



HMC Newsletter June 2013



President's Message

Dear HMC Members

The June elections are over and your new Board of Directors is, (in no particular order) Dianne DeGood (Member at Large), Janet Podell (Member at Large), Pat Zazzo (Vice President), Sherri Anderson (Secretary/Co-Treasurer), and myself, Gary Wanzong (President/Co-Treasurer). As you know, Mark Anderson reached the end his consecutive terms on the Board and could not run for re-election this year. Mark brought with him a wealth of knowledge and experience that contributed greatly to HMC. He contributed on many challenging projects including the updating of our Rules, reorganizing and streamlining our procedures, and updating our webpage. He was also an ardent supporter of the BOOSTERS. And, as a practicing attorney, Mark's expertise benefitted HMC greatly in his donation of countless hours of his time dealing with HMC issues resulting in vast legal cost savings to us all. I'm not going to say that he will be missed because he is not leaving the island. So even though Mark is technically off the Board, we know how to contact him and fully intend to. As the old saying goes; he can run, but he can't hide. So, thank you, Mark for all your time, effort and commitment to HMC and a big thank you in advance for your future help.

During the June Board meeting the proposed next fiscal year's budget was discussed. As usual we had a lively discussion regarding the budget, but in the end the Board did adopt a budget to present to the Members for voting. Your ballots should be arriving around June 21st. Together with the budget Members will be asked to vote to adopt changes to the Island Rules. Both the Budget and the Island Rules can be found on the HMC website and copies are available from the office. So please vote! It is your island and one of the easiest ways to become involved is to vote.

One of the topics that came up during the June Board Meeting was the issue of Reserves and what to expect in the upcoming years, so that Members can plan their personal finances. In August of 2011 the Membership voted to finance capital projects with a combination of special assessments and reserve contributions and the Finance Committee has been planning accordingly. Currently we are fully funding Reserves for normal maintenance related issues of five years or less. Beyond that HMC has been putting money into Reserve accounts with the bulk going into engine/ transmission replacement, ramp painting and dolphin replacement. For those who are not familiar with maritime terminology the dolphins are the wood looking telephone poles sticking out of the water that help guide the ferry to the ferry ramps. Currently the ferry ramps are scheduled to be painted in 2016 and the dolphins replaced in 2019/2020. Due to the engine/ transmission replacement occurring this fall, in the next budget cycle we can devote more funds to increasing the ramp and dolphin Reserves.

Another topic that was discussed is what happens to any extra funds from the previous year. We call this rollover cash. This rollover cash was mostly utilized this year to help pay for the ferry engine/transmission replacement, bills that USDA would not cover from the water project and the rest went towards our roads. When the water project was started the Finance Committee anticipated that some bills were not eligible for USDA reimbursement. So to avoid a cash shortage and having to go back to the Membership for more money, the rollover cash was allowed to accumulate for two years. When the final bills came in for the water project and the ferry engine/transmission replacement it was decided to utilize the remaining rollover cash on the roads. As a result a barge load of gravel arrived Tuesday, June 11th to be spread on the roads, which will also be used for drainage and ditch repairs. As a result too, the engine/transmission

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assessment was reduced and the last of the water project bills have been paid.

In the next few President's Messages I would like to cover some of our financial obligations and what the Membership can expect down the road. We have two more major projects ahead of us but we know about them, we know what the ballpark costs are, and are planning for them. Once we get past the ramp painting and dolphin replacement our infrastructure should be sound for the next 30 years or so.

This summer is supposed to be on the dry side with warm weather. The roads are being graded and new gravel laid, and the BOOSTERS have lots of fun events in store for us. So let's hope NOAA is accurate in their weather forecasts so we can enjoy the new water system, graveled roads along with the BOOSTERS events on July 6th and have a nice relaxing and enjoyable summer on Herron Island.

Gary Wanzong, President HMC Management Board of Directors

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

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.

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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.

Island Manager Report June 8, 2013

Administration:

<u>Volunteers:</u> Merry Kogut, Nancy Wells and Kathy Deuster applied brain power and muscle to creating our new property files by filing all the water meter records, release of lien documents and other property related materials. So far this has taken about 15 hours. Belatedly, it occurs to us that since the files are organized by Member number it will be a good idea to provide this cross-reference on our HMC forms!

Roads Committee – Thanks for trimming back those ever-growing evergreens at our intersections and hauling away the debris. Jack Wells, Andy Anderson, Steve Kramer, Mike Shettlesworth, Tracy Anspach, Judy Greinke, Carla Vierra, Don Greinke, Michael Clingman, Terrill Chilson and all the others (BOOSTERS) for installing the new roll up door in the Community Building, including raising the funds. Deb Kraft – thanks for the cleaning help before our Board meetings. Judy Greinke — for maintaining our planters outside the building. Leslie Sanderson – our roadside tansy remover.

<u>Tansy Removal:</u> Time to remove tansy ragwort from private and HMC properties. We have a volunteer to remove tansy from HMC roadways, but may still need someone to remove tansy from HMC-owned properties. Some of our Board members have volunteered, but we need more hands, please. Let the office know if you are willing to volunteer to take this walk! The tansy inspector will return during the week of June 17-21 to check for compliance.

<u>Water System Maintenance and Operations</u>: Surprisingly, we came through Memorial Day weekend without a single water service call. But connection questions do continue to trickle in. Some Members have found water in their meter boxes and asked if it will damage the meter (the short answer is "no"). In some places Herron Island is made of very hard clay, and water doesn't perc.

At the last Board meeting, the Board authorized us to negotiate with Northwest Water Systems regarding a few issues in their proposed contract. NWS was willing to modify language regarding issuance of water availability letters (HMC), and issuance of Consumer Confidence Reports (HMC), and reduce the charge for adding new active connections to the service contract. WWSC has been a good company to deal with, and very responsive to our requests; however, the Water Committee believes that there will be economies to HMC from contracting with NWS.

• **Recommendation:** That the Board authorize the Island Manager to execute a one year service agreement with Northwest Water Service, commencing September 17, 2013.

<u>Water System Project:</u> Final grading of the roads has been scheduled for June 10-12, contingent on the arrival of gravel via barge. The barge was originally scheduled for June 5, but the State of Washington preempted HMC to use the barge for repair work on the Skagit River Bridge. If all goes well, Caseco will provide 16 hours of grading and will bring over several pieces of heavy equipment. Allow plenty of time to get to the ferry on those dates.

Caseco will also remove some excess spoils from the area of Nature Park, where the dirt was dumped a little too close to the wetland. This is an HMC expense (\$800) as HMC authorized the dumping.

<u>Fire Department Liaison:</u> The fire district has notified us that they will again contract with Anderson Island for emergency service to Herron Island while the "Charlie Wells" is out of service in September.

<u>Land Use:</u> We are working through the sale of two of the HMC lots, and hope to have this completed soon.

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Emergency Preparedness: Committee Report.

<u>Parks</u>: Committee Report? The new Sport Court looks terrific, and somehow escaped deer footprints and autographs, resulting in a very nice surface. Still to come are the basketball backboards and some additional landscaping around the court. Parks has provided a full report for the Annual Meeting.

We are still working with KPFF regarding the piling stubs at North Beach, but hoping that a volunteer with mud boots and a sledge hammer can take them out during low tide. We have forwarded photo documentation to the engineer, but need to discuss this with them.

Some erosion is occurring at North Beach, on the southeast beach area.

Roads: Committee Report. Caseco and the Roads Committee worked on a proposal to improve the poor condition of "Single Lane Road" while the Caseco equipment is on the island next week. The estimated cost of the improvements, spreading gravel, grading and rolling, is \$3,000, which will come out of the Roads budget. That budget still has a balance of around \$8,000.

The Roads Committee is also working through a plan for the S Herron/E Madrona intersection, and will have estimated costs to present to the Board. This work will be done before the drainage work at the end of E Madrona, with the concurrence of the affected property owner at the waterfront.

<u>Rules:</u> Board report. The Board met informally to discuss Member comments on the proposed Rules and will produce the final draft incorporating pertinent comments.

The Rules Committee has received complaints regarding construction noise and fires. It's a good time to review the island rules, and the outdoor burning rules, all at the www.herronisland.org website.

Herron Island Ferry: We were able to recover engineering drawings from the engineering firm that designed the 1993 ramp replacement, and have provided these to Sargent Engineers. HMC should receive a report from them before the next Board meeting July 13.

We recently requested an estimate from Landau Associates for shoreline permitting for sanding and painting of the two ferry ramps, and approximately how long it will take to get the permits. This is critical to the planning, as painting and sanding can also be accomplished only at specified times (referred to as "the salmon window"). Landau advises that we should allow about six to nine months for the permit process, at a cost of about \$5-6,000 for consulting and permit fees.

HMC is now recruiting for two standby deck hands. The job announcement is posted on the HMC website. If you are interested, please provide a letter of interest and a resume to humanresources@herronisland.org.

<u>Legal Liaison:</u> We currently have 20 delinquencies, of which 7 are with the attorney for action. Delinquency rate of 5.0%. Last year at this time it was 4.5%.

• The Board is currently engaged in a legal proceeding where it would benefit HMC to continue the participation of Mark Anderson. We recommend that the Board approve his continued participation in the resolution of the matter at issue.cells

4th of July Celebrations!



Friday, July 5th—North Beach



3:00 pm

Sailboat Race (Trophies for Winners)

Rubber Ducky Races (Prizes for Winners)

Sat. July 6th—Goodpastor Park & Community Ctr.

9:00 am
Junk in your Trunk Sales
Cinnamon Rolls, coffee, etc.
Island Apparel Sales



12:00 pm 4th of July Parade



10:00 am—3:30 pm Baseball (Youth & Adult Games) (See Beachcomber for Details)

7:00 pm—11:00 pm

Music in the Park hosted by Jack Smack & the Celiacks Bring chairs, blankets and dancing flip-flops

COME JOIN THE FUN!!

"THE HERRON ISLAND RUBBER DUCKY RACE"

Back by popular demand.......
Friday, July 5th at 3:00 pm, North Beach

Don't miss this very special event!

This is a one of a kind "Two-Buck-a-Duck Race" for the young and old. Prizes will be given for the first and second winning ducks to land at North Beach on the spit or beach area.

Purchase a duck for "two bucks". BOOSTERS will record your number and place your duck into the holding pen to be distributed from the far end of the small boat docks at the race start time. A whistle will be blown when the race begins!

Stay and cheer your duck on to win. The Chairman of this event will be the official judge deciding which ducks are the winners.

The first place winner will win one-half the money taken in from the proceeds and the second place winner will receive a basket of goodies. The BOOSTERS will get the remaining money as fundraising proceeds to go toward making improvements to our island.



4th of July Weekend **Softball Games**

Thanks for all your vears of hard work Dallas

Goodpastor Park Saturday July 6th **EAST vs WEST**

(At Community Center)

1pm – 2pm: Kids Game (Ages 5-12)

2:30pm – 3:30pm: Adults Game (Ages 13 & up)

10am – 12:15pm: Registration – All Players

Tailgate Party Support your team! Join others and cheer them on! Have open tailgates - meet your neighbors and share your snacks. BOTTLED WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PLAYERS.

JULY 4th PARADE JOIN THE PARADE THIS YEAR!

All entries are welcome to join the Annual 4th of July Parade! No sign up – Just come and join in the celebration. Decorate your car, truck, boat, golf cart, bike, wagon, stroller, make a special "float" on a trailer or just decorate yourself and walk the Parade route! Be creative and show your patriotic spirit – all entries are welcome!

Herron Island Parade participants meet together Saturday, July 6th at 12:00 Noon sharp at the corner of Yew and Maple and parade down Maple and East Herron to North Beach Park. We really need a marching band to add music for our parade so any bands on the island please join in!

This event is a fun and happy patriotic celebration and builds great community Spirit. Hope to see everyone there!



ANNUAL HERRON ISLAND SAILBOAT RACE

TROPHIES FOR WINNERS

FRIDAY JULY 5TH, 3:00 pm North Beach - Multi Hull/Mono Hull [If the weather does not cooperate on Friday, the race will take place on Saturday July 6th at 3:00 pm] starting and ending at North Beach.

The start and finish line is the "line of sight" from North Beach Flag Pole to the Mainland Ferry ramp. There will be a 5 minute warning horn before the official start.

Please register before the race at the Pink Umbrella table at North Beach.

Join this annual Fun Event!



July 4th Fireworks

Fireworks are **ONLY** permitted on **Thursday evening**, **July 4th** from dusk until midnight, and are restricted to the North Beach Park Only. (On the beach area – not the parking lot)

For Safety, a 4-5 foot space will be left between the parked cars and the log bulkhead and will be

designated for families with small children to shoot fireworks. **Beach fires** will not be allowed except in the fire pit.

Volunteer Members will also be out observing the activities.

Fireworks are not permitted in any other location on the island at any time (including on private property).

RESIDENTIAL FIRE PIT ETIQUETTE

(Note: We are including this article again, because it is so close to the Holiday weekend and many of you will be having small residential fires.)

Now that summer is just around the corner, we're dreaming of those balmy evenings with family and friends gathered around our fire pits. The air is full of laughter, shared memories, and the aroma of S'mores. While all this is wonderful, legal, and fun, we need to remember that our "good times" may be a nuisance and, in some cases, a hazard to our neighbors. Here are some simple suggestions so that you can be a "good neighbor" while enjoying your fire pit.

- Burn only dry firewood. Generate as little smoke as possible.
- Check the wind direction.
- Notify your neighbors in advance.
- Better yet ... invite your neighbor.
- Be sensitive to the neighbor who may have asthma or other breathing difficulties.
- Even a "hot" fire emits the smell of smoke so consider how frequently you have a fire.
- Remember to refrain from loud voices, loud music, etc. between the hours of 10 pm and 8 am.

<u>Per the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, it's always illegal to smoke out your</u> neighbors. If they complain, you are required to put the fire out immediately.

Additionally

- Any outdoor fire must be continuously attended. Abandoning a fire could result in heavy fines.
- Burning of trash is never allowed.

For more details of island and government burning regulations, please check out the Burn Rules section of our website at www.herronisland.org.

Bottom-Line

It's been a long, long, rainy, winter. We're all looking forward to a fun, safe, and harmonious summer. Let's do everything we can make that happen for ourselves and our neighbors.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIP OF THE MONTH MEDICINE CABINET ESSENTIALS

How wonderful to have the good weather here once again! Folks are returning to open their homes for the summer and prepare for the good times with friends and family.

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While you are busy and focused on restocking the shelves in the kitchen, please don't overlook that bathroom medicine cabinet. The <u>most important</u> task is to check for out- of-date medicines and dispose of them properly. Out-of-date medications can not only be ineffective, they can also be dangerous.

Remember these when restocking the Medicine Cabinet:

- Aspirin This is the first line of defense if a heart attack is suspected. Don't be without it.
- **Benadryl** Everyone should have Benadryl 25 mg tablets in their medicine cabinet. Benadryl will work for hives and itching from pretty much anything (poison ivy, animal allergies, medication allergies, food allergies).
- **Epi-pen** You will need to discuss having this on hand with your physician. It is a prescription item and you must know how to use it correctly. It can be a life-saver in the event of a severe allergic reaction such as a bee sting.
- **Hydrocortisone cream** A 1% topical hydrocortisone cream is essential for relieving itching and inflammation from many skin lesions. Use it to help with any skin issue that ITCHES: bug bites, poison ivy or any contact dermatitis (an allergic skin reaction from something that touched you).
- Pain relievers and fever reducers The two to consider are acetaminophen (Tylenol or generic equivalent) and any NSAID (non steroidal anti-inflammatory drug) which includes ibuprofen, Advil, Motrin, or Aleve.
- Antibiotic ointment For cuts and scrapes you should have Polysporin, Neosporin or a generic equivalent in your medicine cabinet. You can wash the area with warm water and soap and apply one of the above topical ointments twice a day for a couple of days with a loose band aid.
- Band Aids Remember to have an assortment of sizes. Gauze and an elastic wrap should be on hand as well.
- Antacids These help for heartburn, upset stomach and bloating.
- Allergies These are now over the counter. The non-sedating antihistamines (Claritin, Zyrtec, or generic equivalent) should not make you tired and can work for most allergy symptoms.
- Cold and cough Let's face it the over the counter cough medicines don't work great if at all.
 What will help some of the cold symptoms (stuffy nose, ear congestion, and sinus pain) is a decongestant like Sudafed.
- **Diarrhea** Immodium (Loperamide) is recognized as one of the best over the counter options.
- **Nausea -** There are many anti-emetics that require a prescription but Dramamine over the counter tablets will work well. You can also use them for prevention of motion sickness.

While we all anticipate a fun, healthy, and safe summer providing a well-stocked medicine cabinet will give you peace of mind and allow you to respond if the unexpected happens.

Keep all of the above safely away from children



Summer Safety Reminder

If you have been on the Island in the last few days, you have noticed that most of the roads have new gravel on them.

Please drive slowly! We know that summer time is a fun time on Herron Island, but use extreme caution on the new roads.

Be Aware.....Be Cautious.....Be Safe

WORK PARTY FOR ROAD CLEANUP & BRUSH TRIMMING

SATURDAY, JUNE 22nd

Let the fun begin at 8:30-9:00 a.m.

See you all at the Community Building with tools in hand.

WATER TRUCK DRIVERS NEEDED

Take a slow trip around the island As you help keep the dust under control.

Valid Driver's License Needed

Contact HMC Manager

Tide Tables

Plots of the monthly tide tables are available on our website (herronisland.org). The plots are for nearby McMicken Island, which is the NOAA data point closest to Herron Island.



Package Delivery

If you order packages to be delivered to the mainland terminal, please track their delivery so you can be available to pick them up or make other arrangements. It is not the responsibility of the ferry crew.

Concerns or Ideas

All Members are invited to voice their concerns or ideas by using the Member Input email address, contacting the Board Members or the HMC Office:

MemberInput@herronisland.org



HMC welcomes the following new Members to Herron Island:

• Michael and Diane Thynes

FREE CLASSIFIED ADS

Model A, (known as Martha) for sale, favorite 2 time winner at a local car show, ready for new owner. Low miles and ready for summer fun, asking \$15,000. Call Dallas at 283.606.0972.

MAINLAND MAILBOX 4 SALE. \$100.00. CALL 360-377-0864

Waterfront cabin, one bedroom with double bed, double bed in loft and hide-a-bed couch. Large deck, stairs to beach. \$125/night-2 night minimum, \$700/week. Contact Jerry or Christine Palmer, 253 529 1378 or 253 797 9718.

4 sheets of 46x76x1/4 inch tinted tempered glass. Good for decks, cold frames, etc. New each sheet costs \$198. I'm asking \$35 per sheet or all 4 for \$100. Carole at 884-5288

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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.



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Please use these email addresses for all future communications to Board Members. They can be accessed on our website (herronisland.org) under the HMC Board tab.



Are You on the List?

HMC now has 312 Member email addresses on the notification list. If you want to receive updates about the water project, get notice of the online Beachcomber, or get the latest on windstorms, power outages, water line breakages, or other news, please send an email to office@herronisland.org and request that your email address be added. To be used for HMC purposes only.

Volunteer Opportunities

This is your chance to become involved.

The Roads Committee has scheduled a cleanup day on June 22nd and is looking for Volunteers to help in removing brush and downed tree limbs along the roads and ditches. Details are given on Page 12 and will be posted on the web site and White Boards. All help will be appreciated.

The Herron Island Rules Committee is looking for Members in good standing to serve on the Rules Committee.

The Land Use Committee needs Members to be involved in their work.

If you are interested in helping in any of these committees, please contact the HMC Office or one of the Board Members.

We are attempting to keep track of all of the Volunteer hours donated by the Membership. From February 1st through June 13th, we've saved \$10,215.27 in volunteer dollars which otherwise would have been spent by HMC...... and ultimately you.

And as always, "Thank You" to the many Volunteers who are always available to help on getting projects completed around the Island. Each Month the Island Manager has a list of those who have helped during the month in the Manager's report. This saves Members lots of money that isn't going out to paid help.

Reminder

Requests for reimbursement must be accompanied by a receipt and received by the office by the Thursday before the Board Meeting to be included in the list of bills to be approved by the Board. Failure to get your bill in on time will result in a delay in payment until the following month.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS

Votes Recei	ved	Officers			
Sam Argo	84	President, Co-Treasurer	Gary V	/anzong	
Dianne DeGood	135	Vice-President	Pat Za	ZZO	
Jonas Ray	22	Secretary, Co-Treasurer	Sherri	Anderson	
Tom Ritchie	43	Members at Large		DeGood	
Gary Wanzong	131		Janet F	Podeli	
Pat Zazzo	152	Total Number of Single Vote B	allots	170	
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Scott Schultz Lita Monaghan	3 1	Total number of Multiple Vote	Ballots	35	
Tony Goretti Others (Fictional)	1 6	Total Countable Vote Ballots	3	203	

Ferry Dry Dock This Fall For Engine and Transmission Replacement

Our ferry will be going in for Engine and Transmission Replacement this coming fall. It will leave the Island after the noon Ferry run on September 15th and could be out as long as two to three weeks, depending on the extent of the work that needs to be completed. More information will be posted on the HMC website and in the Beachcomber in the coming weeks.

Tansy Ragwort Removal

Tansy ragwort is one of the more serious noxious weed problems in Western Washington. In fact, Tansy is considered #1 on Pierce County's 'Terrible Ten' list!

Tansy ragwort has made beautiful Herron Island its home. Tansy contains alkaloids that can accumulate and cause liver damage in livestock and pets, making it extremely toxic. It also displaces desirable plants due to its aggressive growth and prolific seed production.

The effort and cooperation made by Herron Island property owners in the control of Tansy ragwort has steadily increased, and together we are making progress!

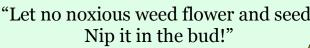
Control methods for Tansy ragwort include:

- Digging up the plant with the roots.
- Applying appropriate herbicide.
- Bagging flowers and throwing them in the garbage.
- Maintaining a healthy, vigorous cover of desirable plants.

Methods that *do not* work:

- Mowing will not control Tansy ragwort. Tansy will re-flower.
- Do not leave flowers on the ground. They can still go to seed.

Licensed Weed Inspectors from the Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Board will begin making routine inspections on the Island beginning the last week in May. If Tansy ragwort plants are discovered on your property, please eradicate them as soon as possible. Any questions concerning Tansy ragwort, control methods, a list of herbicide spray professionals, or compliance with the State Noxious Weed laws please call 253-798-7263. To leave a message with the Weed Inspector, please call 253-798-6844.





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

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

Independence Day Holiday Ferry Restrictions

Combinations of any length (vehicle towing anything) and single vehicles longer than 25 feet will not be transported Thursday, July 4th through Sunday, July 7.

Note: Thursday, July 4th the Ferry will operate on the Holiday schedule same as Sunday.

2013 Ferry Schedule Low Tide Cancellations and Adjustments

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	APRIL		JULY	
Fri, 4/26 Sat, 4/27	12:00 Noon—12:30 pm Cancelled 11:30 am -12:00 noon No shuttles	Combination	ence Day Holiday Ferry Restrictions s of any length (vehicle towing anything) chicles longer than 25 feet will not be	
	2:30 pm May leave late	transported Thursday, July 4 through Sunday, July 7.		
Sun, 4/28	2:30 pm—3:00 pm Cancelled 3:30 pm May leave late		day, July 4 the ferry will operate on dule same as Sunday.	
Mon, 4/29	3:30 pm—4:00 pm Cancelled	Sun, 7/7	11:30 am—12:00 noon Cancelled	
Tue 4/30	3:30 pm—4:00 pm Cancelled 4:30 pm May leave late	Mon, 7/8	12:00 noon—12:30 pm Cancelled	
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Combinations	Day Holiday Ferry Restrictions s of any length (vehicle towing any-	Fri, 7/19	8:30 am—9:00 am Cancelled	
not be transpo	gle vehicles longer than 25 feet will orted after 12:00 noon – 12:30 pm,	Sat, 7/20	9:30 am—11:00 am Cancelled	
•	ay 23 through Monday, May 28.	Sun, 7/21	9:30 am—12:00 noon Cancelled	
	y, May 27 the ferry will operate on lule same as Sunday.	Mon, 7/22	12:00 noon—12:30 pm Cancelled	
Fri, 5/24	12:00 noon—12:30 pm Cancelled	Tue, 7/23	12:00 noon—12:30 pm Cancelled	
Sat, 5/25	11:00 am—2:00 pm No ferry runs	Wed, 7/24	12:00 noon—12:30 pm No shuttles 12:30 pm May leave early	
Sun, 5/26	11:30 am—3:00 pm No ferry runs			
Mon, 5/27 Memorial Day	12:30 pm—3:30 pm <u>No ferry runs</u>		AUGUST	
Tue, 5/28	3:30 pm—4:00 pm Cancelled	Sun, 8/18	9:30 am—11:00 am Cancelled	
Wed, 5/29	3:30 pm—4:00 pm Cancelled	Tue, 8/20	12:00 noon May leave late	
	JUNE		Day Holiday Ferry Restrictions s of any length (vehicle towing anything)	
Fri, 6/7	12:00 Noon—12:30 pm Cancelled	and single ve	chicles longer than 25 feet will not be	
Sat, 6/8	11:30 am—12:00 noon No shuttles 12:00 Noon May leave early		fter 12:00 noon – 12:30 pm, Thursday, nrough Monday, September, 2.	
Sat, 6/22	9:30 am—10:00 am No Shuttles 10:30 am—12:00 noon Cancelled		ay, September 2 the ferry will operate on dule same as Sunday.	
Sun, 6/23	10:30 am—12:00 noon Cancelled	Note: No	shuttle means only one trip for that time.	
Mon, 6/24	12:00 Noon—12:30 pm Cancelled		A —	
Tue, 6/25	12:00 Noon—12:30 pm Cancelled		Drive Safely!	
Wed, 6/26	3:30 pm May leave late			

Please note the SUMMER ferry schedule has been changed.

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PROPOSED 2013/2014 BUDGET CHANGES

When the proposed budget failed to get Board approval during the regular Board Meeting, the Board met with members of the Finance Committee who were in attendance to work through specific areas where it was felt the budget could be revisited for further reductions. Following that meeting the 2013/2014 Proposed Budget was approved at the Annual Members Meeting with the following changes:

<u>Administration:</u> The Facilities and Grounds Maintenance hours have been reduced. The Gross Wages line item was originally recommended to be \$6,300. After further discussion this item was reduced to \$5,500. This change brought the amount needed for Payroll Taxes to \$800 from the original \$947.

<u>Parks:</u> In light of the fact that the Sport Court expenses are coming in below what was expected, the Parks Reserve contribution is being reduced this fiscal year from the original recommendation of \$2,000 to \$500.

<u>Roads:</u> The line item for the Dust Control Truck was reduced from \$2,500 to \$1,000. Given the inspection and the work that was completed last fall it is unlikely that HMC will be investing heavily in the truck in 2013/2014. The Roads Reserve contribution was reduced from \$14,000 to \$10,000.

These changes worked to reduce the proposed General Assessment to \$1,758 per assessable unit. The following pages are the revised 2013/2014 Budget going out for vote to the Membership.

Assessable Units

Units minus delinquents

HMC Management Profit & Loss Budget

Oct '12 - Sep 13 Oct '13 - Sep 14

394

388

394

389

October 2013 through September 2014

Onits initias demiquents	309	300
Total Income minus Assessments	277,278	219,570
Total Expenses and Reserves	927,686	901,609
Assessment per member	1,672	1,758
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Total Assessments	650,408	682,039
	Current	Proposed
	Budget	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Assessments	650,408	682,039
Ferry Fees	165,000	175,000
Other Income		
Beachcomber Ads	600	600
Renter's Fees, Copy, Fax and Notary	2,000	2,000
Nsf Fees	200	200
Postage	20	20
Property Transfer fee	1,000	1,000
Research Office Time Fees	500	•
		250
Interest & Handling (Delinquent Accounts)	4,558	4,500
Member Credit Card Fees	1,000	1,000
Attorney Collections (see note 5)	10,000	10,000
Total Other Income	19,878	19,570
Reserve Transfer		
Ramp Cable Replacement - every 5 years	-	25,000
Shipyard (2 Years on even years)	92,000	-
Total Reserve Transfer	92,000	25,000
Interest Earned		
HMC Management Reserves	180	_
General Fund	220	<u>-</u>
Total Interest Earned	400	-
Total Income	927,686	901,609
Expense		
HMC Regular Operations		
Accountant/Auditor	6,000	5,000
Reserve Analysis	2,000	1,300
Bad Debt Write Off	2,000	
	-	2,000
Bank Fees	350	300
Community Building Maintenance	1,000	1,000
Community Asso. Institute	150	150
Contract Svcs for Junk Removal	500	150
Credit Card Fees - Member Payments	1,000	1,000
Emergency Preparedness	500	500
State and County Taxes	6,500	6,000
HMC Property Pre-Sale Expense	200	200
Removal of unsafe trees	2,500	5,000
Insurance (see Note 4)		
Directors/Officers Ins	2,700	2,785
Crime (Break-ins and Theft)	460	460
5 Million Excess Liability	10,500	10,300
14 Million Excess Liability	9,500	9,270
Total Insurance	23,160	22,815
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Legal Fees (see note 5)		
Collection Costs	18,000	18,000
General	12,000	12,000

HMC Management

Profit & Loss Budget
October 2013 through September 2014

Current Budget	Proposed Budget
Total Legal Fees 30,000	30,000
Office Equipment 1,500 Other	1,000
Education and Training 100	150
CrystalTech-Web hosting 100	100
Mileage 200	250
Background Checks 200	200
Miscellaneous & copier contract 500	500
Total Other 1,100	1,200
Payroll Expenses 1,000	1,000
Pension Administration Ferry Crew 550	600
Postage	
Box Fee 80	80
Stamps & Postage 2,500	2,500
Total Postage 2,580	2,580
Printing 1,000	1,000
Admin Salaries	
Medical Insurance 10,000	10,300
Retirement 2,105	2,070
Gross Wages 67,051	69,230
Payroll Taxes 6,173	6,378
Total Admin Salaries 85,329	87,978
Island Security Costs 500	1,200
Office Supplies 1,200	1,200
Telephone/Fax 2,500	2,500
Utilities/Electric 2,000	1,500
Facilities and Grounds Maintenance	
Gross Wages 2,250	5,500
Payroll Taxes 300	800
Total HMC Regular Operations 175,669	183,473
Piles, Dolphins and Ferry Ramps	
Garbage - Ferry 225	250
Insurance - Docks and Piers (see note 4) 13,200	16,045
Ferry Ramp Generator Maintenance and Fuel 1,000 Other	600
Annual DNR Lease 500	225
Parts and Supplies 1,000	1,000
Other/Inspection 1,000	1,000
Total Other 2,500	2,225
Repairs/Maintenance 3,000	3,000
Sanikans 3,000	3,000
Utilities 1,900	1,900
Cable Replacement -	25,000
Total Ferry Docks and Ramps 24,825	52,020
Ferry	
Equipment 2,500	2,500
Fuel 90,000	85,500
Insurance (see note 4)	
Marine Package 19,000	19,160
Vessel Pollution Liability 1,100	1,130
Commercial Package 6,500	6,810
Total Insurance 26,600	27,100
Repairs 6,000	6,000

HMC Management Profit & Loss Budget

October 2013 through September 2014

October 2013 through September 2014		
	Current Budget	Proposed Budget
Other	Buuget	Budget
Other Pontals for fill in Contains/Dock Hands	500	500
Rentals for fill in Captains/Deck Hands Sheds (waiting, oil and school)	300	300
Cellphone	600	600
Drug Testing	600	300
Inspections and Licensing	2,300	1,500
Miscellaneous	2,000	2,000
Tickets & Passes & Stickers	1,100	1,500
Uniforms	1,200	1,300
Legal Fees - IBU Attorney	500	500
Total Other	9,100	8,500
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Passenger Vessel Asso.	450	450
Routine Maintenance & Supplies	5,500	6,000
Ferry Salaries & Benefits		
Medical Insurance	40,000	41,200
Retirement-Employer	15,545	15,648
Payroll Taxes	23,721	23,584
Gross Wages	267,168	267,087
Total Ferry Salaries & Benefits	346,434	347,519
Ship Yard	92,000	
Supplies, Paper Products, Water	2,000	2,150
Personal Property & Excise	3,000	2,130
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Total Ferry	583,584	488,319
Parks		
Maintenance		
Lawn Equipment	200	200
General upkeep including park parking	2,800	2,800
Total Maintenance	3,000	3,000
Other	-,	, .,
Garbage Pick Up	600	600
Misc.	-	100
Sanikans	3,600	3,300
Total Other	4,200	4,000
Small Boat Dock Floats		
equipment	1,000	2,000
Maint & Improvements	750	750
Total Small Boat Dock	1,750	2,750
Supplies & Equipment Repairs	1,000	1,000
Utilities	900	700
Total Dayle	40.050	44.450
Total Parks	10,850	11,450
Roads (ferry island/mainland lots)		
Auto Insurance (water truck)	850	847
Dust Control Truck	1,700	1,000
Road Maintenance (Contract Costs)	15,000	17,000
Road & Ditch Materials & Supplies	8,000	8,000
Salaries		
Payroll taxes	108	-
Tansy	600	
Total Salaries	708	-
Total Roads	26,258	26,847
I Expense	821,186	762,109
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HMC Management Profit & Loss Budget

October 2013 through September 2014

	Current Budget	Proposed Budget
RESERVE FUND BUDGET Note 3 HMC REGULAR OPERATIONS AREA		
Reserve - Legal (Cap is \$35,000 - Balance is \$34,550)	-	-
Reserve - Community Building & Sheds and Septic (Cap is \$20,000 - Balance is \$1,000)	1,000	1,500
Total HMC Regular Operations Reserve Fund Budget PILES, DOLPHINS AND FERRY RAMPS	1,000	1,500
Dock Piles and Ferry Dolphins (Cap is \$768,000 - Balance is \$108,478) Ramp Painting (Cap is \$212,000 - Balance is \$19,000)	9,000 19,000	9,000 33,500
Reserve - Inspection of Ramps (Cap is \$12,000 - Balance is \$6,000.00) Required by Pierce County.	6,000	3,000
Reserve - Ramp Cable Replacement (Cap is \$25,000 - Balance is \$5,000.00) Recurring 5 year expense cycle previously not budgeted.	5,000	20,000
Total Piles, Dolphins and Ferry Ramps Reserve Fund Budget	39,000	65,500
FERRY		
Reserve - Shipyard (Cap is \$95,000 - Balance is \$46,000) Note 1 Reserve - Engine Overhaul/Replacement (Cap is \$200,000 - Balance is \$0) Note 2	46,000 12,000	49,000 9,000
Reserve - Ferry Replacement (Cap is 1,000,000 - Balance is \$1,000)	1,000	1,000
Total Ferry Reserve Fund Budget	59,000	59,000
PARKS	,	,
Reserves - Parks (Cap is \$36,000 - Balance is \$30,700) For items such as Lawn mower, weed eater, playground equpment. Note 6 ROADS (FERRY ISLAND/MAINLAND LOTS)	4,000	500
Reserves - Roads General (Cap is \$50,000 - Balance is \$35,240) Note 7	3,000	10,000
Reserves - Water Truck (Cap is \$30,000 - Balance is \$500.00)	500	3,000
Total Roads Reserve Fund Budget	3.500	13,000
TOTAL RESERVE FUND BUDGET	106,500	139,500
TOTAL EXPENSES AND RESERVES	927,686	901,609

<u>General note:</u> This budget was generated based on analysis of the last five years of actually expenses. This budget follows the accounting requirements and format used by HMC.

- Note 1: Ferry goes into dry dock every two years on the even year
- Note 2: New engines and transmissions will be completed in Sept 2013 which will deplete the reserves. Next yard service estimated in 2016.
- Note 3: Reserve accounts are recommended to total 10% of operating budget for HOA's. Refer to Annual Reserve Fund Budget Disclosure.
- Note 4: Insurance was broken down per actual policy and allocated to appropriate departments for the 2013-2014 budget cycle.
- Note 5: Legal fee expense is partially off set by legal fee income. This allows for accounting requirements.
- Note 6: The Parks Reserve will be reduced by actual cost of the Basketball Court once that project has been completed.
- Note 7: It is expected most of the Roads Reserve will be utilitized in the 2012/2013 FY for puchase of rock and restoration of roads.

HMC WATER	Current Budget	Proposed Budget
	Oct '12 - Sep 13	Oct 13 - Sep 14
Assessable Connections	399	397
Connections minus delinquents	394	390
Base Fee per Connection	156	154
Reserve Fee per Connection	84	98
Assessment per Connection - Annual	240	252
Assessment per Connection - Monthly	20	21
Total Assessments - All Connections	94,276	98,300
Water		
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Base Fees	61,276	60,250
Reserves	33,000	38,050
New Water Connection	, -	2,000
USDA Water Special Assessment		53,278
Total Income	94,276	153,578
Expense		
Accountant/Auditor	1,000	1,000
Bad Check	200	200
Bank Fee	50	50
Contract Manager	15,000	12,000
Insurance	1,800	1,800
Legal	1,700	1,500
Mailings	1,000	1,500
Membership Fees	200	200
Mileage Reimbursement	100	400
Other Expenses	4.000	2.400
Excise Tax	1,000	2,100
Miscellaneous Permits & License	400	500
Water Samples	1,000 500	500 500
Total Other Expenses Repairs - Parts	2,900 2,000	3,600 2,000
Supplies & Repairs - Contractors	3,000	2,000
Utilities	3,000	3,000
Wages - Administrative and Meter Reading	24,400	27,800
Taxes	2,420	2,600
Insurance	1,980	-
New Water Connection	-	2,000
Pension	526	600
USDA Water Special Assessment	-	53,278
Total Expense	61,276	115,528
To Water Reserve (Cap is \$1,800,000.00 - Balance is \$110,123)	33,000	38,050
Total Expense and Reserve	94,276	153,578

Proposed 2013/2014 HMC Fee Schedule

Monthly Handling Fee for Delinquent Accounts:

For balances of \$60.00 or less \$ 15.00 For balances of \$60.01 or more \$ 30.00

Interest	1% Monthly or 12% per Annum
Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF)	\$ 35.00
Office/Research per hour	\$ 40.00
Placing and Releasing Liens	HMC Attorney Rates at the time
Lost Vehicle Decal Replacement	\$ 5.00
Special Ferry Run (per run)	\$175.00
Copies: Black/White each	\$ 0.20
Color each	\$ 1.00
FAX – Incoming/Outgoing per page	\$ 1.00
Member Credit Card Fee	4%
Renter's Application Fee	\$ 60.00
Renter's Annual Renewal Fee (billed in full in October)	\$ 30.00
Beachcomber Ads – per ¼ page	\$ 20.00
Beachcomber Mailing	\$ 18.00/year or \$2.00 per issue
Returned Mail	Post Office Rate
Notary Services	\$ 10.00
Community Center Building Rental + Damage Deposit	\$100.00

(Applies only to private parties – up to \$50.00 refundable). See HMC Rule D-2. (Events open to the entire community need member signature, \$50 deposit; \$50 deposit will be refunded if hall is left clean.)

Property and Water Account Transfer Ownership Fee	\$1	175.00
Water Availability Letter (Completed by Island Manager)	\$	50.00
Water Connection Repair Admin Fee	\$	50.00
(Repair expense will be actual cost charged by approved contractor)		

New Water Connection fee includes 3 components:

1. Admin Fee \$ 50.00

- 2. New Water Connection Installation expense will be *actual cost* charged by approved contractor.
- 3. Capital Cost Recovery
 - **a.** 2012/2013 Water Project Special Assessment of \$178.20 prorated since inception April 2013. Plus monthly charge of \$14.85, billed quarterly at \$44.55 for the next 39 years.

OR:

b. Pay the total balance of \$7,128.20, the per-connection proportionate share.

Water Cross Connection Administration Fee	\$ 50.00
Water Shut-Off Fee	\$ 50.00
Water Reestablish Connection Fee	\$ 50.00
Water Inactive Status/install lock	\$ 50.00
Return Water to Active Status/remove lock	\$ 50.00