



# The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

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## President's Message

By the time you receive this issue, the ferry probably will have made its Sunday night trip to Tacoma for the required biennial dry dock. The work may take as long as two weeks, and we will keep you updated on the home page of our web site. While we are unable to provide water taxi service, we have several members who have volunteered to transport fire department personnel to the island and patients to the mainland if called on. For medical emergencies, the Anderson Island and Boston Harbor fire districts have offered the services of their boats if we need them. Boston Harbor is ten miles from Herron Island and Anderson Island is somewhat farther, so we will try to use our own boats if possible. For a life-threatening emergency, the fire department would call for a helicopter. Fire District 16 is placing a second fire engine on the island for the duration, so we will have two engines and the ambulance on site.

If you have Monday trash collection on the island, we have received word that American Disposal will pick up all accumulated trash on the first Monday after the ferry returns to service. This would probably be Monday, October 4th, at which time trash normally collected on September 20th and 27th will also be taken. It is suggested that you leave a note with the cans as a reminder to the driver not to charge you for multiple cans.

There have been several incidents of plumbing failures on properties while the owners were absent. If you will be gone for an extended period of time, please remember to shut off your water at the street valve. This can prevent destruction of carpets and flooring, as well as save significant energy.

Several boat trailers and a couple of boats are being illegally stored at the North Beach. Herron Island rules allow a maximum of 24 hours parking on common property, so if one of these items is yours please move it. Failure to do so can result in a \$100 fine for the first offense.

We had a huge Canadian barge anchored off the island ferry dock last week. It buried a new power cable four feet under the channel bottom from the mainland to the island. They had to turn off our power for four hours on Saturday afternoon to make the connection, and we thank Peninsula Light for supplying a generator to run the ferry dock ramp motor during the shutdown.

At the September 11th Board meeting, it was decided that the Members Only Area of our web site was not needed and that the Beachcomber and other documents should be open to the public. It was not a legally secure page, and any truly confidential information does not belong on the web site. This will give outsiders interested in buying on the island a more comprehensive view on which to base their decision.

Good luck during the dry dock and please check the web site for updates.

**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

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

#### Additional Responsibilities

Nick Huff, Transportation (253) 884-4663

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

Dick Zottman, Water Field Examiner (253) 884-9920

Tracy Anspach, Parks (253) 588-1921

Patty Jones, Beachcomber

**Herron Island Office Hours: Monday 9:30-12:30; Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 to 4:30. The office is CLOSED Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.**

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**Emergency 911**

**Ferry Cell phone (253)691-1457**

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

### Delinquency List as of September 2004

KIRK, LeeRoy—KIRK, M (Estate of)—LAWRENCE—  
LEHMAN (DROUILLARD)—MARTIN, Sarah—  
OVERLAND (Estate of)—TCHOCHIEV—TITZLER

### 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 MUST be typed or emailed. Your name and phone number is to be included in case there are any questions. Paid advertisements are to be arranged through HMC Office.**



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**HMC  
Board Meeting  
August 14, 2004**

Administration

- A reminder to all that the ferry goes into dry dock on September 20, and will go out of service late on Sunday, September 19.
- It is unknown at this point what small vessels, if any, will be available to take passengers to and from the island during the dry dock period.
- The ferry's FCC radio license is up for renewal.
- The Board agreed that part-time (fill-in) ferry captains may be compensated for one hour of travel time if they come to the island to work a partial shift.
- Following the Island Manager's investigation and recommendation, the Board agreed that HMC will cover the low bid for repairs to a member's vehicle that was damaged while loading onto the ferry.
- There is no island burn ban in effect, and Pierce County's ban is ended.

Information items

- A letter has been received from a renter who proposes that he pay entirely for a tennis court to be built near the children's playground. A letter was sent to him asking for additional information but a reply has not been received.

Emergency Preparedness/Fire Department

- Fire District 16 will keep two fire engines on the island during the dry dock period. They have also arranged for mutual aid from two fire districts to the south that have boats set up for emergency transport of patients, in case an air evacuation is not possible. It is planned to have a list of boat owners who could pick up FD personnel on the mainland in event of an emergency.



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### Land Use

- The Board discussed the possible sale of HMC's lot at 1219 West Herron Boulevard. A minimum bid of \$3000 has been established.
- The RV Certification Form (HMC Form 13) will be updated to indicate that Pierce County only allows such a vehicle to be lived in a maximum of 120 days per year.
- HMC will get a bid from a company that has special roadside tree and brush-clearing equipment to clean up the island roads and remove the cut material from the island.

### Legal

- The Board discussed updating Section 9.14 of the Bylaws to be compatible with semi-annual assessment billing.

### Transportation

- A new "ladder" for one end of the ferry wheelhouse deck is under construction



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## Beachcomber Submissions

If you have a submission to be printed in the Beachcomber, please send it by email if at all possible. At the very least, have it typed. Having to type handwritten, unclear submissions has been requiring significant additional time and effort for the Beachcomber volunteers who publish the newsletter.

## Illegal Trailer Boat Parking

Several boats and trailers have been stored at the North Beach parking lot in violation of Herron Island Rule E-3. This rule limits the parking period to 24 hours. If you have a boat or trailer stored in the lot, please remove it to avoid fines.

## Avoid Water Damage

If you will be away from the island for lengthy periods of time, please be sure to shut off your water supply. This will avoid damage to your house as well as water waste in the event of a pipe failure. For fire safety and energy savings, it is also a good idea to turn off your water heater.

## SALE OF HMC PROPERTY

## BALLOT RESULTS

**YES 111**

**NO 5**



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## JOIN THE HERRON ISLAND BOOSTERS!!

### WHO ARE THE BOOSTERS?

Good question. The Boosters formed years ago, formed of Herron Island residents who wanted to beautify and improve their home. Our goals continue to enhance the beauty, safety, and social activities for all members with our many planned events throughout the year. We are a non-administrative group and exist solely for the benefit and enjoyment of the Island. In other words, we provide all the thrills and fun!

### SOME OF OUR MANY BOOSTER PROJECTS

Community Center: New acoustic ceiling tiles, ladders, vacuums, new stoves, cleaning equipment, maintenance cleaning and supplies, patio, storage containers for our tables and chairs.

Pavilion at the North Beach: Built. Now the roof needs replacing, tables, maintenance, cleaning, and working on storage.

Holiday Activities: The Christmas Party and Santa's Work Shop, Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day Island Activities (parade, runs, baseball, water races, dances, burgers and brats, flea markets, and kids games.)

"HERRON ISLAND STORE": Polo's, t-shirts, sweatshirts, tanks, totes, aprons, girls and guys hats, HI stickers, license plate holders, mugs, and kids shirts. We also run a book swap in the community center, and flea markets on activity days.

Ferry Island & Mainland Shelters: Matched other donated funds and helped build.

Safety: The Boosters have purchased lifeline necklaces for single seniors to wear. We have also purchased ladders, support and work closely with PC-NET (Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Teams) that has a team right here on the Island, a megaphone, and an electrical inverter for our ferry. We maintain the playgrounds, replace swings when needed, chains, rubber bark, and anything that we can do to keep our playgrounds safe for our children. Our current project is our Herron Island signs to keep our roads safer along with replacement of playground equipment. We recently renovated our baseball backstop and have enjoyed it immensely.

Beautiful Herron Island: The Boosters have planted daffodils and rhodys. Our work parties help clear and clean Island properties. We remove, store, and clean the boat docks for wintertime. The Boosters have also purchased an American flag for both the ferry and North Beach.

We would like to extend a special invitation to any and all to join the Boosters! Dues are \$2.50 each or \$5 per family. Besides improving our Island, the benefits are enormous! We have gotten to know our Island neighbors better by working side by side, making it hardly seem like work most of the time. With so many interesting and wonderful people on our Island there is no better way to get acquainted than being part of the Boosters! Come join us and be a part of the many programs to come!

**Meetings are held every 2nd Saturday of the month at 6pm.**

**Bring a potluck dish and join us!**



# BOOSTERS

As your new president for the next year, I would like to thank everyone for the confidence that has been placed in me. I especially want to thank Linda Moren and Linda Shettlesworth for their past service on the Booster Board. Also, a thank you to all those who have helped make the dinner/auction and the Labor Day weekend so successful and fun.

New officers on the Booster Board are Kathy Deuster, President; Judy Greinke, Secretary. Returning officers are Dallas Amidon, Vice-President; Cindy Denny and Carole Crowley as Co-Treasurers

In addition to projects to improve the Island community, it is our desire to have some activities just for fun and to enjoy time with our neighbors. If you have not been to a Booster activity for awhile, please consider checking us out again.

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|-------------------------|--|
| <b>Oct. 9th</b>         | Work Party for the pump house roof and ferry waiting shed. Meet at Community Center/Fire Station. Boosters will provide lunch for volunteers.  |
| 9:30am                  |  |
| 6pm                     | Booster Potluck Dinner/Meeting at Center/Station. Come share your thoughts!  |
| <b>Oct. 22 &amp; 23</b> | Work Parties to finish the ferry waiting shed and removal of small docks. Boosters will provide lunch for volunteers.  |
| <b>Oct. 23</b>          | Spaghetti Dinner. Cost is \$2.50   |
| 6pm                     | If you are not currently a Booster member, the price of your meal will include the cost of Booster membership. However, if you join in at the work parties, you will receive a free ticket to the dinner. Our goal is to have fun and anyone who stays after dinner will be able to join in a game of Bingo with gag prizes! |
| <b>Nov. 13</b>          | Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner. The Boosters will provide the turkey (just the turkey)  |
| 6pm                     | <u>Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.</u>   |



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**For Sale! SOLD! For Sale! SOLD! For Sale! SOLD! For Sale! SOLD!**

*In the past month interest in the island properties has been brisk. Few properties remain available on the market. If you have been considering selling now is the time.*

FOR RESULTS CONTACT:

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### Water Regatta Winners

**Sailboat Race**  
**Monohull –**  
1. **Dick Mowry & wife Ip Pun**  
2. **Kurt & Paul Bray**  
3. **Greg Hackworth & family**

**Blind Man Dinghy Race**  
1. **Tom Tighe & Kurt Bray**  
2. **Bethany Kittel & Beverly Wilber**  
3. **Chad Borg & Peter Smedley**

**Kayak Race**  
**12'6" & under**  
1. **John Holm**  
2. **Bill Placek**  
3. **Kristal Knutson**  
**12'7" & over**

1. **Merry Kogut**  
2. **Angie Eichholtz**  
3. **Jim Eichholtz**





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## **Note Concerning American Disposal:**

Due to dry-dock, any customer unable to put their garbage out will have an opportunity to do so at no extra cost for extra bags once the ferry is up and running again.

Advice: Put a note on the extra bags for driver.





 A blue rectangular box containing the white text '911'.

### **Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Teams**

**\*PREPAREDNESS MEETING - 7 p.m. 3rd Monday of every month at the  
Fire Station/Community building\***

Gretchen O'Connor from PC-NET headquarters in Tacoma will be coming out on Saturday, September 18th at 9:30a.m. to show a video and speak with us. Everyone is invited to attend whether you are a member of PC-NET or not.

Although our PC-NET training helps to prepare us for accidents and disasters, the training is based on the concept of a neighborhood-wide event. Smaller incidents like medical emergencies, are always handled by the Fire Department. PC-NET was created for neighborhoods to be able to aid themselves when normal organizations like the Fire Department are overwhelmed or unable to respond for some reason.

The Fire Department trains and specializes in emergency medical aid and emergency procedures. Training goes above and beyond what we ourselves learn in PC-NET even though it does follow the same basic guidelines and procedures. If you come across a someone who needs help, follow the appropriate procedures and contact 911 immediately. Beyond that, please do not impose your presence when the Fire Department responds. Stay to the sidelines but do not enter into a scene or someone's house that the Fire Department is at. This is not only to insure that you are not in their way, but above all, it is to insure your safety. You have no idea of the nature of the call and therefore you may walk into a situation that could be potentially dangerous to you.

However, if you have the appropriate training, don't stray too far but stay out of the way. There may indeed be something that you can do to help, but please follow directions of our emergency aid personnel. Be safe everyone and see all of you at training!

Michael D. Jones  
First Aid Team Leader





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## September

| Sunday                                       | Monday        | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday                                   |
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|  |               |         | 1         | 2        | 3      | 4  |
| 5  | 6             | 7       | 8         | 9        | 10     | 11<br>Board Meeting<br>10am<br>Booster 6pm |
| 12   | 13 PC-NET 7pm | 14      | 15        | 16       | 17     | 18   |
| 19 Dry Dock!!<br>Starts at 8pm<br>tonight... | 20            | 21      | 22        | 23       | 24     | 25 Yom Kippur                              |
| 26   | 27            | 28      | 29        | 30       |        |  |

## October

| Sunday                      | Monday        | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday         | Saturday                               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------|-----------|----------|----------------|--|
|                             |               |         |           |          | 1              | 2                                      |
| 3                           | 4             | 5       | 6         | 7        | 8              | 9 Board Meeting<br>10am<br>Booster 6pm |
| 10                          | 11            | 12      | 13        | 14       | 15             | 16                                     |
| 17                          | 18 PC-NET 7pm | 19      | 20        | 21       | 22 Fall starts | 23<br>Spaghetti<br>Dinner & Bingo      |
| 24 Daylight<br>Savings Time | 25            | 26      | 27        | 28       | 29             | 30/ 31<br>Halloween                    |

WELCOME ALL NEWCOMERS!



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

# BOOSTERS

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