





HMC Newsletter August 2011



President's Message

So far, it's just another quiet summer at Herron Island, right? With a great start to our summer season and beautiful weather now in place, it is extremely tempting to kick back and "take a break" from it all. While many Herron Islanders are able to enjoy a leisurely pace of life on the island, there is much work that continues as always to ensure we maintain our idyllic way of life.

Our Decisions. We just voted, for example, on two new Ballot Propositions: the Financial Plan and the Ferry Trip Ticket Plan. The majority of the Membership voted to fund future major expenditures using a combination of Special Assessments and annual increases to Reserve Accounts (the option offered as "Plan 2"). The Ferry Trip Ticket Plan was also affirmatively approved by a majority of Members. But the completion of the vote does not mean that we are done with those issues and can set them aside. Now that we have the direction of the Membership, both of these Ballot Propositions will require additional work. We now need to follow through with the financial strategy we've adopted for the budgeting process, and continue to look for additional ways to meet our long-term fiscal responsibilities. The new Ferry Trip Ticket Plan will require a prompt restructuring of how we collect and process ferry fares; with an implementation target date of October 1, the HMC Staff will be working closely with the Ferry Crew over the next month and a half to ensure a smooth transition to the new system, while still processing ferry fares under the existing system during the busiest season of the year. We love our staff!

Our Website. Speaking of ballots, you should expect to soon see copies of past ballot measures on the Herron Island website, along with the results of the votes on those ballots. And I hope all of you have had the chance to check out the new look of the website – it has a new picture of our island and a fresh, updated look.

We are still considering changes to some of the content and structure, but at least we don't have to look at the murky green anymore!

Our Projects. The work on the water system is on track and construction is scheduled to begin by the end of the year – a more detailed article about this can be found further down in this Beachcomber. The North Beach Marina project is on track for construction in January.

Our Safety. A county-wide burn ban is in effect. Please read and observe the burn rules that are included later in this edition of the Beachcomber. And avoid contact with those pesky raccoons. One of our Members was recently bitten by a raccoon and required a visit to the emergency room.

Our Ferry. Some non-members who have been refused passage on the Ferry have asked Members or others on the Mainland for a ride in a boat to take them over to the Island. Remember – only Members, guests of Members, bona fide tenants, HMC employees, and certain others (such as government inspectors, etc.) are allowed on the Island. Please respect the access restrictions for our Island.

Our Community. Finally, this is a good time to reflect on who we are as Herron Islanders and how we treat each other as neighbors. There have been reports of disputes regarding trash disposal, noise, tree cutting, 911 emergency reporting, and relations with the Ferry Crew. There have also been recent reports of kids driving go-carts and motorized bikes in a less than safe manner, and of persons unknown untying Members' small boats and leaving them to drift off. Finally, there have been reports of attempted break-ins, vandalism, and thefts on the Island.

What do these issues all have in common? A handful of people who lack respect for others and the ability to treat each other in a civil manner. Although Herron Island is for many a getaway from everyday life on the mainland, a few people consider its relative isolation

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from the rest of the world to be a free ticket to disregard the law or to disregard the rights (or even the feelings) of others. Fortunately, these people represent only a tiny minority of Herron Islanders.

So what do we do when these things happen? Use common sense and take measured action that is appropriate for the circumstance. For example, if you see a crime in progress, call 911. At the other end of the spectrum, if you think you have a problem with a neighbor, your first step should be to talk to your neighbor — and don't make assumptions. You should only call 911 if it is in-

deed a dire situation that warrants calling Pierce County emergency response personnel to the scene. Remember, if you call 911, they are required to respond. If you want to report a non-emergency matter to law enforcement, call the Pierce County Sheriff non-emergency number: (253) 798-4721. Other Pierce County contact numbers can be found at http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/pc/Abtus/ourorg/sheriff/contactus.htm.

Let's all be good neighbors and diligent stewards of our resources. And, in advance, have a happy and safe Labor Day Weekend!

Mark B. Anderson, President

August 2011 Ballot Results:



- Ballot Proposition #1. Shall the Ferry TripTicket Plan attached to the Ballot be implemented on October 1, 2011 to replace the existing Commuter Pass and Senior/Disabled Pass programs and lower the price to the entire Membership for pre-purchased Trip Tickets?
 - Yes 113
- No **–** 28
- Ballot #1 passed.
- Ballot Proposition #2. Shall HMC fund infrastructure repairs and replacement primarily through:
 - 1. Special Assessments 36 votes
 - 2. Combination of Special Assessments and annual increase to Reserve Accounts 61 votes
 - 3. Through one Special Assessment during Fiscal Year 2011-2012, and through annual increases to Reserve Accounts 31 votes
 - On Proposition #2 the Membership voted for the Combination of Special Assessments and annual increase to Reserve Accounts.

Important Phone Numbers

Island Manager

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HMC Board of Directors

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Additional Responsibilities

Mike Shettlesworth, Transportation Chair	(253) 884-6919
Washington Water Svc., Water Repair	(253) 851-4060
Dick Mowry, Water Field Examiner	(253) 884-7663
Steve Chapin, Water Project Chair	(253) 884-1967
Max Hochanadel, Rules Chair	(253) 884-1948
Tracy Anspach, Parks Chair	(253) 588-1921
Allen Moren, Roads Chair	(253) 884-2721
Emergency Preparedness -Vacant	
Kathy Deuster, Land Use Chair	(253) 884-6898
Fred Fath, Technology Chair	(206) 246-7016
Carolyn Snyder, Office Manager	(253) 884-9350
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Herron Island Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The office is CLOSED Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday, and after 2:00 PM on Fridays before Board meetings.

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Parks email: HMCParks@herronisland.org

Member Input to Board: MemberInput@herronisland.org

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 August 16, 2011

ALONSO - BARRETT-LAINE - DWYER - McNALLY - O'NEILL - TGC DEVELOPMENT

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.

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. BLANK GUEST PASSES ARE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS AT THE OFFICE, BY MAIL, AND ON THE FERRY.

Beachcomber news items must be submitted by 5:00 PM on the Wednesday after the monthly Board meeting on the second Saturday of the month. Items MUST be emailed in electronic format to beachcomber@herronisland.org. Include your name and phone number in case any questions arise. Paid advertisements are to be arranged with the HMC office PRIOR TO PUBLICATION.

Burn Ban Declared

A countywide burn ban was declared by the Pierce County Fire Marshal on August 8th. The ban is scheduled to expire on September 30th. For details, check herronisland.org.

Island Manager Report August 13, 2011

Administration:

<u>Volunteers:</u> Thanks to Karl Schafer and Allen Moren for replacement of the yield sign at Ferry Road, to Deb Kraft for painting the mainland waiting shed, and to Saturday's ballot validators and ballot counters.

<u>State Aquatic Lands:</u> The State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will be sending three staff members to review our use of aquatic lands (North Beach, ferry terminals) prior to renegotiating our lease with them. In prior years, we paid DNR more than \$1,000 annually; last year this fell to \$313. The amount budgeted for 2011-2012 is \$1,400. The original lease is dated 1985 and has been automatically extended since that time.

Derelicts and Nuisances: In a continuing effort to urge Members into compliance with Pierce County health and safety codes, four Members were notified by letter regarding accumulated trash or other nuisances on their properties, and asked to respond within 30 days. If they do not respond, then the property will be referred to Pierce County Responds for assessment and action. One Member immediately responded, positively, that he was working the problem. We have not yet heard from the others. In addition, at least two Members have filed their own complaints about problem properties, and initiated action by the Health Department or Public Works. And despite repeated phone calls to Horseshoe Lake Wrecking, the popup trailer remains! There are many properties with derelict vehicles and buildings, which Members can address by making their own complaints to the County, or ask at the office for assistance in finding the appropriate forms and contacts. PC Responds can be reached at (253) 798-INFO (4636), or through their website at http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/pc/abtus/ourorg/pwu/solidwaste/pcr/index.htm.

<u>Water System Project</u>: The Water Project Committee (WPC) met Thursday, August 11, and the report will be made by Judy Greinke and IM. At the meeting, the Committee reviewed a series of "policy questions" regarding contractor access, work hours, and other project details. WPC recommendations on this worksheet are part of the Board packet. The Board may wish to approve these recommendations, with the proviso that, as negotiations occur with the eventual contractor, some of these details may change. WPC also continued to review a map of the island to identify service meter locations.

The Committee also decided it would be important to investigate the use of a "robocall" system being set up by NWS as the most efficient means of communication with Members during the project, and to prepare a letter to all Members with important information about the project. The IM will prepare a draft letter for review by the Committee.

<u>USDA Visit:</u> Due to the complications surrounding the federal budget earlier this year, this visit has been delayed until September, date yet unknown.

Additional Requirements. The WPC and Northwest Water continue to work on additional requirements for the system replacement. These include obtaining proof of title to all the HMC roadways, drafting and signing an "Owner's Letter to Engineer" containing instructions for management of the project; reviewing a series of policy issues surrounding construction, developing plans to communicate with Members during the project, and other aspects.

<u>Communications with Members</u>: Of our 395 assessable units, we have about 120 Member names on the HMC email list. If you are not on this list, we may not be able to timely notify you about service outages or other events during construction. Please let Carolyn Snyder in the HMC Office know, by email or in writing, that you wish to be added to this list, which will be used for business purposes only. Members with questions about location of their service meters or hookups for contiguous lots should continue to contact the office, so that last minute changes can be avoided during construction.

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<u>Property Boundaries</u>. Members are encouraged to know the exact location of their property boundaries. When reviewing your property boundaries, remember that Pen Light power poles are in the HMC right of way, as are most water valves. These can be useful guides. Unresolved boundary line issues could hold up our water project and result in higher overall costs. If you have questions, please contact the HMC Office.

<u>Water Utility:</u> The IRS is going to require that the HMC Water Utility be established as a separate entity, with its own Articles of Incorporation, with specific instructions under the tax code. We will work with the island attorney to draft a simple set of Articles for approval by the Membership/owners of the water system. The cost of drafting and executing these Articles will be paid from the USDA project budget.

<u>Water System Maintenance and Operation:</u> Washington Water will be conducting routine lead and copper monitoring on the water system. This testing occurs every three years, and collection sites must meet EPA criteria. On Monday, August 15th, Washington Water will send letters to five Members selected because they are permanent residents and live in homes built during the period 1980-89. These Members will be asked to collect a water sample on Tuesday, August 23rd, and deliver the sample to the office by 2:00 p.m. that day. The IM will take the samples in to Washington Water office for testing.

Fire Department Liaison

On Friday, August 5, the fire department responded to a call about a contained recreational fire on private property. There was no burn ban in effect at this time. The fire department responded at 9 p.m., and a return round trip was necessary for the ferry crew to take them back to the mainland. Although the fire department noted that the fire included some building material (not allowed), the situation might have been simply resolved between neighbors, without the expenditure of HMC resources or compelling the fire department to make a lengthy trip from the mainland.

Pierce County has imposed a burn ban on outdoor fires from August 8th to September 30th. This ban applies to all outdoor burning except small recreational fires in established fire pits in campgrounds or private property, with the owner's permission. Under Island Rules, Section F., the Board has the authority to "declare a stricter burn ban than the county, given the special conditions and inaccessibility of the island." Does the Board wish to impose a stricter burn ban until September 30th?

Land Use: No Committee Report.

Emergency Preparedness: We are looking for Members who would volunteer to chair this committee.

<u>Legal Liaison</u>: Current delinquencies include Alonso, Barrett-Laine, Dwyer, McNally, O'Neill and TGC Development, one less than last month. One is currently with the island attorneys for legal action, one owes less than \$100, and the remaining three will be sent to collections if they fail to pay by month end. The current delinquency rate is 1.5%.

Parks: Committee Report:

Parks encourages Members to promote better communication with Membership. The committee looks forward to hearing from you. The new email address for the Parks Committee is: hmcparks@herronisland.org.

North Beach Marina: No further report; permits still in processing. We are on target for construction in January 2012.

Roads: If you wish to be a volunteer driver of the truck, please contact the office. You will need to be added to the list of authorized drivers in order to be covered by HMC insurance.

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<u>Rules</u>: One rules complaint remains open. The Board should confirm the Members of the Rules Committee for this final hearing. They are Max Hochanadel, Eric Bergson, and Kathy Deuster.

Merry Kogut has resigned from the Rules Committee after some 7 - 10 years, effective June 30^{th} . She has agreed to train a new person as secretary, up to July 31^{st} , and will prepare one last draft of proposed revised rules to submit to the Board for review.

<u>Transportation</u>: An independent film crew will be filming a few shots on the Herron Island Ferry on Thursday, September 1 during the afternoon. This should not interfere with weekend traffic, but the film crew will be occupying some space in the parking lot. HMC will be reimbursed for the cost of any extra ferry crew time by the production company.

<u>Technology</u>: Fred Fath continues to work on an iPod application that may help satisfy our electronic ticketing needs. Board Members have been reviewing the ferry pass system for additional options that might improve the processing of ferry fares.

Welcome, New Islanders!

HMC welcomes the following new Members to Herron Island:

- Sherri & Roger ("Andy") Anderson
- Timothy Kuzma



HMC Email Notifications

The HMC Office has set up an email notification list to alert Members to power outages, ferry service changes and other announcements of general interest. As the water line replacement project gears up, these notifications will become very important to alert Members to water outages, construction detours, and other effects of the project. Please add your email to the list by contacting office@herronisland.org. We promise this list will be used only for HMC business purposes and your address will not be visible to other recipients..

KEY PENINSULA HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION ALERT

You may want to allow an additional 10+ minutes to reach the ferry this summer on weekdays. Pierce County has begun a project to improve the intersection of Key Peninsula Highway/Cramer Road/Olson Drive. More information can be found at the County website at http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/pc/abtus/ourorg/pwu/crp/crp5740constr.htm.



B.O.O.S.T.E.R.S. 2011 Labor Day Events

Saturday, September 3rd at North Beach



9:00 am to 11:30 am

Cinnamon Rolls, Coffee and Hot Chocolate Sales

Community Junk in Your Trunk Sales

BOOSTERS Apparel Sales



12:00 Noon Sailboat and Kayak Race Around Island

(Participants register at North Beach at the table with the pink umbrella)

Sailboat(s) (Monohull and Multihull) Event Chair: Anita Bray
The start and finish point is the line of sight between North Beach flag pole and the outboard end of the mainland ferry dock.



Kayak(s) (12' 6" & under and 12' 7" & over) Event Chair: Diane Rohrbach Trophies/ribbons for both classes. Start line: and finish point is North of flagpole.

Saturday, September 3rd at Goodpastor Park



Event Chair: Dallas Amidon



1:00 pm Baseball Sign-up <u>ALL</u> Players

1:30 pm Junior Players Warm-up/Practice

1:45 pm-3:00 pm Junior Game

3:15 pm Senior Players Warm-up/Practice

3:30 pm-5:30 pm Senior Game

Come cheer for your side to win! Join the fun!

Saturday, September 3rd at North Beach



After the dance clean-up: Sunday, September 4th at 9:00 am

- B.O.O.S.T.E.R.S. activities open to HMC Members and Guests ONLY! -

Hot August Nights Event... A Rip Roaring Success with a Tremendous Turnout

(last count 90+ attended)

This was our first attempt at having this venue on the island planned with a Car Show, BOOSTERS Meeting and Potluck followed by Hosted Karaoke. The weather man apparently did not get our request for a "HOT" August Night, but the full moon offered a splendid ambiance accompanied by the stars.

The Car Show was a huge success. It brought enthusiasts with interest, curiosity and passion to North Beach. The event was well attended and enjoyed and it shall be the topic of discussion for some time to come.

Everyone seemed to be having such a good time visiting and conversing, we choose to make announcements rather than stopping the flow of the evening to have an official BOOSTERS meeting.

We started the Potluck earlier than anticipated to accommodate those in attendance who had to depart on the last ferry. The tables were full of a wonderful assortment of entrees, sides and deserts and were heartily enjoyed by the first round of diners. Then a second wave of dishes arrived just in time for the next round of diners; it was perfectly orchestrated, almost like the event was catered to serve the tremendous turnout.

The Karaoke Host ran into some difficulty getting his rented equipment to cooperate and therefore could not get the lyrics to appear on screen – this resulted in the expected Karaoke portion of the evening having to be changed. Only the singers who knew lyrics could perform. Without missing a beat, islanders brought their "music" to be played and the pavilion filled with dancers.

A tremendous turn-out! A nice selection of vehicles, yummy food for all and enjoyable music, all on a clear cool August Night – we couldn't have planned it any better. Thanks to everyone!

The B.O.O.S.T.E.R.S.

Labor Day Holiday Ferry Restrictions

Combinations of any length (vehicle towing anything) and single vehicles longer than 25 feet will <u>not</u> be transported after the 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm ferry run, Thursday, September 1st through Monday, September 5th.

Note: Monday, September 5th the ferry will operate on holiday schedule which is the same as Sunday.

Parks Committee News

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 8th. We are planning to pull the small boat docks beginning at 1:00 pm. Look for the details online and in the September Beachcomber. Thank you for enjoying and supporting our Parks.

Website Photos

If you have any photos from island activities that you would like to share on our website, please send them to webmaster@herronisland.org.

TO MY HERRON ISLAND FRIENDS~

Thanks so much for the wonderful retirement wishes, the great surprise party, the nice cards, and the very special gifts. Most of all, thanks for your friendship, as that is the most important of all.

Love, Leslie Sanderson

WATER FOR HERRON ISLAND: THE STORY CONTINUES...

Your Herron Island Water System replacement is progressing, with the recent Department of Health (DOH) approved project report. This provides a change in water lines sized for fire flow and upgraded pressure pumps and electrical service to the well house to lower construction costs, which should save all Members money.

The first separate billing for your Herron Island Water Utility will be on October 1, 2011. This bill will arrive with your regular HMC assessment bill. During this first year, you will be billed at a flat rate of \$60 per quarter (\$20 per month); the bill must be paid with a separate check made out to "Herron Island Water Utility." We are currently working with the accountant for HMC to find a legal way that would permit Members to write only one check for both bills. Any water utility delinquencies will be handled in the same manner as HMC assessment delinquencies.

Bid documents are being prepared at this time for the construction of the new system. To avoid cost overruns due to changes during our construction, Members should communicate now with HMC to ask questions and to provide specific facts and all special directions concerning their individual lot(s) or water connection(s). Here are some examples:

You own 2 or more contiguous lots – one assessable unit – tell HMC which lot you want your water connection installed

You own 2 or more contiguous lots – you must notify HMC if you want an extra connection (7 members have already signed up for the location of their additional connections)

Do you have a tight line or culvert crossing the road? Please notify HMC with the details Are you aware of your property boundaries relative to the HMC road right-of-way? If not, let HMC know

Are you aware of the location of your water shut-off valve? Most often this is on the HMC right-of-way

Identify and remove obstructions for access to the present water shut-off valve.

Contact the HMC Island Manager at herronisland.org or the Board at memberin-put@herronisland.org with your concerns and helpful information.

Extra fill dirt may be available for Members during the construction. In many locations, the new water lines will be installed over a bedding material, which leaves some extra fill dirt. Members are encouraged to notify HMC if you want some of this fill dirt (up to 40 cubic yards only per lot is allowed by law without permits). Check the island wetlands map, which identifies all areas on Herron Island that may <u>not</u> be filled in. The wetlands map may be viewed at www.herronisland.org. Click on the Documents link.

The Herron Island Water Utility benefits greatly by establishing a tax exempt Nonprofit status. To accomplish this, HMC is writing the Articles of Incorporation and confirming all legal requirements for ownership of roads and road right-of-way. Members may be asked to approve the Articles of Incorporation by ballot, to create the utility as a separate branch of HMC Management. There will be no change in ownership by Members as a result of creation of this utility.

Plans continue to develop for the most effective community outreach for our Members. During construction, there will be road closures, water outages, disturbed roads, and dust and noise. We need and appreciate your input about the best plan to keep the Membership informed. Please add your email list to the growing notification list maintained by the HMC Office, by sending an email request to office@herronisland.org. Don't be left out of the information loop!

TENTATIVE TIME LINE

August/September 2011: Bid Documents drafted and legal issues resolved

October 2011: Bidder's conference
November 2011: Bid review/USDA
December 2011 to February 2012: Construction

ROSE MCGINN THE ROSE OF HERRON ISLAND

Rose always made fun and interesting things happen on Herron Island. Everyone knew Rose. She shared her passion for the island, her respect for the animals, and especially her knowledge of sea life.

During her term as Booster president, she started many island traditions. Our favorite was the raising and retiring of the island flag at the North Beach. The Friday of Memorial weekend, Rose would come to the beach with the folded flag, and encouraged everyone--young and old--to gather around the flagpole. Islanders would sing patriotic songs as the flag was raised. The ceremony was the official start of summer. Through the years, more and more islanders looked forward to this ceremony. At times, talented Members would play their musical instruments. Islanders were brought together, reconnected, and shared stories after a long winter.

After the ceremony, Rose walked to her car and brought out her boxed wine and cruise ship wine glass. A toast was made to friends and to a fun summer. The boxed wine and cruise ship wine glass were her trademark.

Our flags were special. All were flown over the White House or State Capitol. She contacted our state and national representatives to request these special flags. To everyone's surprise, the flags and signed certificates arrived in the mail. The North Beach flag was retired on the last weekend of September, marking the end of summer.

Another favorite tradition was the dance at the North Beach Pavilion by our own Tommy Boy (Tom Tighe) as DJ. The music was awesome. Members, kids, and at times pets, kicked up their heels into the night. Rose loved to dance. Doug Kammerer and Rose danced all night long!

As Booster president, Rose, along with Joann Schafer, designed the most popular T-shirt. We could hardly keep enough orders in stock. Many have said it was the best T-shirt of all time.

Rose was chair of the Herron Island rules committee. She always dressed up and wore beautiful earrings for the meetings. This was the only time Members saw her without her island beach attire. After a dance at the community building, a Board Member filed a rules complaint against the Boosters for not stopping the dance at the stroke of midnight. She negotiated with the member, and got the fine down to \$30, which the Boosters paid.

After the ice storm of 1996, the South Beach trail and gully looked like a war zone. Rose contacted Curt Bray's Boy Scout Troop for help in cleaning the debris. They agreed to spend two weekends cutting, dragging, and burning the mess at the South Beach. (Board approved, of course!)

When spring came, Judy Greinke and Rose bought many rhododendron plants. The Boy Scouts returned and planted all the beautiful rhododendron bushes.

Rose could always be spotted at the North Beach with shovel and bucket at low tide. She was an expert at digging geoducks. There was always a crowd watching in fascination as she dug. She laid on her stomach in the muck, with arms and shoulders in the bathtub-sized hole. When she pulled out her prize, there were cheers from the onlookers. She never pulled the neck or crushed a shell. She taught the Bray and Tighe families how to dig. Their young boys loved to jump and play in her clam holes. She told the boys they had to cover the holes after playing, and then she would leave. Later, she returned to make sure the holes had been filled in. This was another "Rose teachable moment."

Rose was very active in the Herron Island garden club. She helped to organize the first plant sale. Many plants were donated by local nurseries, her nephew Dan's agriculture classes, and garden club Members. The sale was very popular and a great fundraiser.

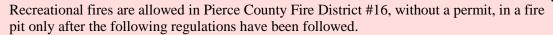
On Sunday afternoon, Rose would come to the beach to watch the activities and visit with friends. Just before six o'clock, she would rush to her car to get home just in time to watch her favorite news broadcaster, Tom Brokaw.

Sadly, we lost our Rose to an accident on the ferry. Gary and Maggie Petersen planned a memorial at the community building for Rose. There was standing room only, and many Rose stories were shared. The pavilion at the North Beach was dedicated as "The Rose McGinn" Pavilion." This was also spearheaded by Gary and Maggie.

The above contributions by: Bray, Clauson, Greinke, Kammerer, McNair, Schafer, and Tighe families.

Anita Bray

Key Peninsula Fire Department Recreational Fire Guidelines



- 1. Recreational fires are limited to burning of dry, seasoned wood or charcoal briquettes, with a total fuel area of three feet or less in diameter and two feet in height, for the purpose of cooking, pleasure or religious ceremonies.
- 2. No garbage, dead animals, asphalt, petroleum products, paints, rubber products, tires, plastic, paper products, plywood, finished lumber, or particleboard may be burned.
- 3. Burning of residential yard waste in a recreational pit is prohibited, including grass clippings, leaves, needles, and brush.
- 4. No recreational fires shall be allowed during any stage of an air pollution episode or impaired air quality, as directed by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. The fire department is required to report infractions of the above regulations to Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. Non-compliance with these regulations can result in a civil penalty of \$10,000 or more per day.

Location:

• Recreational fires must be 25 feet away from any structure. Recreational fire pits shall be located not less than ten feet from adjoining property lines, fences, or docks.

Construction:

• Recreational fire pits shall be constructed of concrete, stone, or approved noncombustible material. The bottom of the pit may be of sand, or mineral earth. The recreational fire pit shall not exceed three feet in diameter. The depth of the pit shall be a minimum of four inches and capable of containing all burned material.

Maintenance:

• Recreational fire pits shall be maintained in good condition at all times. Fire extinguishing equipment such as buckets, shovels, or garden hoses shall be readily available for use at recreational fires.

Attendance:

• Recreational fire pits shall be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of fire extinguishing equipment required by this section. An attendant shall supervise a recreational fire until such fire has been completely extinguished.

Discontinuance:

• The fire department may require a recreational fire to be extinguished if atmospheric or local circumstances make such fires hazardous and/or a nuisance, or if it is required to by The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency.

Shared by Terrill Chilson

Copied from http://www.keypeninsulafire.org/files/KPFD_Recreational_Fire_Guidelines.pdf.



Online Bill Payments

"Did you know... you can use online bill pay to pay your HMC assessments and dues"

- Stop paying bills the old-fashioned way.
- Kick stamps, envelopes and late fees to the curb, while saving time and simplifying life-use an online bill paying service.

Why Use Online Bill Paying Services?

Imagine paying all your bills with a few clicks of a mouse. Kiss stamps, envelopes, and trips to the post office or the HMC office goodbye, just by using online bill paying services. Paying your bills online saves you time and money. These services are available twenty—four hours a day so you can pay your bills on your own time.

Online bill pay also saves you the hassle of paying late fees. Most services provide alerts that let you know when your bills have arrived, when they are due and when they have been paid. Your payments are guaranteed to arrive on the date you set every time.

Online bill pay is faster and is as secure as regular mail. Legitimate financial institutions go to great lengths to protect their customers. Much of identity theft occurs from your own mailbox, so transacting online with the latest encryption and security technology will assure your information is safe.

Most everyone's bank or credit union today has bill pay. If not, it's time to change.

What you should look for in an Online Bill Paying Service:

Online bill paying services offer a variety of bill management and payment features to make your life simpler and more efficient. The services vary in what they offer, so make sure the service you pick can fill your needs.

- Bill management: Your Online Bill Pay service should have features that help you pay bills on time. They should offer different alerts that tell you when your bills arrive, are due, and are paid. Other handy features might include a bill payment calendar and online notes.
- Payment Options: Online bill paying services should give you a variety of payment options. Some can issue printed checks to any payee, [NOTE: This is the best option when paying your HMC assessments and dues] while others will only pay billers who accept electronic transactions. Be sure to choose a service that has the flexibility you will need. Most banks will let you pay bills directly from a checking account you have at that institution, but be sure to check on the details.
- Ease of Use/Setup: Online bill paying services should be easy to set up and use, otherwise they do not provide the convenience they promise. You should have to enter your payee and account information only once. Help/Support: Look for a service that offers customer support 24 hours a day 7 days a week, because your financial information can be time critical.

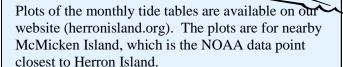
If you are still confused or if you would like additional assistance finding an online bill pay service, drop me an email at bill.hagen@harborstone.com.



Derelict Vehicles or Trash on Neighboring Properties?

Does your neighbor leave trash on their property? Is a collapsing building providing a home for rodents? Is a derelict car, boat trailer or truck rusting away on your neighbor's property? If so, you can file an online complaint with PCResponds on the Pierce County website, or phone them at 253-798-INFO. They've been helpful with several nuisance problems already and are working on others which are violations of Pierce County Health and Safety Codes. Let's make Herron Island even more beautiful.

Tide Tables





Water Leak Problem?

If it's on your property, you'll need to find someone to handle your repairs. Washington Water Service Company is contracted to maintain and operate the HMC water system, but they do not service individual homeowners.

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FREE CLASSIFIED ADS

Large, black Sharp Carousel II Convection Microwave Oven. Can be "built-in" or stand on counter. Can be hardwired or plugged in. Works perfectly. It's Model RK-66A. The built-in trim kit is included. Please contact me at 253.884.8484 or mkogut@lawyer.com \$125.00. Merry Kogut

Extra bedroom on wheels: Class A, 31 ft. Allegro Mtr. Home. Newer appliances, pillow top queen mattress, 5K Onan generator, rebuilt engine runs fine. \$3500 OBO., Stowmaster 5000 hitch \$500.(Paid \$1000.), Tire Chains (link) for 19.5" tires (used once) \$50., Utility trailer chasis., Metal frame. Wooden floor and sides need repair \$50. Single axle.Have title., Call Steve McNair 253 988 4267; Res. 253 844 4467., 22712 Herron Lane KPN(at S. Beach Trail)

1998 SUNNYBROOK, Model 25 FS, Length 26', 2 Axles, Sleeps 4, Queen Bed and Couch Fold Out, Weight 4,238 Pounds, Fully Self Contained, Air Conditioning, Propane Furnace, Refrigerator and Freezer, 3 Burner Stove, Oven and Broiler, 10 Gallon Propane Water Heater, AM/FM Cassette Stereo, TV Antenna, Phone and Cable Hookups, Stabilizer Jacks, Dual Batteries with Inverter, Side Awning, Window Mini Blinds Throughout, Deluxe Cabinetry, Lots of Closet Space, Luggage Rack, LG. Storage Compartment, Outside Shower for Swimming Rinse Off, Bathroom, Shower with Skylight, Spare Tire and Carrier, Easy-Lift Hitch and Sway Bars, Less Than 4500 Miles, May be seen at 1422 W. Herron Pl., On Herron Island, Contact Dallas Connel at 253-852-5118

Combination Estate sale and Yard sale. Labor Day weekend September 1st 2nd 3rd 4th and 5th. Including Motorhome, building materials, furniture, antiques, artwork, pictures, baskets, new bedding, fish tackle, hunting knives, china, US made tools, utility trailer, cloths line, lady's designer clothing, and much much more. Contact Helen Provencal 1-253-884-2571, 22608 S Herron Blvd. up the road from South Beach.

Non-commercial ads of 100 words or less will be accepted for inclusion in this section free of charge. Please email your ad to beachcomber@herronisland.org, Subject: Beachcomber Ad. The ad must be resubmitted for each issue in which it is to be printed.

HMC TO STOP MAILING BEACHCOMBERS

In an effort to save the cost of printing and mailing of Beachcomber newsletters, HMC has decided to discontinue the process of mailing Beachcombers to Members. Each edition is published on the HMC website (www.herronisland.org) in a format that can easily be viewed and/or printed. It is anticipated that this will save Members approx. \$4100 per year. Effective with the November 2011 edition of the Beachcomber, the newsletter will only be available on line unless a Member specifically requests in writing that they be mailed a copy. A subscription fee of \$18/yr (\$2 per copy) will be imposed if Members still want their copies mailed. A limited number of printed copies will also be available at the office. HMC has been developing a master email distribution list to inform Members when the Beachcomber has been published on line. The email provides each Member a clickable link to access the newsletter. The distribution list will also be used to notify Members of power outages, ferry service status, disaster alerts, Water System upgrade alerts, and so on. If you wish to be included on this email distribution list please send a message to office@herronisland.org. Please note that your email address will be kept completely confidential and emails sent from the office will not reveal your personal address to other recipients.



SUMMER FERRY SCHEDULE (4/1 through 9/30)

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Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day same as Sunday

Herron Island Properties

- 1. Excellent Building Lot, 3 bedroom septic system installed, \$27,500 owner terms, western view.
- 2. Cute, cozy, & comfortable cottage reduced to \$119.500, owner terms.
- All waterfront homes have been reduced to low low prices. If you have been waiting, now is the time to make your move. Excellent prices and motivated sellers.

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Tides:McMicken Island, Case Inlet
based on Seattle (Madison St), Elliott Bay Washington (NOAA)
47° 14 48 N 122° 51 42 W

Average Tides Mean Range: 10.0 ft MHHW: 14.0 ft Mean Tide: 8.0 ft

August, 2011				September, 2011					October, 2011				
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