

# BEACHCOMBER

## February/March, 2002

### President's Message:



In the past, there has been a disturbing reluctance of islanders with serious medical symptoms to call for 911 assistance. In an effort to clear up any misconceptions, we would like to share some thoughts on the emergency medical resources available to us and how better to utilize them.

We currently have one EMT and two First Responders living on the island. They are volunteer fire department employees, with the EMT certified to respond in the island ambulance and the First Responders in the process of completing their ambulance operator training. All three of our volunteers have pagers, and receive dispatches from Pierce County Fire Comm when 911 assistance is requested from Herron Island. At the same time, our ferry crew receives the dispatch on their pagers and proceeds to the mainland dock to load and transport a paramedic ambulance to the island.

Because of the obvious transport time limitations of our ferry, response from the mainland is typically 30 minutes. During this period, our volunteer medical responders can provide oxygen, CPR, defibrillation, trauma stabilization, and other basic life support functions. They are also in radio or cell phone contact with the paramedic, relaying information on the patient's condition and receiving direction on treatment. In critical situations, Airlift Northwest can provide helicopter evacuation from our landing zone next to the fire station.

This capability is of no use until the 911 system is activated. Time is especially critical in suspected heart attack cases. To minimize damage to the heart, oxygen must be administered immediately and rapid transport to the hospital provided so that clot-busting drugs or other treatment may be given. Every minute of delay can reduce the patient's chances of a full recovery.

Perhaps the main reason for delay in call-

ing 911 is the fear that the problem will turn out to be minor. Contrary to popular belief, a call for 911 assistance does not have to involve obvious life-threatening symptoms. If the slightest suspicion exists that the problem might be serious, help should be immediately summoned. There is no charge for the paramedic to come to the island, and he will be glad to evaluate the patient's condition and make appropriate recommendations. If the patient is mentally alert, he or she will make the decision on treatment or transport. With our remote location and aging population, we must be especially cautious in our handling of medical problems. The fire department is standing by 24 hours a day, and is ready and willing to respond whenever needed.

**Nick Huff and Ken Freeman**

### ***THE SECOND HALF OF THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT IS DUE APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>.***

### **Ballot Results:**

There was a special ballot sent out in the last Beachcomber. Votes were to be received by March 8 if sent by mail. The votes were counted at the special meeting called for March 9. Here are the results of the balloting:

Ballot 1 - Sale of property located at 326 W. Herron Blvd. - Yes 167; No 3

Ballot 2 - Sale of property located at 16 Madrona Lane - Yes 166; No 4

Ballot 3 - Water System Plan using existing funds - Yes 152; No 18

Ballot 4 - Replacement of Ferry Ramp Lifting Cables using existing funds- Yes 161; No 9

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### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

#### Island Manager

Doug Allen (253) 884-9350

#### HMC Board of Trustees

Nick Huff, President & Transportation (253) 884-4663

Ken Freeman, VP & Emergency Prep. (253) 884-2749

Robert Pinkley, Secretary & Water (206) 367-1377

Kathy Fennell, Treasurer (206) 365-9492

Janet Podell, Asst Treasurer (253) 874 2452

Ferd Reichlin, Rules & Regulations (206) 242-7847

Bill Turpin, Land Use (253) 884-3089

#### Additional Responsibilities:

Dick Provencal, Water Repair (253) 884-2571

Al Moren, Roads; Tracy Anspach, Parks; Phyllis

Krueger, Beachcomber

**Herron Island Office Hours: Monday 9:30 as long as necessary; Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 to 4:30;**

**Friday as needed. The office is CLOSED Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday.**

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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 service.)*

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.

### DELINQUENCY LIST as of March 14, 2002

BANCHERO, Larry  
BEATY, Meritta  
BISENIUS, Holly  
BOYAKINS, May  
CEPEDA, Josefa/Ali Reed  
CONCANNON, Thomas  
COOPER, Marc  
DICKINSON, Linda  
DROUILLARD, Joni  
GRAHAM DEVELOPMENT  
HERRON HOMES  
KIRK, LeeRoy  
KUCH, John

LAWRENCE, James  
LINDAY, Jim  
O'NEILL, Mark  
OVERLAND ESTATES/  
J. Holt  
PRATT, Leonard  
THARP, Patrick  
TITZLER, David  
VAN HOY, Craig

RENTER:

CARLYLE, Tom



### Ferry Business

**The Summer schedule goes into effect April 1.**

- **Call ahead if you are planning to use the ferry for a trailer, boat, or large vehicle!**
- 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.**

### HMC Board Positions Available *We want you!!*

**BOARD APPLICATION FORMS** are in this Beachcomber. The Board needs people experienced in resource planning, budget making skills, planned community development skills and knowledgeable in the area of public administration. Don't forget, your property value is tied to the reasonable management of this association. Please fill out the application to be included in the May Beachcomber. The ballots will be counted at the June Annual Meeting, and the new Board will be installed at that time.

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### HMC Board Meeting Summary March 9, 2002

#### Administration

- The telephone long-distance carrier has been changed to Century Tel, which will save HMC approximately \$250.00 to \$300.00 annually.
- Board voted to cover Fire District 16 volunteer firefighter ferry fees when training.
- Board voted to purchase new Adobe software to publish HMC documents on the web site.

#### Transportation

- A new relief ferry captain, Megan Alford, has started training.
- Marine insurance. See insurance item below.
- Ferry ramp cable replacement was approved by the members. It is tentatively planned for the week of April 15 (school vacation week) and will take the noon ferry out of service for two days that week.

#### Finance

- Insurance: Following a meeting with Acordia Northwest, and a vote of the Board, we have changed brokers for all types of insurance we carry.
- We are advised that the insurance market this year is in turmoil and premium increases from a minimum of 20% to as much as 400% are being seen in all lines. Because carriers are dropping whole lines of business, two of our policies will not be renewed by the carrier and another may not be. Our broker is searching for new coverage.

#### Water

- Hiring an engineering firm to put together a Small Water System Management Program was approved by the members. Montgomery Water Group, Inc., which has worked for HMC previously, was selected.

#### Legal Liaison

- Still no action by the attorney on updating HMC's By-Laws. It is planned now to ask him for a meeting with the I.M. and some Board members to try to get moving on this.

#### Land Use

- A recent newspaper article on the Pierce County Solid Waste program indicated that the County is trying harder to remove junk vehicles from private property. In conversation with them they requested that we provide some numbers as to how many cars, etc. might qualify. A recent count showed about 30 cars plus various boats and trailers that have not moved for a long time and will probably meet the criteria the County has. Whether they will actually come out to the island any time soon is unknown at this point.

#### Roads

- HMC is looking for a good electrical contractor to bid on building a pump station at the North Beach to be used to fill the road watering truck.

***Doug Allen, Island Manager***

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### Easter Sunrise Service Planned



Our traditional Easter Sunrise Service is once again planned this year for 7:30 AM, Sunday, March 28 at the Rose McGinn Pavilion at the North Beach. Dallas Amidon has arranged the minister and a singing group for the services. Coffee and donuts will be ready by 7:00 AM. All are welcome and warmly invited.

### In Memoriam: Gordon Borst

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Gordon Borst, a member of the Herron Island community who passed away the first week of March. He served several terms on the Board of Trustees and was a past president of that Board. He and his wife, Kay, were also active members of the Boosters for many years. He was a good friend to the Island members. He was instrumental in the design and construction of the ferry docks as well as the small boat docks. He will be missed. Contact the HMC office for the address if you would like to send a remembrance to the family.

I found this in a couple years old Beachcomber, and thought it was worth repeating.

### THE VALUE OF VOLUNTEERS

We here in the Beachcomber "office" got to thinkin' again last month, always a dangerous thing. How much would we have to pay for the endless hours of work performed by volunteers on Herron Island?

The hours put in by the Board each month, many more hours by the eight or nine committees and their members, time volunteers by the employees without pay to improve the island facilities, all of those volunteers who work so hard at the Work Parties, and of course, the Boosters who are endlessly toiling to make the island a family-friendly place.

Figuring conservatively, it easily tops 11,000 hours a year! (A one-day Work Party can use up 300 volunteer hours.) Some of these hours are highly technical, and expensive jobs. Others are ditch digging, but have you paid for ditch digging lately? Using the very low figure of \$15/hour, the value of our volunteers is over \$330,000 a year!

The bottom line? Without our volunteers, each and every assessment would need to be \$868.42 *higher* to accomplish the same work! So next time you see a volunteer working on the island, stop to say thanks...**stop and help.**

12' Mirrocraft boat. Very sturdy, no leaks. Contact Gary at 425-821-3211 or weekends at 253-884-2274.

### Eyes on the Sound

The Coast Guard has requested that Herron Island property owners with water views consider becoming volunteer observers for the "Eyes on the Sound" program. Because of limited Coast Guard resources in covering remote areas of Puget Sound, they are asking for support from citizens in providing information for area search and rescue operations. A number of us expressed interest in the program last spring, and the Coast Guard is asking us to follow up by submitting applications giving our locations, phone numbers, and other information that they can add to their database. Further information and applications can be obtained from the "Eyes on the Sound" link on the Herron Island web site home page or applications may be obtained from the island office.

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# CANDIDATE NOMINATING FORM AND QUESTIONNAIRE

**NAME** (as you would like to have it listed on the ballot): \_\_\_\_\_

**YEARS AS A MEMBER OF HMC: \_\_\_\_\_**

**OCCUPATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

Most Recent Employer	Position	Employment Dates
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**PROFESSIONAL OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:** *Please list up to three professional or volunteer experiences (other than HMC experience) which you feel qualifies you for a position on the Board.*

Organization/Company	Nature of Work	Date Involved
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**EDUCATION OR TRAINING:** *Please list up to three degrees, certificates, or other educational achievements.*

School/College	Major	Years Attended
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**HMC EXPERIENCE ON THE BOARD, COMMITTEES OR OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

*Please list up to nine examples of your involvement with HMC, including Board experience, regular attendance at meetings, Committee experience, and volunteer activities.*

Committee/Board/Volunteer	Nature of Work	Dates Involved
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**GOALS:** *Please list three goals you would have for HMC and Herron Island during your term on the Board.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT:** *Because space is limited, please make your remarks in 300 words or less.*

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal blue or grey ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are approximately 20 lines visible. The paper has a slight shadow on the right side, suggesting it's resting on a surface. The top edge of the paper is slightly irregular, like a torn piece of paper.

I agree to be a candidate for the Board of Trustees in the election on June 8, 2002.

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*Candidate's Signature*

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### **Captain John Says:**

Please remind yourselves and your guests about the vehicle loading and passenger instructions.

1. When the light is green, proceed to wooden ramp at 5 MPH
2. One vehicle at a time down the wooden ramp.
3. Wait at the bottom of the ramp until a crew-member directs your vehicle into a lane on the ferry deck.
4. Set your parking brake, Shut motor off.
5. Remain in your vehicle until the ramp gate has been closed.
6. Follow crew instructions for loading and departing the ferry at all times.
7. Watch crew for indication of when to start your engine during the unloading procedures.
8. Do not release your parking brake or start your motor before being directed to do so by the crew.

### **How to bring a trailer to Herron Island:**

To bring a trailer onto Herron Island you must have a Certification filled out and on file at the office. Please refer to the Rules & Regulations booklet, page 8, 9.a. which reads in part, "Travel trailers and motor homes must present a completed HMC certification form prior to transport to the Island, certifying that they will be used in accordance with HMC and Pierce County sanitary regulations while on the Island."



**Pod of Orca  
Sited in Case Inlet**

Dave and Fran Owen report an exciting rare view in Case Inlet. They say that we had a visit from a pod of Orcas on the west side of the island. They happened to be looking out at the beach at approximately 10 a.m. February 20th, and were thrilled to see a large pod of Orcas, six to eight, traveling south about 200 yards off shore. At the same time, a young bald eagle was flying overhead. Who needs to go to Alaska, they ask? They have never seen this in 14 years on the island.

### **WHO DO I CALL IN AN EMERGENCY? - 9-1-1-!!!**

To eliminate confusion regarding who to call and resultant delays in response, the old VCART number has been disconnected effective February 2nd. Please remove the old orange VCART sticker from your phone as this number is no longer operational.

**THE SUMMER FERRY SCHEDULE** goes into effect April 1<sup>st</sup>. There is a schedule included in this Beachcomber. You can also get them from the ferry crew, at the office, or on the Herron Island website.

## BOOSTERS

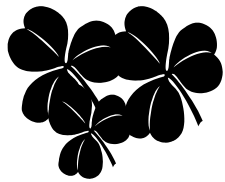
**WORK PARTIES:** The Boosters have elected to use the third Saturday of each month thru May for work parties. The second in our series was Saturday, March 16, 10 a.m. at the North Beach for tree trimming and brush clean-up.

The third work party will be on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. at the North Beach, to put the new roof on the Rose McGinn Pavilion.

The fourth in our series of work parties will be on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m., again at North Beach. This is the big island burn when all members are encouraged to bring their brush, tree limbs, etc. to the North Beach for a community burn.



As always, the Boosters will be providing lunch for each of these work parties. The more participation we receive, the sooner we can expect to be finished.

*The next Booster potluck/meeting is scheduled for the second Saturday of April, April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Community Building at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and join us.*



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March 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
 17	18	19	20	21 Transportation Meeting 7:30 PM	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
 31	Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at North Beach, 7:00 AM					

**REMINDER!!!!**  
**SUMMER FERRY SCHEDULE GOES INTO EFFECT APRIL 1ST.**

April, 2002



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
The second half of the annual assessment is due.	1 Summer Ferry schedule starts today.	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Board Meeting 10AM Boosters, 6 PM
14	15	16	17	18 Transportation Meeting 7:30 PM	19	20 Work party at North Beach to reroof Pavilion. 10:00 AM
Tentatively scheduled ramp repairs <b>may</b> cancel noon runs a few days this week. Call the office for information.						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 No shuttle on the noon ferry.
Ferry cancellations are scheduled this weekend due to low tides.						
28 1:30 and 2:00 Ferry are cancelled. The 2:30 ferry may be late.	29 The 2:30 and 3:00 ferry are cancelled.	30 The 3:30 and 4:00 ferry are cancelled.	Next work party is Saturday, May 18th, 8:00 AM at the North Beach. Herron Islanders bring their winter debris to be burned in a managed setting.			



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A sample of listings:

- Mr. & Mrs. Mizumoto's unique E side w/60 med bank wtrft. 2900 sqft. 4 bdrm, 1.75 bth, view from every room, offered at \$249,000.
- 60 ft med wtrft lot, on E Case Inlet. \$69,000
- Just listed: W side 65+ ft wtrft. Fixer cabin, 4 bdrm, .75 bth, Easy steps to beach. \$127,000

*Call me for showing, questions,  
or any real estate needs.*

### LOTS FOR SALE

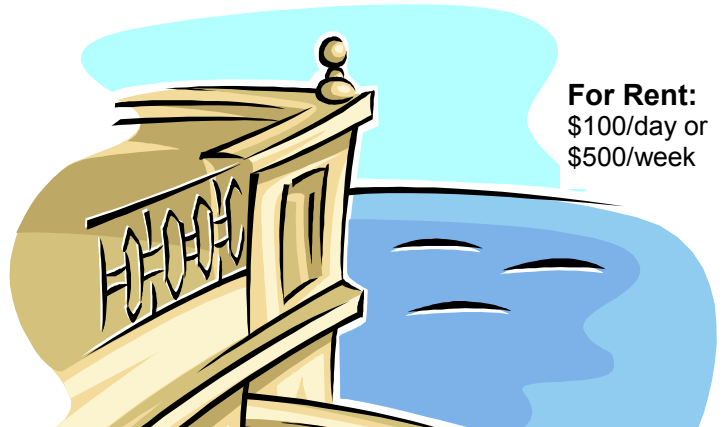
The members of the Herron Maintenance Company voted this month to put two pieces of property up for sale. In August 2000, two other lots were approved for sale as well. One of those lots did sell. The other we thought was going to sell and didn't. Therefore, we have three parcels to offer to the membership to bid on. HMC has a policy that says we cannot accept less than 85% of the value placed on a lot by Pierce County. Therefore, we do have a minimum acceptable bid for each lot. If you would like to bid on one or more of these properties, please be sure your bid is in to the office by the next Board meeting on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

Property located at 816 E. Madrona Blvd. – minimum acceptable bid \$4590.00

Property located at 326 W. Herron Blvd.-S1/2 – minimum acceptable bid \$4335.00

Property located at 16 Madrona Lane – minimum acceptable bid \$4335.00

BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, AMOUNT OF BID, AND WHICH PROPERTY YOU'RE BIDDING ON.



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

This waterfront cabin on East Herron offers:

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- Kitchen and bath are fully supplied.
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