



# The Beachcomber

HMC Newsletter

June 2003



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## President's Message

When I observed the Board at work while attending my first Annual Meeting seven years ago, I asked myself "why would anyone want to do that?" Little did I suspect that I would find myself in my present predicament. Nevertheless, I'm honored to be your president and look forward to working with you in the coming year.

First of all, I'd like to thank Nick Huff for his many years of service to the island as president and in a myriad of other capacities. His experience as a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Army working in transportation and contract compliance has proven invaluable in the successful accomplishment of major island projects in the past. He also played a lead role in negotiations with attorneys and the Coast Guard after our tragedy of a few years ago. I'll have more to say about that later. With his trusty backhoe and not-so-trusty dump truck, Nick has enabled us to accomplish tasks with volunteer labor that would otherwise have been done at great expense to us. Last, but not least, is the Mo Time. When the Charlie Wells was in dry dock, Nick maintained passenger service with his pontoon boat at the regular ferry schedule times from as early as 6:15 AM to as late as 9:00 PM every day. He did this at his own expense, refusing any reimbursement. At my request, Nick has agreed to continue to advise the Board on ferry matters as Transportation Committee chairman, and I am hoping that he will play a major part in the upgrading of our water system.

I also want to thank Janet Podell, our other departing Board member, for her service of the past two years. Besides her consistently valuable opinions on matters before the Board, Janet has provided impeccably detailed meeting minutes with her laptop. Janet's duties at Boeing

prevent her from continuing on the Board this year, but she has hinted that she may make another run in the future. We plan to remind her of that next year.

On another subject, it disturbs me that a small group of members seems to be waging a campaign to reduce costs by eliminating the Island Manager position. Their reasoning is that things were running smoothly with volunteers before we hired Doug Allen. Keeping in mind Santayana's warning that "those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it," I think we need to review our island's recent history. Newer members may not know that, in 1999, one of our neighbors drowned when her car rolled off the ferry and came to rest upside down in 30 feet of water. The Coast Guard investigation came to the undeniable conclusion that, had our crew received the training that is required by federal safety regulations, the car would have been doubly protected from going off the deck. The chock would have been in place and the safety net would have been up. In addition to the terrible cost of the loss of a human life, we were fined by the Coast Guard, sued in civil court, and had our insurance cancelled. During this same period of time, we were threatened with prosecution by the fire department for our disregard of emergency procedures, we had disgruntled crew members quit, and we hired employees without background checks (including one who turned out to be a convicted felon with an extensive prison record). In one of the lawsuits, we were threatened with punitive damages which would not have been covered by our liability insurance. If the case had gone before a jury rather than being settled out of court, we could have lost our ferry. This is not my idea of things running smoothly.

My purpose in dredging up all of this is not to finger point at any individual or group, because nobody could have foreseen that a sequence of seemingly minor events could have come together



with such a horrible result. I also don't claim that the accident would not have happened if I had been on the Board at the time. My point is that, as Board members come and go, we can't expect them to be experts in island operations and government regulations, but we can and should expect them to recognize their limitations. While Doug spends most of his time attending to the administrative, personnel, financial, contractual, and operational details required to keep HMC running, his most critical function is to provide the continuity, stability, and knowledge base that is lacking in a continuously changing volunteer Board of Trustees. In short, his job is to keep us out of trouble. In my opinion, hiring an Island Manager is one of the best investments HMC has ever made and any talk of eliminating the position is self-destructive folly.

This brings us to the issue of employee compensation. In a (so far) successful attempt to maintain a stable ferry crew, we instituted a fixed schedule of merit raises which increase in percentage each year through the fifth year. In addition to a yearly cost-of-living allowance (COLA) increase, the crew member is given the merit raise if his or her performance has been satisfactory for the past year. Our non-ferry employees are given only the COLA raise. With all due respect to our deckhands and the fine job they do, this policy has resulted in our Office Manager, Barbara Huff, unfairly being paid less than a deckhand for her responsibilities in maintaining all of our financial and membership records, ensuring that our bills are paid, and otherwise performing an extremely complex job. I think that Doug is also underpaid for the critical job that he does. His background in both law enforcement and as a Division Chief with the Santa Clara County Fire Department has given him extensive experience in risk management, and we have a true public safety professional working for us. When we begin planning for the FY 2004-2005

budget next spring, I intend to request that we apply the merit raise plan to all permanent HMC employees. Since this would take effect in October of 2004, Barbara will be retired and we can only offer her our thanks for the excellent job that she has done and our contrition at underpaying her, but we can at least start to do the right thing for Barbara's replacement and Doug.

Another issue that we need to address concerns the Rules Committee. Ferd Reichlin has done an outstanding job as chairman, in conducting rules complaint hearings in a calm, courteous, and professional manner. Unfortunately, Ferd has informed us that he has to step down. This means that we must ask for additional volunteers for the committee, one of whom would be willing to serve as chairman. The job would not require a great deal of time, with meetings occurring on occasional Saturdays to be agreed on by committee members and other involved parties. The hearings are similar to jury duty, which I approached with apprehension when I was first summoned many years ago, but which I found to be a satisfying and fulfilling experience. If you can participate on this critical committee, please contact me.

A controversial topic which came up at the last Board meeting is the allowing of unlicensed drivers to drive golf carts and other small vehicles on our roads. Even though our rules require that these kids be under the direct supervision of an adult, this is more often than not ignored. Our attorney has advised us that there is no guarantee that HMC would not be held liable for an accident, even if the child were driving with the permission of his parents. I am fence-straddling on the issue at this point. We don't want to assume any unnecessary liability risk, but I would hate to see kids lose a large part of the fun of their Herron Island experience. There is a growing movement to totally ban kids from driving on our roads, and the situation is exacerbated by the small minority of them who speed and dig



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circular ruts in the roadbed with their 360's. The privilege of unlicensed drivers to use our roads can be rescinded at any time by the Board without membership approval. This issue needs to be addressed and resolved soon.

A critical and expensive upcoming issue is the upgrading of our water system. At the Annual Meeting, we presented the results of the Small Water System Management Plan study that estimated the cost of total replacement of our water system at over two million dollars and the installation of an acceptable fire hydrant system at \$224,000. I think we can squeeze a few more years out of the lines that supply our kitchens and bathrooms, although we will see more and more orange cones and sawhorses popping up as new leaks develop, but our very survival could depend on installing an adequate hydrant system. I would like to set a goal of having a system of hydrants installed across the island along Maple Boulevard by the beginning of the burn ban season in the summer of 2004. This will require a special assessment vote within the next few months. We also need to begin seriously funding the upgrade of the rest of the system in the FY 2004-2005 budget.

The last item that I would like to address is the vote on updating our bylaws. The ballot on approving or rejecting the proposed amended bylaws will be sent to you with the July Beachcomber. That ballot will determine whether we go to a compromise multiple-assessment plan or stay with our current method. In this issue of the Beachcomber, you will find a ballot on approving the Articles of Amendment. The details are given in the ballot description, but the issue is whether we want to preserve the option to vote by mail. If the proposition is approved by a 2/3 majority, we will continue to be able to vote by absentee ballot. If the proposition fails, we will only be able to accept votes from those members physically present at the meeting at which the votes are counted.

That's about all that I have to say for this month. Normally I won't be so long-winded, but I wanted to give you my thoughts on where we should be headed. I'd like to set up a dialog with you, preferably by email. If you send comments or questions to me at [President@herronisland.org](mailto:President@herronisland.org), I will reply to you and will answer questions of general interest in this column. If you want your message to go to all members of the Board, address it to [Board@herronisland.org](mailto:Board@herronisland.org). If you don't have access to email, you can send mail to me directly at P. O. Box 1077, Lakebay, WA 98349. I look forward to hearing from you, and would especially appreciate hearing from volunteers for the Rules Committee.

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, Rules & Regs (206) 242-7847  
 Al Moren, Land Use & Roads (253) 884-2721

#### Additional Responsibilities

Nick Huff, Transportation (253) 884-4663  
 Dick Provencal, Water Repair (253) 884-2571  
 Dick Mowry, Water Assistant (253) 884-7663  
 Tracy Anspach, Parks, (253) 588-1921  
 Patty Jones, Beachbomber (253) 884-7642

**Herron Island Office Hours: Monday 9:30 as long as the necessary but at least until Noon; Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 to 4:30; Fridays as necessary. 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](mailto:Office@herronisland.org)

Manager email: [HMCManager@herronisland.org](mailto: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 services.)*

### Delinquency List as of June 23, 2003

BAKER, Larry	MATTICE, John
BOYAKINS, May	OVERLAND ESTATES/ J. Holt
COOPER, Marc	TITZLER, David
DICKINSON, Linda	ZUMAYA, Linda
DROUILLARD, Joni	
KIRK, LeeRoy	Renter: CARLYLE, Tom
MARTIN, Sarah	EUBANK, Lance

### 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 to 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 deliver people may charge wares.

**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 12th of each month. Items may be handwritten, 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**





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## HMC Island Manager Report Annual Membership Meeting—June 14, 2003

### Overview

Fiscal year 2002-2003 passed quickly and fairly uneventfully. In the context of the many problems and disasters seen around the world recently, uneventful is something for which we can be grateful.

The island has had an Island Manager for over three years now, and enough time has passed to allow an assessment of operations under this system. In my opinion, things have worked out as expected by the Board of Trustees that established the position initially. The Manager position, which is approximately half time, was intended to work closely with both the elected Board and with island volunteers who, among other functions, head up the various committees. In practice, this operates as planned.

Another aspect of the Manager position is providing continuity as Board members complete their obligation and new members are elected. This continuity extends to handling Herron Island business affairs. Over time many personal relationships have been established with individuals in government agencies and with the various vendors and companies with which we do business. When an issue or problem that affects Herron Island arises it is very helpful to be able to make contact with people who are familiar with island staff, and experience has shown that it can make a favorable difference in the disposition of various concerns.

The HMC members who serve on the Board and on committees, and who volunteer for projects, continue to make great contributions to the overall well being of the community. Additionally, the Boosters have made possible a number of improvements over the last couple of years that really show well. They include re-roofing the Pavilion, adding an acoustical drop ceiling in the Community Building, new and much-improved lighting in the building, obtaining a large steel storage container and laying a heavy-duty concrete pad next to the building.

### **Below is a summary of some specific areas of interest:**

- Ferry went into dry dock in late September.
- The hull was stripped to bare metal and anti-corrosion and anti-fouling paints applied.
- Both engines were completely rebuilt.
- Both transmissions were replaced with new ones.
- Corrosion in a steering compartment was removed and the compartment repainted.
- A propeller shaft that did not meet Coast Guard standards was replaced with a new, high-quality stainless steel one.
- An old radar unit was replaced with a modern one.
- The ferry is an "inspected passenger vessel" and as such must pass regular Coast Guard inspections, both in dry dock and while on the water. Both of the 2002 inspections were easily passed.

**Ferry operations:** Plans are in place to hire a second part-time (fill-in) ferry captain. Several applications from qualified individuals have been received.

Operations proceeded smoothly throughout the year with no major problems. There has been no crew turnover since January, 2000



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**Ramps/piers (docks):** The ramp mechanisms operated well, with no motor failures since we replaced some failure-prone units. The island-side steel ramp structure received new paint.

**Roads:** Road dust control program continues. The electric pump station at North Beach is working very well, with the new pump able to fill the water truck in about 15 minutes.

Road maintenance continues and roads and drainage are generally in good condition. It is planned to repair certain areas most in need of it during this year.

**Water:** The island's water supply continues to be excellent. Testing shows that it is very low in nitrates and has very low or non-existent levels of other chemicals. A recent special test, done because of new Federal mandates regarding arsenic, found no detectable level of arsenic in the water.

The Small Water System Management Program document is nearly complete, and has provided some preliminary numbers for costs to improve the island water system in the future. The Board Treasurer's report covers the financial aspects of this.

**Administration:** The Company's insurance and risk management program has again been updated in order to adequately cover the various risks to that HMC is exposed to, as well as covering the maritime operations. Our broker continually looks for the best values available, and costs are being held to levels as low as we can get in the current difficult insurance market. Maritime insurance premium cost was reduced this year by increasing the deductibles on coverage for both the vessel itself (known as hull and machinery coverage) as well on the liability coverage.

Once again, it needs to be noted that insurance is currently a seller's market and HMC and its members, guests and employees need to do everything in their power to strive for an accident-free environment so that we do not need to file any insurance claims.

HMC's By-laws updates have been finalized by the Island's attorney and are being readied for members to vote on. The Rules and Regs are also in the process of being updated.

**Looking ahead:** The Small Water System Management Program will provide a blueprint for maintaining and upgrading the island water system in future years, as well as satisfying Washington State Department of Health requirements. The membership may also want to consider at some point putting a permanent surface on some of the most-used island roads, in order to substantially reduce dust. Oiled, crushed rock (also called oil-and-screened rock) is a reasonably economical way to start such a program.





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## AUCTION DONATIONS WANTED

The Boosters are seeking donations of items for auction. Do you have something that might drive the bidding through the roof? If you have a business, do you have goods or services that you can donate? Can you crochet the perfect afghan, quilt the perfect quilt, build the perfect bird feeder? Is there a Monet sitting in your attic just gathering dust or a great boat or golf cart sitting in your garage? Gift certificates are great. *Please, no flea market rejects. And we don't do clothes, unless you have a spare Dior gown to donate....*

Drop your items off at the Community Center after Saturday, August 9th and the Boosters will add it to the auction list. If you plan to donate a certificate for goods or a service, you can call in the details to Cindy Denny at 884-9426 and the Boosters will prepare the certificate for you.

After the food is paid for, *all* proceeds go to improvement projects on the island.

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS/FIRE

Members, please remember high traffic volume and tides cause unpredictable travel times. Make sure you and your guests have adequate supplies for your stay. Also, make sure everyone has extra required medication or special needs items. Burning permits are required on any fire bigger than 4' in diameter. The fire must be 25' from any structure. Watch your tree branch canopy – that needs to be at least 25 feet above the flame. Thanks! Have a happy, safe holiday!

**Change in P.C. Net schedule:** July 26th at 12 PM regarding crime and August 23rd Neighborhood Organizing and Set-up. Both group meetings will be at the Fire Station/Community Building – everyone is welcome. Questions? Call 884-2054. If you have any special training, WE NEED YOU. If you just want to be of service to our beautiful island, WE NEED YOU TOO.

Claudia Jones

### FREE Classifieds on the Web

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

**Captain John says:**

I would like to remind the members to be mindful of the many cancelled runs during the summer. Please check this Beachcomber, the webpage, and the ferry handouts to make sure you're up-to-date on this information.

Herron Island has so many visitors on the holiday weekends of Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day that no vehicles with trailers, or vehicles measuring 25 feet or longer, will be loaded 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 July 3rd.

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

**REMINDER!** Gasoline can be carried on the ferry only in the internal fuel tank of your vehicle or boat, with one exception: trailered boats may carry two outboard motor fuel tanks of up to six gallons each.

**IN MEMORIAM—VERN FRARE**

We are so sorry to have to report the passing away of another Herron Island resident on Friday, June 20th. Vern died in a one-car accident on his way to the ferry on Friday night. Our sympathies are extended to Joan and the rest of his family.

# Boosters

## BOOSTER EVENTS

**Boosters: Schedule for July 5th**  
for our **4th of July** Celebrations.

**9:30** Kayak races

**10:30** Blindman Dinghy race

**11:00** Fun run/walk

**12:30** Parade from Community Building to Northbeach

**2:00** Kids games

**4:00** Sailboat races

**4:30** East vs West baseball game  
sign ups.

**5:00** Ball game with awards afterwards

**5:30** Hot dogs, etc.

Awards and Music & Dance following the game in the Park

Expect heavy Ferry usage for the July 4th Weekend and plan accordingly. There will be long lines and delays.

**FERRY RESTRICTIONS FOR THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND WILL BE IN EFFECT.**

Plan to bring your boats and trailers over early in the week. **No vehicles with trailers, or vehicles measuring 25 feet or longer, will be loaded on the ferry after the noon run on Thursday, July 3rd.**



## **Notice of Continuation of Annual Membership Meeting of Herron Maintenance Company**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Article V of the Bylaws of the Herron Maintenance Company that a continuation of the June, 2003 annual meeting of the membership will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2003 at the hour of 12:00 Noon at the HMC Community Building. At the meeting, two (2) ballot proposals described below which have been set before the members by action of the Board of Trustees will be voted on.

Members may vote in person at the meeting or by mailing or delivering the enclosed absentee ballot to the HMC Office so that it is received prior to the time of the meeting. *Ballots will not be counted unless your name and signature appear on the large envelope.*

1. Pursuant to RCW 64.38.025(3), the Board of Trustees has presented the FY 2003-2004 budget to the membership for approval.

2. Pursuant to RCW 24.03.165 and RCW 24.06.525, the Board of Trustees has proposed that Articles of Amendment be submitted to the membership for approval for the purpose of amending the Articles of Incorporation to reorganize Herron Maintenance Company under RCW 24.06.

## BALLOT DESCRIPTION

On page 11, you will find a ballot requesting your vote on two propositions. The first proposition asks for your approval of the FY 2003-2004 budget. The second asks for your approval of the Articles of Amendment, which would allow continuation of the option to vote in membership elections by secret mail-in ballots.

**Proposition No. 1.** The proposed FY 2003-2004 budget is presented on page 13. This budget includes the ferry fee that will be increased on October 1, 2003 per the vote of the membership. The assessment will be \$979. Per RCW 64.38.025(3), the budget will be ratified unless a majority of the total members in good standing vote to reject it.

**Proposition No. 2.** Herron Maintenance Co. was incorporated in 1958 under RCW Chapter 24.04, the then nonprofit corporation statute. RCW Chapter 24.04 was repealed effective in 1969 and a new nonprofit corporations statute was adopted under RCW Chapter 24.03. Although absentee ballots were allowed under RCW Chapter 24.04, Chapter 24.03 only permits a member to "vote in person, or if so authorized by the articles of incorporation or their bylaws, may vote by proxy executed in writing by the member or his duly authorized attorney in fact." RCW Chapter 24.06, the Nonprofit Miscellaneous and Mutual Corporation Act, provides a broader set of voting methods which the Board believes are better suited to the needs of HMC. RCW 24.06.064 states in pertinent part that, "A member or shareholder may vote in person or, unless the articles of incorporation or the bylaws otherwise provide, may vote by mail, by electronic transmission, or by proxy executed in writing by the member or shareholder or by his or her duly authorized attorney-in-fact. . . ."

RCW 24.06.525 provides that "Any corporation or association organized under any other statute may be reorganized under the provisions of this chapter by adopting and filing amendments to its articles of incorporation in accordance with the provisions of this chapter for amending articles of incorporation. The articles of incorporation as amended must conform to the requirements of this chapter, and shall state that the corporation accepts the benefits and will be bound by the provisions of this chapter." The Board recommends that the members approve the Articles of Amendment presented on pages 17-22 to allow HMC to be reorganized under RCW Chapter 24.06. This will legalize and preserve our ability to conduct elections by secret ballot as we have historically done. The adoption of the Articles of Amendment requires the approval by a of two-thirds majority of those members voting on the proposition.

If the Articles of Amendment do not get approved by the needed two-thirds majority, the Bylaws presented for adoption in August will be drafted in compliance with RCW 24.03.085 and will only allow voting in person or by signed proxy. Secret mail-in ballots will not be accepted. The adoption of the enclosed Articles of Amendment and the consequent reorganization under RCW Chapter 24.03 **will not change the assessment method utilized by HMC.** The method of levying assessments will be determined by the ballot on the proposed Amended Bylaws that will be provided with the July Beachcomber.

## Official Ballot and Voting Instructions

1. Vote yes to accept any proposal set forth below. Vote no to reject it.
2. Insert your ballot in the envelope marked "Official Ballot" and seal the envelope. Do not put your name on this envelope. Do not place anything other than one Ballot in this envelope.
3. Place the small envelope marked "Official Ballot" in the large envelope. **You must sign the large envelope and make sure that your name and address appear on the large envelope. *If your name and signature do not appear on the outside of the large envelope, your vote will not be counted.***
4. To be considered a member in good standing and have your vote counted, all delinquent charges and assessments must be paid in full before the Ballots are counted.
5. Please make sure that your name is legible on the large envelope. If your name cannot be read, the ballot will not be counted.
6. Your absentee Ballot must be received in the HMC Office by Noon, Saturday, July 12, 2003 to be counted. If you prefer to vote in person, please attend the continuation of the annual meeting. The Ballots will be counted at that time.

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**Use ballot received in USPS mail.**

### Proposition No. 1

#### (Approval of the Budget)

Shall the budget as presented on page 13 of this June, 2003 Beachcomber be approved by the membership?

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**YES** (For Proposition)

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**NO** (Against Proposition)

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(over)

**Use ballot received in USPS mail.**

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Proposition No. 2

(Approval of Articles of Amendment)

Shall the Articles of Amendment, as presented on page 17 of this June, 2003 Beachcomber, to reorganize Herron Maintenance Company under RCW 24.06 allowing voting by mail-in secret ballot be approved?

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**YES** (For Proposition)

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**NO** (Against Proposition)

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# PROPOSED 2003-2004 HMC BUDGET

	This year's Budget 2002-2003	Proposed next year's Budget 2003-2004		Difference
<b>SUMMARY/INCOME</b>				
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>449,905</b>	<b>475,550</b>		<b>25,645</b>
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<i>Non-Assessment Income</i>			<b>See Note #</b>	
Ferry User Fees	120,000	125,000	1	5,000
Interest	3,000	1,000	2	-2,000
Payments/Delinquent Accts	7,500	2,000	3	-5,500
Miscellaneous	3,000	3,000	4	0
Assessment Income	316,405	344,550		28,145
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>449,905</b>	<b>475,550</b>		<b>25,645</b>
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<b>Assessment/Member If Everyone Paid</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>952</b>	5	94
<b>Amount Unpaid by Delinquent Members</b>	<b>-13,700</b>	<b>-9,510</b>	6	4,191
<b>Assessment Per Paying Member</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>979</b>		83
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<b>EXPENSES</b>				
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<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>				
Office Equipment	500	100		-400
Emergency Preparedness	500	300		-200
Community Associations Institute	375	350		-25
Accountant	3400	3400	7	0
ADP Payroll Service	2350	2500		150
Bank Fees	600	600		0
<i>Insurance</i>				
Directors/Officers	2508	2400		-108
Uninsured Loss/Deductible	250	0		-250
Facilities	19105	21000		1,895
Employee Dishonesty	507	500		-7
General Liability	4281	5000		719
Auto/Truck	2068	2000		-68
<i>Legal Fees</i>				
Collection Costs	4000	4000		0
General	10000	5000	8	-5,000
Liens	180	100		-80
Litigation	10000	5000		-5,000
<i>Other</i>				
Ferry Fees	600	400		-200
Ads for New Employees	400	400		0
Website	470	500		30
Misc.	1000	900	9	-100
<i>Postage</i>				
Bulk Mail Permit	150	150		0

Meter Rental & Box Fee	500	500		0
Stamps & Meter Filling	3,000	2500		-500
<b>Printing</b>				
Copier Contract	1900	2500	10	600
Printing - Other	400			
Admin Dept. Wages	41301	41600	11	299
Payroll Taxes	4189	4200		11
Retirement	895	450		-445
Federal, State & County Taxes	2000	2000		0
Office Supplies	1200	800		-400
Telephone/Long Distance	1000	1800	12	800
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>119,629</b>	<b>110,950</b>		<b>-8,679</b>

**DOCKS**

Repairs/Maintenance	4,000	4,000		0
<b>Other</b>				
Parts & Supplies	1,200	1,200		0
Inspection	1,000	1000		0
Annual DNR Lease	1,400	1700		300
Utilities	1,400	1200		-200
<b>Total Docks</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>9,100</b>		<b>100</b>

**FERRY**

Ferry Dry Dock	20000	35000	13	15,000
Fuel	24000	24000		0
<b>Insurance</b>				
Uninsured Loss/Deductible	2000	0		-2,000
Pollution Liability	0	0		0
Excess P & I	11700	18500		6,800
Hull & Machinery P & I	25150	25000	14	-150
Equipment	2000	2000		0
Routine Maintenance	8750	8750		0
Ferry Dept. Wages	144975	150800	15	5,825
Payroll Taxes	13990	14500		510
Medical/Life Insurance	12000	17100	16	5,100
Retirement	8559	8900		341
Supplies	1800	1800		0
Personal Property & Excise Tax	3000	3000		0
<b>Other</b>				
Ferry Cell Phone	400	600		200
Drug Testing	600	600		0
Inspection & Licensing	1000	1000		0
Pension Administration	600	600		0
Tickets, Passes & Stickers	1000	1000		0
Uniforms	900	900		0
Ferry Fees	250	0		-250
Passenger Vessel Assoc. Dues	330	350		20
Misc.	750	700		-50
<b>Total Ferry</b>	<b>283,754</b>	<b>315,100</b>		<b>31,346</b>

**PARKS**

Parks Dept. Wages	897	915	17	18
Payroll Taxes	145	155		10
Maintenance	500	500		0
<i>Small Boat Dock</i>				
Maintenance	100	155		55
Supplies & Repairs	500	500		0
Utilities	350	225		-125
<i>Other</i>				
Playground Improvement	800	500		-300
Misc.	100	100		0
Sanikans	4,500	5000		500
Garbage Pick Up	1,000	1000		0
<b>Total Parks</b>		<b>8,892</b>	<b>9,050</b>	<b>158</b>

**ROADS**

Contract Work & Repairs	7200	10500	18	3,300
Supplies & Materials	2500	2500		0
<i>Maintenance</i>				
Other		200		200
Tansy Weed Control	500	500		0
Dust Control Truck	1300	1300		0
Roads Dept. Wages	442	0		-442
Payroll Taxes	68	0		-68
Utilities	0	200		200
<b>Total Roads</b>		<b>12,010</b>	<b>15,200</b>	<b>3,190</b>

**WATER**

Contract Manager	1000	1200		200
Water Dept. Wages	5396	4850		-546
Payroll Taxes	824	775		-49
Supplies/Repairs	1800	2000		200
Utilities	4200	4000		-200
<i>Other</i>				
Membership-Evergreen Water	150	150		0
Misc	200	275		75
Permits & Licenses	650	900		250
Water Samples	1500	1200		-300
Excise Tax	500	500		0
Truck Expenses	400	300		-100
<b>Total Water</b>		<b>16,620</b>	<b>16,150</b>	<b>-470</b>

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR PROPOSED 2003-2004 BUDGET**

1. Based on estimated increased revenue from \$6 ferry fee.
2. Interest rates are at historic lows.
3. Fewer delinquent accounts.
4. Includes realtor fees, Beachcomber ads, water hookup fees, rules & regs. fines, commercials, island maps, etc.
5. We currently have 362 members (a decrease of 7 since last year; 352 are usually in good standing).
6. About 10 memberships (2.8%) are chronically delinquent.
7. Services include monthly accounting, annual audit and tax prep.
8. Less required due to transfers to insurance/legal reserve fund from last year.
9. Includes mileage reimbursement, maps, Christmas gift certificates for employees, etc.
10. Lease/purchase contract for new copier.
11. Includes 2% cost of living adjustment; 950 hours for the Island Manager and 1300 for the Office Manager.
12. 2002/2003 expenses higher than anticipated.
13. Reserve depleted in 2002 dry dock.
14. Premium increase partially offset by increase in deductible.
15. Includes 2% cost of living adjustment plus scheduled merit raises.
16. Based on broker projection and switch of crew member to new plan.
17. Assumes up to 90 hours of park maintenance; 2% cost of living adjustment.
18. Includes funds for upgrading deteriorated road sections.

### **BALLOT RESULTS**

**PROPOSITION NO. 1 (Raising the Ferry User Fees): Yes 95; No 61**

**PROPOSITION NO. 2 (Lowering the Number of Board Members):  
Yes 132; No 36**

**ELECTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS:  
Ken Freeman & Al Moren**



**See Articles of Amendment in June  
2003 section of Members Only Area.**



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## **CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT** **Herron Maintenance Company** **June 2003**

As part of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act of 1996, drinking water providers are required to furnish a Consumer Confidence Report to their customers on an annual basis beginning 1999. The purpose of this report is to tell you about your water. Where your water comes from and how it compares to stringent standards set by regulatory agencies.

Drinking water, including bottled water may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

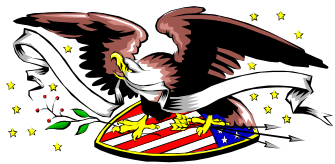
Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer-undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

Contaminants that may be present in source water before we treat it include:

- \*Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agriculture livestock operations and wildlife.
- \*Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- \*Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
- \*Radioactive contaminants, which are naturally occurring.
- \*Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and in some cases, radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Your water comes from a single well field. After the water comes from the wells it is distributed to your home without treatment.



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Listed below are the results from 2002 laboratory tests:

Inorganic Contaminants	MCL	MCLG	HMC Water	
Nitrate	5	.5	1.1	Sept 02
Arsenic	1	.4	nd (none detected)	Sept 02
Copper	15	0	nd (none detected)	June 02

\*Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

\*Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): the level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

\*Action Level (AL): the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

\*N/A: not applicable \*nd: not detectable at testing limit \*ppb: parts per billion or micrograms per liter \*ppm: parts per million or milligrams per liter \*pCi/l: picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation).

As a result of consistent and high water quality Department of Health has granted a waiver for nearly all sampling and testing except coliform. In 2002 there were no positive coliform tests.

## MEMORIAL DAY WINNERS

Sailboat Races: Monohull Class:

1. Dick Mowry & Crew
2. Nancy Wong & The Dirty Girls Crew (named by Dick Mowry)
3. Dave Monette & Crew

Multihull Class:

1. Curt Bray
2. Tracy Anspach

Entertainment provided by George Newcomb

The Herron Island sailboat races have been going on for **40 years!**

Blind Man's Dinghy Race:

1. Curt Bray & Tom Tighe
2. Benjy Pugh & Sue Stokes
3. Tim Jones & Heidi Ernest

Saturday, July 5th, the Herron Island Water Regatta will also include kayak races around the island. Check this Beachcomber for times.



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## CANCELLED FERRY RUNS FOR JULY 2003

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Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> _____	Noon-12:30
Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> _____	3:30 may be late
Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> _____	8:30 no shuttle, 9 leaves early
Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> _____	9 no shuttle
Saturday, 12 <sup>th</sup> _____	9:30-10, 10:30-11, 11:30-Noon
Sunday, 13 <sup>th</sup> _____	10 no shuttle, 10:30-11, 11:30-Noon, 1:30 leaves late
Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> _____	Noon-12:30, 2:30 may be late
Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> _____	Noon-12:30
Sunday, 27 <sup>th</sup> _____	10:30-11, 11:30-Noon
Monday, 28 <sup>th</sup> _____	Noon-12:30
Tuesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> _____	Noon-12:30
Wednesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> _____	Noon-12:30

## AUGUST 2003

Friday, 8th _____	8:30-9
Saturday, 9th _____	9 no shuttle, 9:30-10, 10:30-11
Sunday, 10th _____	10 leaves early, 10:30-11, 11:30-Noon
Monday, 11th _____	Noon-12:30
Tuesday, 12th _____	Noon-12:30

That's it for this year!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>JULY</b>		1 Noon & 12:30 cancelled	2	3 3:30 may be late	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 8:30 no shuttle; 9 leaves early	11 9 no shuttle	12 Board meeting 10AM  Annual Mem- bers Meeting at Noon.  Boosters 6 PM  9:30--Noon runs cancelled
13 10 no shuttle, 10:30-11, 11:30- Noon cancelled 1:30 leaves late	14 Noon-12:30 can- celled 2:30 may be late	15 Noon-12:30 can- celled	16	17 Transporta- tion Meeting	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 10:30-11, 11:30- Noon cancelled	28 Noon-12:30 can- celled	29 Noon-12:30 can- celled	30 Noon-12:30 can- celled	31		



Be sure to read future issues of the Beachcomber for any additional events taking place on these holidays. We always keep a surprise or two up our sleeves.

POPSICLES & FLAGS  
FOR ALL KIDS!!



Fourth of July and Parade  
Saturday, July 5th  
DON'T MISS IT—IT'S THE  
BEST EVENT OF THE  
YEAR!!!

Holiday Activities:

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

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