moving on the revised By-laws. He stated he will produce something by next week.

Land Use

- Discussion was of the process for tree removal on HMC land and private land. An owner wishes permission to remove some trees and do grading on a road right-of-way, and trees will need to be removed to clear a drainage ditch in a different area.
- Discussion: process for selling HMC-owned lots.

Roads

Two bids have been received to install an electric pump to fill the road-watering truck.

Doug Allen, Island Manager

HMC BOARD POSITIONS OPEN

There are three Board positions open this year. A member is elected to the board for a two year term. Any interested member may submit a resume in order to be placed on the ballot and considered for election.

Fax # 253-884-5047

Mailing address: PO Box 119, Lakebay, WA 98349

Email address: Office@herronisland.org

Or just drop it off at the office or through the slot by the door

HMC has a Board of Trustees elected by the general membership. This Board oversees in an advisory capacity the Parks, Water, Transportation, Land Use, Finances, Roads, Rules, and Emergency issues of the island. The Island Manager takes care of most of the day to day business. In a community this size it is hoped that each and every member will serve on the Board, a committee, or on work parties.

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

Organization/Company	Nature of Work	Date Involved
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EDUCATION OR TRAINING: *Please list up to three degrees, certificates, or other educational achievements.*

School/College	Major	Years Attended
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HMC EXPERIENCE ON THE BOARD, COMMITTEES OR OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Please list up to nine examples of your involvement with HMC, including Board experience, regular attendance at meetings, Committee experience, and volunteer activities.

Committee/Board/Volunteer	Nature of Work	Dates Involved
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GOALS: *Please list three goals you would have for HMC and Herron Island during your term on the Board.*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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

[illegible]

I agree to be a candidate for the Board of Trustees in the election on June 8, 2002.

Candidate's Signature

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Captain John Says:

I would like to remind the members to be mindful of the many cancelled runs over the Memorial Day Weekend. I suggest that you consider car pooling or walking on.

Herron Island has so many visitors on the holiday weekends of Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day that vehicles over 25 feet in length, or any combination of vehicle with trailer over 25 feet, are not transported on the ferry after the noon run on the Thursday before the holiday weekend. So plan for your trailers and boats to get on by the noon run or shuttle on May 23.

Members can help by having correct change, no twenties, please, and by making sure that guest passes are filled out and ready.

A LASER JET 4P PRINTER AND A FAX MACHINE ARE UP FOR BIDS. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR BIDS TO THE OFFICE BY THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

AmeriCorps Community Service

Herron Island member Sue Surratt would like to thank several Herron Island residents who helped her service project to succeed. Her project was having 10 picnic tables built for staff and students at Evergreen Elementary on April 13. They have no cafeteria so she wanted to provide the opportunity for them to get outdoors for lunch and projects. Sue was well into organizing the project when, sadly, her brother, Kevin Kingsbury, passed away. Sue would like to thank the following members of the Herron Island Community who kept her project on track:

Tim Jones & Walter Milian, for driving to Gray Lumber on 6th Ave. in Tacoma to pick up materials. They also assembled the first picnic table as a visual to have on sight the day of the event.

Wayne & Caroline Snyder, for coming to Evergreen Elementary the day of my project and assembling one of the ten tables.

Dallas Amidon, who took my solicitation letter to the Windermere Realty board and convinced them to help financially support my project.

Tom & Janna Nettlebeck, who brought their sons Justin & Josh to Evergreen and helped assemble several tables.

Terrill Chilson, who handled emails, answered questions and helped document the process.

These individuals personally donated money to help purchase supplies: Kevin Kirchner, Marie Golden, Linda Crowe, Judy Sanders, Michael & Jonna Graham, Jann Tuohy, Steve & Carol McNair, Joyce Harrison, Don & Valene Wilson, Milt & Carol Cutler, Pat & Carmetta Francis, Laurie Giguere, Ray Lanier/ LeEtta Cole, Tom & Janna Nettlebeck.

"Our contribution at Evergreen will last several years. Thank-you all for helping me make a difference as an AmeriCorps National Service Member. You all helped me reach a goal which was "Getting things done for Children, Youth & Families" on the Key Peninsula. That is my service oath and what I stand for. I Thank-You for understanding the importance and stepping up as a community member. Thank-you for your time and effort." —**Sue**

BOOSTERS

COMING EVENTS:

Island Clean Up Day—North Beach

Saturday, May 18, 8 AM to 4 PM

It is time to clean up winter debris in order to have a safer island in time for the summer fire season. Call the office, 884-9350, if you need help hauling your debris, natural vegetation only, to the North Beach so it can be disposed of in a controlled bonfire. Help is needed with the hauling and supervision of the bonfire. Call the office to volunteer to help.

Saturday, June 8, the Annual Members Meeting, Noon, at the Community Building. Lunch provided by the Boosters.

Saturday, June 8, 6 p.m. Boosters' Meeting. Pizza provided at \$5.00 per person. The Election of new Boosters' officers will be held.

Thursday, July 4th, Noon, Kids' Parade (a not to be missed event!). The date for the rest of the Fourth of July activities has yet to be determined.

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Memorial Day Weekend Garage Sale!

2 households. — *No junk.* —

**Household goods and lots of furniture.
(CDs & Cassettes, dishes, student desk,
end table, etc.)**

No tools or fishing supplies.

**Saturday and Sunday, May 25 & 26, from
10 am to 4 pm.**

(Early Birds will not get the worm!)

**820 and 818 W. Yew Blvd.
(Turn left instead of right on community
center road.)**

*God Bless America and our democracy!
Have a wonderful weekend, folks!*

FREE Advertising on the Web

If you have any personal items to sell or give away, our web site (www.herronisland.org) now has a classified ads section for members. Just send an email to webmaster@herronisland.org with the text of your ad. You can include a color digital picture (jpeg format) or a picture can be taken for you if you live on the island.

—Ken Freeman

DSL Opportunity

Resident Tim Vanderveen reports that Herron Island could qualify for installation of DSL service by Century Tel if there are enough people interested. Those of us with computers will really welcome that service for the performance upgrade it will provide. If you're interested contact Century Tel.

THANKS TO ALL!

Sunday Easter Sunrise Service, through everyone's efforts, was well attended and enjoyed.

Special thanks to guests Bill & Ethel Peterson and Phillip & Marianne McColley and the Islanders who helped pull it all together: Bill & Pat Zazzo, Mike & Linda Shettlesworth, Terrill Chilson and Brigitte Vogel.

Warmly, Dallas Amidon

Take time to WELCOME your new neighbors!
29 Homes & Lots **SOLD** on Herron Island in the past year....

Currently there are at least four homes **SALE PENDING**.... And at least six have **CLOSED** since January 2002. Things are happening here....

FOR SALE

- Building/Recreational Lots, Drain fields installed Power & water in street. ~ Six Sites Available \$ 19,500 - \$ 33,950.
- Excellent Sunny Western View, 70' Waterfront 1+ BR 1.75 BA Home. \$ 177,500.
- Remodeled central island home 4 BR 1.75 BA \$ 145,000. + Sellers help w/closing costs.

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Dallas Amidon, Resident Island Realtor

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The Herron Island Garden Club

will be taking an excursion in the "Club Wagon" to Lakewood Gardens in Lakewood to see the beautiful rhody display. The date will be the last Monday of April, the 29th. Please meet at the firehall/office parking lot at 9:00AM.

May's meeting is planned tentatively to attend a Fuschia Sale in Puyallup. The date has not yet been set.

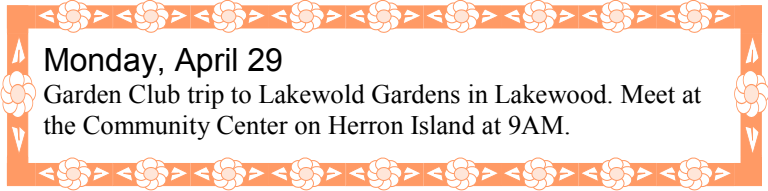
If you have questions, please call Carol McNair, 884-4467. Newcomers are welcome. We have a lot of fun. Please come.

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OF THIS MONTH..**

				4 11	5 12	6 13
				18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 No shuttle on the noon ferry.
28 1:30 and 2:00 Ferry are can- celled. The 2:30 ferry may be late.	29 The 2:30 and 3:00 ferry are can- celled.	30 The 3:30 and 4:00 ferry are can- celled.	 <p>Monday, April 29 Garden Club trip to Lakewold Gardens in Lakewood. Meet at the Community Center on Herron Island at 9AM.</p>			

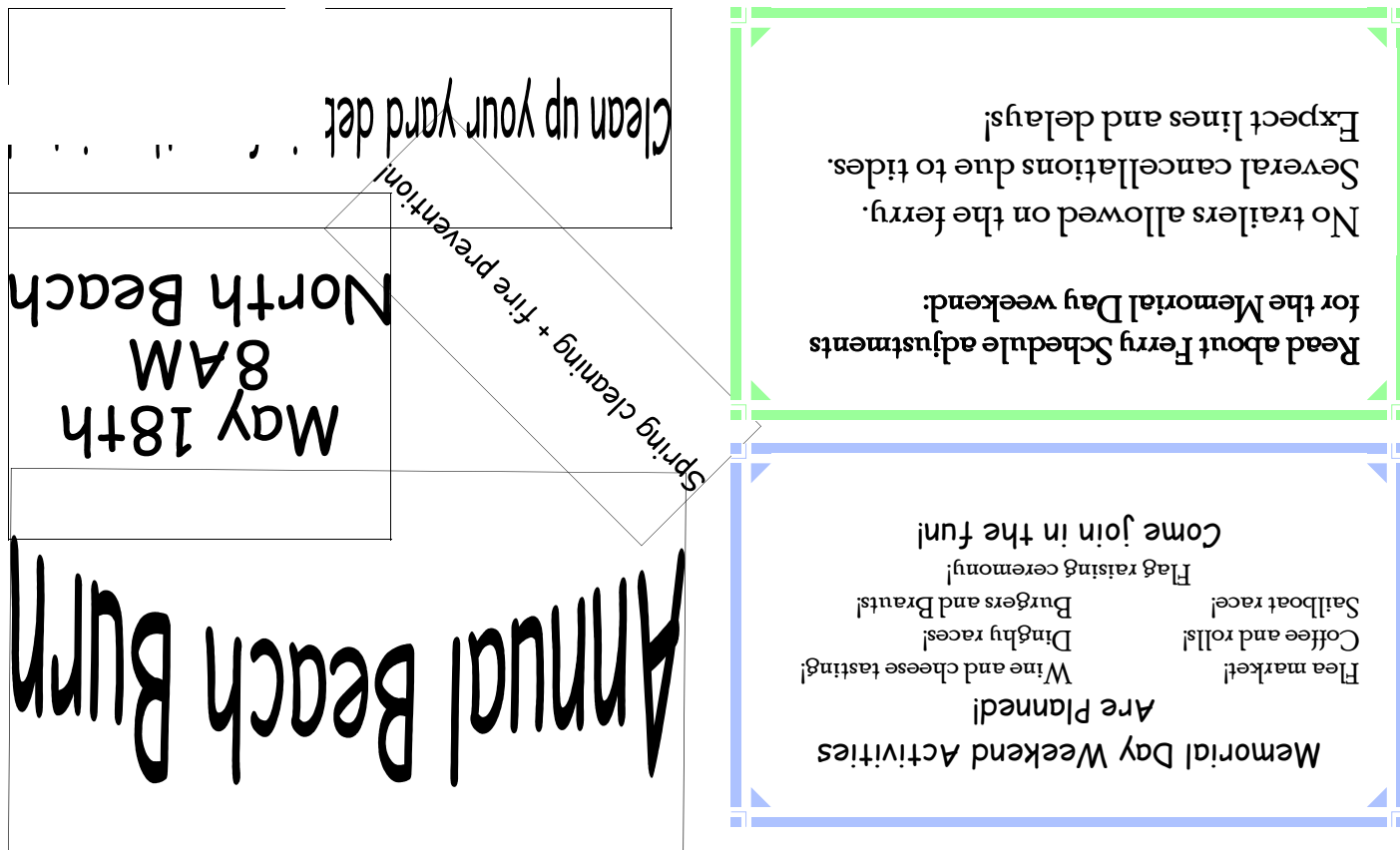
KEEP IN MIND!

May 2002

Annual Beach Burn, Saturday, May 18, 8:00
AM, at the North Beach. Bring your winter
debris to be burned in a managed setting.

**Ferry cancellations are
scheduled for Memorial Day
weekend due to low tides.**

			1 The 3:30 & 4 ferries are cancelled.	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Board Meeting 10AM Boosters, 6PM
12	13	14	15 The 3:30 ferry may be late.	16 The 3:30 & 4 ferry runs are cancelled. Transportation Meeting, 7:30 PM	17 3:30 & 4 ferries are cancelled, 4:30 may be late. There will be a 5:30 and a 6 run added.	18 Beach Burn for Island clean up. 8AM at North Beach.
19	20	21	22	23 No large vehicles or trailers after today's noon run for this weekend.	24	25 The 11, 11:30 and 12 runs are cancelled.
26 The 11:30 and 12 ferry runs are cancelled. The 1:30 may be late.	27 The 11:30, 12, 1:30, 2, ferry runs are cancelled & the 2:30 run may be late.	28 The 12:30 ferry run will leave early and there will be no shuttle.	29 The 3:30 ferry run may be late.	30 The 3:30 & 4 ferry run are cancelled.	31	



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