



The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

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<http://www.herronisland.org>

President's Message

With our Rules and Regulations Committee nearing completion of their revision of the island rules, I think that this would be a good time to discuss the wide range of members' opinions concerning the control that HMC should have over our lives. Some of us seem to prefer an extensive, rigorously enforced set of rules covering all aspects of our behavior and property, while others think of Herron Island as a sanctuary where they should be allowed to run wild, unfettered by any laws of civilized behavior. Most of us, of course, hold views somewhere between these extremes

I think that the clearest mandate from the membership on what is expected of island rules comes from the special election of 1996. This was slightly before my time, but my understanding is that there was a backlash to an overly ambitious revision. Among other restrictions, this revision included the infamous proposal to ban the use of blue tarps on the island because of their unsightly appearance. By a better than ten-to-one majority, the membership voted to repeal the rules controlling the appearance of private property and prohibiting the keeping of livestock. In addition, an amendment was made to the bylaws requiring membership approval for any board-proposed rule restricting the use of private property. This amendment was retained in our new bylaws.

While the desire for HMC to administer the island with as light a touch as possible is clear, the feedback that I've received indicates an overwhelming disgust with the few properties that have degenerated into junkyards and trash heaps. In addition, summertime recreational

noise has made some properties virtually unlivable at times.

I think the solution to these problems lies in the enforcement of county code, either through the county directly or by adopting the provision in our bylaws that allows HMC to enforce existing health and land use law. In the past couple of weeks, I accompanied code enforcement officers from both the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department and the Pierce County Planning and Land Services Department on tours of the island. They are now familiar with our problems and have already contacted violators. Their desire is to assist the owners in voluntarily cleaning up their properties, but they will seek criminal prosecution if necessary. Violators may be reported through an online form at www.piercecountyresponds.org or by phone at 253-798-4636. While we aren't advocating a Stalinist society with neighbor spying on neighbor, the burden is on all of us, after all the years of complaints about the board's failure to do something about the junk, to take positive action to clean up the island.

The county code on noise may be found through the Health Code link on the Members Only page of our website (www.herronisland.org). Look under Chapter 8.72: Motor Vehicle, Public Disturbance, and Public Nuisance Noise. This chapter seems to cover any problems that we are likely to encounter on noise from vehicles, audio equipment, or dogs. Although the mechanism hasn't been defined yet, we will probably enforce this code through the Rules Committee, as is allowed by our bylaws.

Over the next couple of months, our Finance Committee will be compiling the budget for (over)



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the next fiscal year. As you are well aware, our assessment for the current year is \$979, which amounts to approximately \$82 per month. Last month, I visited a mobile home development near Phoenix that had beautifully maintained recreational facilities and grounds, but obviously no ferry to support. There were several hundred units, and each owner was assessed \$2,900 per year, almost exactly triple our assessment. A major difference between their organization and ours is the amount of professional services for which the owners pay. The difference is even more striking when you consider that over half of our assessment goes toward the support of our ferry and docks. I ask you to remember this when our proposed budget is presented. The assessment is certain to go up, and it's just as certain that we will hear the usual laments about how we used to pay \$40 per year and ferry runs were "free," but I think a comparison with the expenses of other owners' associations would be favorable considering the amount of work and expense required to keep the island operating. We'll publish the preliminary budget in the May Beachcomber and the final budget for membership approval in June.

In this issue you will find a form for an informal opinion poll asking for your thoughts on a new name for our owners' association. We've discovered that, since 1969, state law has prohibited non-profit corporations from using the words "Company," "Corporation," or "Incorporated" in their names. While this doesn't make everything we've done in the past 35 years null and void, we will have to bring our name into legal compliance before we can complete the filing of the required paperwork for our revised articles and bylaws. The board will use the

results as a guide and will submit an official ballot to you to approve the name change in the articles and bylaws within the next couple of months.

On a final note, I'd like to commend some of our members for their good citizenship. After Cheryl Uglesich heard what turned out to be a small plane crash north of the island and saw it sinking, Doug Kammerer marked the area with some floats and took oil slick samples to Boeing for analysis. He also attempted to locate the wreckage with his underwater video camera but was unable to do so. In the ensuing search and recovery, Doug used his boat to provide water transportation for the victims' families and the sheriff's chaplain. Thanks also to our resident firefighter, Bronson Jones. When a falling tree caused a live power line to come down on Maple Drive, Bronson blocked the danger area with the island fire engine and ambulance and stood by for several hours until Peninsula Light repaired the damage. A safety tip: Remember that a broken high-voltage line on damp ground can generate a potentially lethal electric field several feet from the tip of the wire. Don't go near it! Finally, thanks to Bronson's mom, Claudia, for coordinating ferry and island orientation drills for new District 16 firefighters. Claudia is also working with officials from the Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Teams organization to enhance our emergency preparedness capability.

As always, please contact me at President@herronisland.org if you have comments or questions.

Ken Freeman





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Important Phone Numbers

Island Manager

Doug Allen (253) 884-9350

HMC Board of Trustees

Ken Freeman, President (253) 884-2749

Bill Zazzo, VP & Water (425) 823-1902

Fred Fath, Secretary/Treasurer (206) 246-7016

Ferd Reichlin, Board Member (206) 242-7847

Al Moren, Land Use & Roads (253) 884-2721

Additional Responsibilities

Nick Huff, Transportation (253) 884-4663

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

(253) 588-1921

Tracy Anspach, Parks,

Patty Jones, Beachcomber

Joseph Pentheroudakis, Rules

Herron Island Office Hours: Monday 9:30-12:30; Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 to 4:30. 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

Beachcomber: hjonesp@yahoo.com

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 March 2004

BISENIUS—COPELAND—DICKINSON—
HARPEL—HILLBERG TRUST— ZIMMERMAN—
KIRK, LeeRoy—KIRK, M (Estate of)—LAWRENCE—
LEHMAN (DROUILLARD)—MARTIN, Sarah—
OVERLAND—RUCKS—TITZLER

RENTERS : CARLISLE,TOM

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 Monthly Meeting. Items may be handwritten (but please print), 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.



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HMC Island Manager Report Board Meeting March 13, 2004

Summary

Administration

- The Washington State chapter of the national Community Associations Institute will be calling next week to research their upcoming article on Herron Island and HMC.
- An owner has inquired about purchasing the John Deere rider mower that has been parked next to the office for a considerable time and wants to know its status.

Transportation

- Richard Urfer, an island owner, has been hired as a fill-in deckhand. It is planned to set up an internship for "captain trainee" so that he can upgrade his current Inland license.
- Several insurance policies are renewing in April. The broker advises that it is "probable" that any premium increases will not be as large as in previous years. The broker also asked whether HMC would wish to consider adding an umbrella policy over and above the primary coverage we have for general liability and vehicles.
- For Board approval: Deckhand Kevin Kircher has completed four years with HMC and is recommended for a merit step raise.
- An unsolicited offer to sell HMC two new Caterpillar diesel engines for the ferry was received last month from Tacoma Diesel. Further information was requested from the vendor's sales staff, per Board request, but there has been no reply. Because one ferry engine has recently been partially rebuilt, it will not likely need as much work (or expense) as the other one will while the ferry is in dry dock this year. Therefore, this may not be the most opportune time to consider purchasing new engines.

Legal

- Board discussion: the Board has been asked in a new letter from an owner to modify its decision regarding contractor Mike Chambers. The owner wishes to address the Board.
- Still needed is a new name for Herron Maintenance Company, per requirements in Chapter 24.06.045(2)(c)(4), which does not allow the corporation to use anywhere in its name words such as "company" or "incorporated."
- HMC's attorney advises that the amended Bylaws will need to be re-recorded with Pierce County. He will be attending to that shortly.
- The attorney recommends that HMC change to a semi-annual assessment billing. This would probably reduce administrative time involved in billing and protects HMC better where property foreclosures are involved.

Land Use

- Several would-be vegetable farmers are looking for an HMC-owned lot that would make a good community garden and that the Board would allow to be used as such.
- There are several parcels owned by HMC that might be candidates for selling.



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REMINDER!!!

WANTED NEW T-SHIRT LOGO

Calling all creative people, young and old, to design the new LOGO for the Booster's 2004 t-shirts. Herron Island is the theme with a max. size 12"x12" with three different colors is what we are looking for. Designs by both kids and adults welcome! Turn in your design to the office or at a Booster meeting. The Booster's club will make the final decision for printing.



Sunrise Easter Services will be held on Easter morning at 7:30A.M. on April 11, 2004.

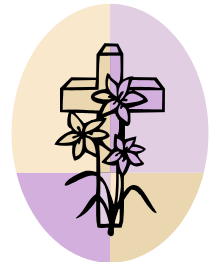
We welcome you: A special Ferry run for our guests and you at 7A.M. Donations will be accepted to help ferry costs, special music and guest speaker.

Hot coffee, hot chocolate and rolls will be served along with Brigitta's clam chowder "always a special treat!"

We look forward to your presence at this special time

Dallas Amidon,

Chairperson for Easter Services



Garden Club News

The HMC Board approved the lot on 1003 E. Madrona Blvd. for the Community Garden. This is a large, flat and sunny plot with a few trees in the rear. Mr. Steve Kramer has volunteered to add fill dirt this spring. It will not be necessary to cut trees or do additional excavation work.

Please continue to call Dana Gruber at 253-884-6898 to reserve your garden area. The date for erecting the fence will be forthcoming. (Third lot going south from the intersection of Ferry St. and E. Madrona on the left side.)



Dana,
Garden Club Representation

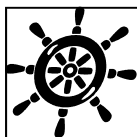


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CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

Please remember the summer schedule is coming into affect. Everyone be safe!

FERRY SCHEDULE CANCELLATIONS & DELAYS

April Thursday 8th 3:30 LATE
 Fri 9th 2:30-3, 3:30-4, 4:30 LATE
 Saturday 10th 3:30-4, 4:30-5

May Tues 4th 12-12:30
 Wed 5th 12-12:30
 Thursday 6th 12-12:30
 Friday 7th 2:30-3, 3:30-4
 Saturday 8th 2:30-3, 3:30-4, 4:30 LATE
 Sunday 9th 3:30-4, 4:30-5
 Saturday 22nd 2:30-3

Tim's Tree Service

Tim Jones (253)884-2728

Dangerous Tree Removal
Limbing
View Clearing
Topping
Chipper Service



Mit.senoj@juno.com

P.O. Box 965

Lakebay, WA 98349



HERRON ISLAND YARD MAINTENANCE

ALLEN MOREN

253-884-2721

ESTIMATES BY THE YARD



HERRON ISLAND INTERIOR PAINTING

LINDA MOREN

253-884-2721



New Mailbox List

It seems that I have become the ex-officio postmaster of Herron Island. Twenty-six Islanders now have mailboxes on the mainland ferry side, 2 units of 13 each.

Six others have said they want to be on the list for another box. If you want to be added to the list for yet another box of 13., please e-mail me at maxopal@centurytel.net or call 253-884-6877 or 206-755-7346 or 239-481-8816.

Opal and I will be on the Island on and off until mid-June and then should be here for a couple of months.

The cost is \$100 each, one time. The box is yours.

Sincerely, Max Hohanadel



Women's Bible Study Started Tuesday, March 2nd at 7pm for a six week course. This is a good study to prepare ourselves for Easter. Please call Linda Shettlesworth at 884-6919 to sign up ASAP.



FREE Classifieds on the Web

HMC web site (www.herronisland.org) now has a classifieds section for members. Just send an email to webmaster@herronisland.org with the text of your ad.



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Kramer's Excavation



Backhoe Service



(253)884-3671

Owner: Steve Kramer

Excavator



- Driveway Rock
- Top soil. Sand mix
- Drain rock
- Hauling
- Flooring, Carpet, Vinyl, Laminate
- Home Remodel & Repairs

- Demolition (Dump Runs)
- Septic Repair (Water Lines)
- Site Preparation
- Stonewall & Retaining Walls

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Yellow Pages For Herron Island

If you would like your talent included in this booklet simply email me at crowley828@webtv.net or drop the info at the office.

I would like to have all info by April 15th. Hopefully the booklets will be available to all in time for spring-summer hiring.

ISLAND PHONE BOOK

The Booster Phone Books are done!
On sale for \$3 ea. at the Office.



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View home w/loft off one-way road. \$131,500.

West side 60 ft waterfront w/cabin. \$165,000.

Two handcrafted log cabins available for pre-sale.
There's still time to work out the details for yours.

Log cabin construction update: Lot preparation is underway.
(As of 2/14/04)

Drive by Yew Blvd to see the progress.

Call **DALLAS AMIDON, Resident Island Realtor**

Cell: 253-606-0972 Msg: 1-877-428-4996

Website: www.HerronIsland.com

E-mail: HerronIsland@hotmail.com

Windermere Key Realty, Inc.



Yard Care Services

Please call Dana Gruber at 253-884-6898 for lawn mowing and yard work services on Herron Island. All rates will be incredibly reasonable. I have all the necessary equipment for all your needs.

Dana Gruber





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Booster News

The Boosters start their annual membership drive Memorial Day Weekend. We invite you to join in the fun of being involved and meeting your neighbors. The membership is still \$2.50 each or \$5.00 per family. If you would like to help with the Memorial Day, the 4th of July, or Labor Day festivities, please call Linda Moren, 253-884-2721. Booster Meetings and Potluck Dinners at the fire hall are at 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd Saturday each month. Everyone is encouraged to attend!

The Boosters have voted **not** to do the Steak Dinner and Auction this year. We are having Raffles on all 3-day holidays and ask for you to donate items for the Raffle. We need items of value, new or in very good condition. Again, we thank you for all that you have donated in past years and also for your continuing support. The Memorial Day Raffle will be a magnificent Bird Feeder designed and donated by Mike Shettlesworth.

The Boosters are currently choosing what improvements we will undertake next with our earned funds – the parks need repairs, new surface on the basketball court, improved volleyball courts and baseball field, new picnic tables/benches for the pavilion, and a new swim dock. Other projects being considered are improving and replacing street and traffic signs, a covered area for walk-ons at the island side ferry landing, helping the garden club with a fence around a community garden area, storage at the north beach for tables, and a walking/work out route with marked distances. Additionally, we are still working on a covered patio for the back of the fire hall.

Our annual **Thank You Herron Island Volunteers Luncheon** will be between the monthly board meeting and the annual meeting on June 14, 2004. A BIG thank you to Doug Allen and our Island Board, Chairpersons, and committee members for all you do to make Herron Island a wonderful place to be! And finally, we thank our **great** Ferry Crew.





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Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Teams

**** EMERGENCY MEETING - 9:30 a.m. 3rd Saturday of every month at the Fire Station/Community building****

On Saturday, February 21st, our Island Pierce Country Neighborhood Emergency Team, or PC-NET, convened to discuss the threat of wildland fires here on the island. Contrary to public beliefs, the threat of an island-wide wildland fire is *very* real. Bronson Jones and myself hosted a presentation on the possibility of this threat occurring, how it happens, and what everyone on the Island can do to prevent and deal with this threat.

A wildland fire can burn at speeds of plus 35 mph. On our small island, this means that in one minute half of the island can burn. We cannot rely upon the ferry as the fire can move faster than the ferry. In the time it takes the ferry to cross the sound, the entire island will have gone up in smoke. More information on what you can do to safeguard your homes and families can be obtained at our monthly meetings.

Bronson is a fully trained fire fighter, and I am currently undergoing fire training at West Side. However, in regards to complaints that are filed, Bronson, Bill, Claudia Jones, and myself can no longer answer these calls. Any reports or emergencies must be made through either 911 or a direct call to the headquarters of the fire department. If you feel there is an immediate risk, call 911.

On March 20th, a representative from PC-NET came to our Island and hosted a training scenario. After the scenario was completed, we reviewed our response time and discussed what further steps we can take to safeguard Herron Island. Many thanks to all who participated!

Bronson and I are beginning to look into outside shelters and communication equipment to use in the event of an emergency. If anyone has anything they can donate to the Island Emergency Response Group (i.e. shelters, first aid supplies, CB radios, walkie talkies, sirens or megaphones) we would greatly appreciate it. You can leave any messages concerning such items at the Herron main office. Remember, you are helping yourselves in the process!

There are many changes that our PC-NET volunteers are currently discussing to improve the safety of the Island. We will be working with the Board to help make our homes safer and to bring all of this information to you. I would also like to state that I will be creating a small newsletter, in addition to the Beachcomber, which you can pick up at the PC-NET meetings. This will contain our plans for the future, items and guest speakers we will be bringing to the island, and a list of supplies. I urge you all to come join us, safeguard our beautiful island, have a good time working with your neighbors and know that you are protecting your homes and children in the event of one of these disasters.

If you have any questions please contact either Bronson Jones at 253-884-2054 or myself through the Herron Island Office and we will get back to you. I hope to see you all at the next meeting March 20th at 9:30a.m. at the Fire Station/ Community building and be safe.

Michael D. Jones
First Aid Team Leader

Assessment Letter

You will soon be receiving a letter from HMC advising you of the number of assessable units assigned to your property under Paragraphs 1.6.4 and 7.1.3 of the amended bylaws. If you feel that there are inaccuracies in your assessment, please send written notice to the office for consideration by the Board of Directors.



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NAME CHANGE OPINION POLL

State law prohibits non-profit corporations from using the words "Company", "Corporation", or "Incorporated" in their names. In order to make our association name legally compliant, the Board of Directors will submit a name change to the membership on a ballot in the April Beachcomber. The results of this opinion poll will be used as a guide for choosing the name to be submitted. If you have a suggestion for our new name, please check an option below, clip the coupon, and send it to **Herron Maintenance Company, P. O. Box 119, Lakebay, WA 98349.**

- ☐ **Community of Herron Island (COHI)**
- ☐ **Herron Island Community (HIC)**
- ☐ **Community of Herron Owners (COHO)**
- ☐ **Herron Management Cooperative (HMC)**
- ☐ **Write-in** _____

Member name: _____

Fire Department Ferry Drill

On March 9th & 16th Herron Island hosted P.C.F.D. 16's Tuesday night drills. Chief Lyon felt it was necessary to familiarize the recruits and new career personnel with the Charlie Wells and the strategy of loading and unloading fire apparatus on the ferry. This relationship to emergency response -adrenaline vs. safety\time is a common concern.

The officers at Dist. 16 also want to maintain the authority relationship with our ferry crew. Captain John and Donnie did a great tour and we will put together loading procedures to go in all the apparatus. On the 16th we brought all the new recruits to the island and gave them a briefing on our process from our tone to scene arrival as apparatus comes from the mainland. We also clarified that we aren't transport capable unless all of us are here. That is a rare occurrence.

All in all they were a little amazed with our lifestyle and our desire to maintain our fire and medical program; but supportive. Thanks to the crew and the board for allowing this to happen. We've come a long way.

Claudia Jones

**Island AA meetings on Sundays at 9.30 am in
the Fire Station/Community Building**



HERRON ISLAND ORDER FORM

Ordered By:

Ship To:

Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
City/State/Zip:	City/State/Zip:

HMC Items	Description			Number	Cost Each	Total
\$6.00 Tickets	Book of 10				\$53.00*	
\$2.00 Tickets	Book of 25				\$44.00*	
Commuter Pass	20 trips in month	For month of:			\$80.00*	
Commuter Pass	22 trips in month	For month of:			\$88.00*	
Senior/Disabled	20 trips	Valid thru the FISCAL year			\$80.00*	
Guest Passes	Packets of 10				Free*	
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO "HERRON MAINTENANCE CO."					TOTAL	

Boosters Items	Size	Color	Logo	Number	Cost Each	Total
Adult T-Shirt		B G	F S		\$15.00	
Child's T-Shirt		B G	F S		\$12.00	
Embroidered Polo		B G	F S		\$25.00	
Emb. Sweatshirt		G	F S		\$45.00	
Caps - Men		K N	F		\$15.00	
Caps - Women		K	S		\$15.00	
Old T-Shirts	Supplies limited				\$10.00	
COLORS: Blue (B), Gray (G), Khaki (K), Navy (N)						
LOGOS: Ferry (F), Sailboat (S)						
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO "HERRON ISLAND BOOSTERS"					TOTAL	

Some sizes may not be available in certain colors or designs. Please let us know what you'd like

Send or deliver this form and your payment to:

Herron Maintenance Co., P.O. Box 119, Lakebay, WA 98349-0119



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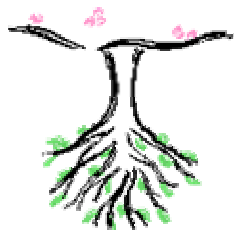
March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Island-Fire Dept Tour	10	11	12	13 Board Meeting
14	15	16 Island-Fire Dept. Ferry	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 PC-NET 9:30am All Please come!
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Daylight Sav- ings time Begins	5 Passover begins at sundown	6	7	8	9 Good Friday	10 Board Meeting Happy Valentine's Day!
11 Easter	12	13	14	15	16	17 PC- Net 9:30am
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

WELCOME ALL NEWCOMERS!



Get involved! We need you! It's fun!

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