

The Beachcomber

HMC Newsletter

September-October, 2002



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President's Message

After more than 40 years of disagreement over the method of assessing annual fees, the October 12th Board meeting will offer members an opportunity to come together to discuss and debate the issue before it is put to a ballot. The Finance Committee will present a briefing describing the work done on studying a wide spectrum of possible plans.

Our current situation will be discussed in detail, including the demographics of single and multiple lot owners, the decline in number of members over the years, past and possible future legal challenges to the system, and reasons for the inevitable budget increases that we have experienced. Numerical spreadsheets will have been run for each plan considered, including plans based on one assessment per lot, assessed value, weightings for types of lots, and combinations of contiguous lots. Maximum, minimum and baseline assessments for each plan will be presented.

After the October meeting, we will have a month to consider our preferences and provide input to the Board by email or post. The Board will decide on the measures to be voted on at the November 9th meeting and the ballot will be provided to members in the November/December Beachcomber. Votes will probably be counted at a special meeting in January, and the resulting plan will be included in the bylaws revision vote in early 2003.

The October 12th meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Center. Please make every effort to be there.

Nick Huff and Ken Freeman

THE 2002-2003 ANNUAL ASSESSMENT IS DUE OCT. 1 AND WILL BE DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID PRIOR TO NOV. 1. THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE ASSESSMENT IS \$896.00. YOU CAN PAY HALF, \$448.00, AS LONG AS IT'S PAID PRIOR TO NOV. 1. DELINQUENT PAYMENTS MUST BE PAYMENTS IN THE FULL AMOUNT OF \$896.00.

Charlie Wells is in Drydock from September 23 for approximately two weeks. Watch the web page for updates or call the office. We will keep the answering machine updated if no one is in the office. **IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY PLEASE CALL 911. THE FIRE DEPT. IS AWARE OF THE DRY-DOCK TIME FRAME.**

Nick Huff will be running the MoTime on the regularly scheduled ferry time. The MoTime may be shuttling if it's not there waiting. If the fellow running the boat doesn't look like Nick, that's probably because it's either Mike Shettlesworth or Bill Jones who have both offered to spell Nick from time to time. Also, remember that a spot at the end of the boat dock will be marked off for docking the MoTime ONLY at this time.

WINTERIZE NOW:

Now is the time of year to consider winterizing your place. If you plan to be away for an extended period of time, remember

- to turn off your electric water heater
- and main water valve at the road
- and to drain the water pipes if you can.



WORK PARTY

Mark your calendars for **Oct. 13th**. We'll be pulling the small boat docks out of the water for the winter. All able bodies will be much appreciated.

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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Al Moren, Roads; Tracy Anspach, Parks; Phyllis

Krueger, Beachcomber

Herron Island Office Hours: Monday, 9:30 as long as necessary but at least 12:30; Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 to 4:30. Fridays as necessary. The office is CLOSED Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday.

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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.)

DELINQUENCY LIST as of September 26, 2002

BEATY, Meritta	HERRON HOMES
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BOYAKINS, Mary	TCHOCHIEV, Akhsar
CEPEDA, Josefa/Ali REED	THARP, Patrick
DICKINSON, Linda	TITZLER, David
DROUILLARD, Joni	VAN HOY, Craig
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RENTER:
CARLYLE, 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 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

September 14, 2002

Transportation

- The ferry goes into drydock after the last run on September 22nd. It is expected that it will be in the boat yard for about two weeks. It will receive new bottom paint (first full paint replacement since ferry was built) and its bi-annual Coast Guard inspection.
- The deck boat, "MoTime," is expected to be available for passenger transportation while the ferry is gone. Two volunteers will operate it daily and follow the ferry schedule.

Finance

- We have finally received the 2002-2003 premium rates for the employee health insurance plan. The increase is about 23%. While the 2002-2003 budget includes additional funds to cover the increases in all other types of insurance coverage, there was no provision made at the time for health insurance premium increase, partly due to difficulty in getting any figures to work with. As it turns out, the increase is substantial. The I. M.'s recommendation is that the Board allocate from surplus funds (carryover from last year) a maximum of \$900, to be used during this fiscal year only, to be applied to the increased premium costs.

Water

- Study by Montgomery Water Group is underway. Bob Montgomery, the principal in the company, met with the Board today.
- The I.M. recently attended an "Overview for Small Water Systems" class, which updated various legal and regulatory requirements that govern Group A systems such as HMC's.
- The search continues to find an acceptable cover for the access opening in the top of the concrete reservoir. So far, none has been located that will fit correctly and seal properly.

Land Use

- A request to remove trees and do some grading along the one-way road has been received. A letter was sent to the applicants explaining what they need to do to get Board approval for the project.

Roads

- The saltwater pump installation at the North Beach is working very well. A new locking switch was installed about two weeks ago.

The Beachcomber begins it's winter schedule. Winter issues will be mailed to members and on the web every other month, in November, January, and March. Board meetings continue to be monthly, same time and place.

Condolences: It is with sadness we note the recent passing of two long time Herron Island members.

**JACQUE DONNELLY
THELMA STEIN**

Many of us have happy memories of each of them.. Our thoughts are with their families.

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Captain Jon Says:

- **The winter ferry schedule** goes into effect October 1. That means at least one less ferry run on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.
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- **Please put the cell phones away** while driving on and off the ferry.

Joyce Marie Beaucage.
Jan. 16, 1932-Sept. 18, 2002

I would like to convey my appreciation for the kind thoughts and prayers from each of you upon the death of my mother. You were all so very kind to her when she was here on Herron Island. Thank you. Phyllis Krueger

Rejoice

Sometimes the morning run
always seems the same—
the early hours before the sun
perhaps a bit of rain.

But a certain face with a smile
can strike a memory chord—
a bit of grace, a certain style
more people could afford.

Whether with her family and friends
or alone along the beach—
she never let the shifting winds
cause her to retreat.

Her face has told us
of a life well lived—
happiness and boldness
and very much missed.

By Captain Steve Wiggins
in memory of Phyllis' mom,
Joyce

BOOSTERS

Once again the Labor Day festivities were a wonderful capper for the summer. The attendance at all the events was terrific. The highlight of the day was the East vs. West baseball game. East was the big winner once again. The competition in this event is really getting fierce! The whole day was fun, FUN, FUN!

WINNERS:

Sailboat Races:

Monohull Class:

1. Dick Mowry
2. George Newcome & Ron
3. David & Aux Monette

Multihull Class:

1. Curt Bray
- Note: Thank you Tracy Anspach for the great competition!

The next race will be Memorial Day Weekend. Let's hope we have winds so we can put an end to three-hour races around the island!

Blindman's Dinghy Race:

1. Benjy Pugh & Lashell Tipps
2. Erick & Carol Borg
3. Tom Tighe & Curt Bray

Kayak Race:

1. Carole Crowley
2. Brigitte Vogel
3. Dennis Crowley

Memorial Day Weekend the kayak race will be **around** the island.

The next Booster/Potluck will be on Saturday, **November 9th at 6 p.m.** in the Community Building. Turkey will be provided and members are invited to bring an accompanying dish.

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REMINDERS:

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.

Once your children have reached the age of 21, they are no longer considered dependents and cannot gain access to Herron Island without a guest pass unless they are listed on the deed as owners.

The Ferry cellphone is to be used for emergencies, road closures, to arrange special runs or trailer transport only.

When there is a legitimate emergency, call the Captain and explain the circumstances in order to arrange an extra run.

Listings on Herron Island

- **Waterfront & View Homes**
\$184,500 to \$237,500
- **Dry Cabin On Two Lots**
Perked Needs Septic \$29,900
Owner Contract Terms
- **Two View Lots, Double RV Garage**
PLUS. \$75,000
- **60' Waterfront E. Side Lot**
Septic Available \$62,500

Call **DALLAS AMIDON**
Resident Island Realtor
800-786-3966 or 253-884-6166
Windermere Key Realty Inc.
253-884-3304



For Rent: \$100/day \$500/week

This waterfront cabin on Herron Island offers:

- Large deck, one bedroom with double bed in loft.
- Kitchen and bath are fully supplied.
- Renters and bath are fully supplied.
- No TV or phone.
- Non smokers only.

Contact Jerry or Christine Palmer: 253-529-1378

Missing: Blue Kayak

Brad Burkhartzmeyer called the HMC office to say his single person blue with yellow hatch kayak went missing/was stolen from North Beach on Sunday, Sept. 22. He'd been using it that morning, pulled it up onto the beach when he went home for lunch, and when he returned it was gone. Anyone with information regarding this incident can reach him at 253-752-3448.

The Herron Island Garden Club

Meetings are being planned quarterly. All newcomers are welcome. Call Carol McNair at 884-4467 for meeting times and events.

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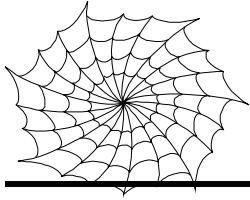
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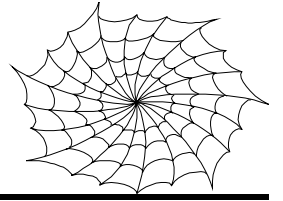
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>The winter ferry schedule begins October 1.</i>	<i>Assessments due Oct. 1.</i> 	1	2	3	4 <i>Herron Island Ferry may be back in service this weekend, call the office.</i>	5
6	7	8 <i>Emergency medical training, Fire Station, 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome.</i>	9	10	11 	12 <i>Board Meeting 10AM Discussion about assessment options.</i>
13 <i>Work Party to pull the small boat docks out for the winter. 10 AM</i>	14	15 <i>Emergency medical training, Fire Station, 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome</i>	16	17 <i>Transportation Meeting, 7:30 PM</i>	18	19
20	21	22 <i>Emergency medical training, Fire Station, 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome</i>	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 <i>Emergency medical training, Fire Station, 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome</i>	30	31 	 <p><i>The next Booster Potluck is November 9, at 6 PM. Turkey is provided, bring something to share.</i></p>	



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