



The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

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President's Message

This is my last message before term limits require me to take at least a year off the board, and I'd like to share some final thoughts with you.

Inside this issue is the planned budget for FY 2005/2006. The assessment for the next fiscal year is estimated to be \$1,100 per assessable unit. This 2.4% increase over last year's assessment is quite low considering the big increase in ferry fuel cost, but we weren't hit by insurance premium increases as heavily as in the past couple of years. The final budget proposal will be published in the June Beachcomber, but no changes are expected from this preliminary version. Thanks to Fred Fath, Kathy Fennell, and the finance committee for analyzing past expenses, projecting labor costs and recommending reasonable raises for our employees, and assembling the final spreadsheet. Fred will present the final budget in detail at the June 11th annual meeting, after which your approval will be requested in the June Beachcomber.

It's disappointing that some of our members still seem to be confused about the origin and function of our assessment method. I've said this before, and it bears repeating, that the revised plan was chosen by membership vote and not by the board. The membership was given the option of retaining our old method of one assessment per member regardless of number of properties held, or switching to one of several alternative plans. The membership chose a compromise plan in which owners of a single lot or cluster of contiguous lots would pay less than they would under the old plan, while owners of multiple lots at separate locations around the island would pay more. It has no effect on our total budget, but is just a revision of how the

total expense is divided among us. It doesn't satisfy everybody, but it's what we'll live with.

Before I leave the board, I want to give special thanks to our employees. Our office staff and ferry crew do a fantastic job of maintaining our administrative and transportation systems while dealing with occasionally difficult people. Thanks also to Scott Schultz for his continuing efforts to plug our increasingly leaky water system, and to Kerry Denny for keeping the grass mowed and trimmed in our parks. They have been given well-deserved, although moderate, raises in next year's budget.

I'd also like to clear up some misconceptions about the chain of command that our employees operate under. They work for the corporation in which we, as owners, are shareholders. This does not mean that they have 368 bosses. They report to the island manager, who provides supervision, recommends pay increases, and writes annual performance evaluations for each employee. The island manager reports to, and is evaluated by, the board president. This system has worked exceedingly well in the past five years, and island manager Doug Allen is largely responsible for the fact that we are no longer facing the lawsuits, Coast Guard fines, insurance cancellations, and high crew turnover that have plagued us in past years. Ultimate authority on the island rests with the membership, through elections in which board members are appointed and bylaws amendments and annual and special budgets are approved. As individual owners, we do not outrank or give orders to employees, board members, or other volunteers. Most of us understand this, but a few need to lose their "I pay your salary" attitude.

I'd like to comment on a couple of bizarre -



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rumors that I recently became aware of. One is that island politics determined where the last barge load of gravel was distributed on the roads. The other is that certain favored members pay less in assessments than our bylaws call for. Normally I think that conspiracy theorists are best ignored, but my concern is that some of our newer members might be tempted to believe such nonsense. I want to assure them that no one on the current board volunteered for the purpose of pursuing a private agenda, seeking financial gain, or settling personal grudges, and that there are no financial or legal improprieties in our operations.

Our \$200 special assessment passed by a four-to-one margin and we are ready to begin construction on our new water reservoir as soon as we get the go-ahead from Pierce County. Our permit has been signed off by three of the four required departments, but we are having trouble getting the county engineering department to look at our application. We have appealed to our county councilman to ask the department to move us up in priority because of our potential contamination problem, but without success so far. Al Moren is investigating the possibility of obtaining government grants or low-interest loans to pay for the replacement of our distribution system. Hopefully we would be able to spread the loan over 40 years, allowing future users to share in the cost. We'll keep you informed.

An island house was destroyed earlier this month because of a chimney fire. Owners with fireplaces or uncertified wood stoves are especially vulnerable to flames igniting chimney deposits and are cautioned to have their chimneys cleaned. I want to thank the Key Peninsula Fire Department, including island volunteer Michael Jones, the Gig Harbor Fire Department, and Peninsula Light for sending units to the scene. Thanks also to our weekend ferry crew for making several special runs

to transport the vehicles.

Whenever we have a fire on the island, someone complains that island residents should be allowed to operate the fire engine stored on the island. The answer is always the same: National standards and state law prohibit anyone who is not fully trained as a firefighter from operating a fire engine. The Key Peninsula Fire District would be happy to train volunteers, but it would entail completing the same rigorous training program as career firefighters. It would also be of no use to drive the vehicle to the scene and park it by the burning house, as some islanders advocate. The engine would be useless without personnel to operate the pump and hose, and would just be in the way when the mainland vehicles arrive.

Three board positions are opening up in June. We have six candidates who have volunteered for the critical job of administering our bylaws and finances. They have submitted applications which are contained in the following pages. Please examine the background, goals, and statement of each candidate and vote for the three of your choice.

I want to thank everyone who has given me support and encouragement over the past two years, and I hope that you will provide the same support for your next president.

Ken Freeman





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Important Phone Numbers

Island Manager

Doug Allen (253) 884-9350

HMC Board of Trustees

Ken Freeman, President (253) 884-2749

Bill Zazzo, VP & Water (425) 823-1902

Fred Fath, Secretary/Treasurer (206) 246-7016

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

Clarrie E. Jones

Additional Responsibilities

Nick Huff, Transportation (253) 884-4663

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

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

Mary Turpin, Rules & Regulation (253) 884-3089

Tracy Anspach, Parks (253) 588-1921

Patty Haenen Jones, Office Manager (253) 884-9350

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

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Office Fax: (253) 884-5047

Website: <http://www.herronisland.org>

Office Email: Office@herronisland.org

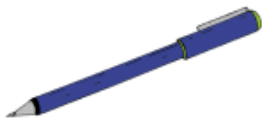
Manager email: HMCManager@herronisland.org

Beachcomber: hjonesp@yahoo.com

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 May 2005

BRYSON, JR. — COPELAND—CRAVENS, B.—HILLBERG TRUST—KEGEL, R.—KIRK, L.—KIRK, M (Estate of)—LEHMAN (DROUILLARD)—MARTIN, S.—MCRAE FAMILY—O'NEILL—OVERLAND (Estate of)—RUCKS.—TCHOCHIEV—TITZLER—WAGEMANS, GREGORY—ZUMAYA.

Ferry Business

- Call ahead if you are planning to use the ferry for a trailer, boat, or large vehicle!
- Only those guests with valid passes will be allowed on the ferry.
- Plan your arrival at the dock at least 5 minutes before the scheduled time of departure.
- Walks-ons are not to be on the dock or ramp when cars are being loaded. Watch crew for permission to board.
- Only service and delivery people may charge fares.

LATELY WE HAVE EXPERIENCED GUESTS AND SERVICE PEOPLE EXPECTING TO COME OVER TO THE ISLAND WITHOUT GUEST PASSES. THIS VIOLATES THE ACCESS POLICY THAT WAS PUT IN PLACE FOR ALL OF OUR SECURITY. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR GUEST HAS A VALID GUEST PASS SIGNED BY YOU TO ENSURE THEY ARE ABLE TO RIDE THE FERRY. PROVIDING GUEST PASSES IS NOT PART OF THE DECKHAND'S JOB.

Beachcomber News Items need to be submitted to the HMC Office by the Friday after the Monthly Meeting. Items MUST be typed or emailed. Your name and phone number is to be included in case there are any questions. Paid advertisements are to be arranged through HMC Office PRIOR TO PUBLICATION.

Notice of Annual Membership Meeting of HMC Management

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Article 4 of the Bylaws of the Herron Maintenance Company that the annual meeting of the membership will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2005 at the hour of 12:00 Noon at the HMC Community Building. At the meeting, filling of three (3) vacancies on the Board of Directors will be voted on.

Members may vote in person at the meeting or by mailing or delivering the enclosed absentee ballot to the HMC Office so that it is received prior to the time of the meeting. *Ballots will not be counted unless your name and signature appear on the large envelope.*

BOARD CANDIDATE RESUMES

Board candidates are listed in alphabetical order with the wording as received from the candidate.

NAME: Sam Argo

YEARS AS A MEMBER OF HMC: 8

OCCUPATION: Construction Loan Officer/Contractor

PROFESSIONAL OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

N/A

EDUCATION OR TRAINING:

N/A

HMC EXPERIENCE ON THE BOARD, COMMITTEES OR OTHER ACTIVITIES:

N/A

GOALS: We need a operational - safe water system. I would work towards the office manager being a full time 4 to 5 days accessable office.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT: I will work for the fair and unbiased office management. Office should be open on Fridays & Saturdays. All island employees should be accountable with yearly reviews. This would include the manager.

NAME: Kathy Fennell

YEARS AS A MEMBER OF HMC: 7

OCCUPATION: Manager, Center for Children with Special Needs, Children's Hospital & Regional Medical Center, Seattle

PROFESSIONAL OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE: I've held a variety of positions in health care over the last 30 years, including 20 years of program development and management experience. My current job focuses on human resources, grant and contract development, project management, and financial tracking.

EDUCATION OR TRAINING:

Univ. of Calif., San Francisco	Bachelor of Science, Nursing	Graduated 1975
University of Hawaii	Masters in Public Health	Graduated 1979
City University	Masters in Business Administration	Graduated 1994

HMC EXPERIENCE ON THE BOARD, COMMITTEES OR OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Recording Secretary for the Board, 1999

Board Member /Treasurer, 2000-2002

Finance Committee member: 2000-present; Finance Chair 2000-2002

Boosters: Member 1998-present; Secretary 1998-1999

GOALS:

- Preserve our unique island environment and quality of life
- Move forward with necessary improvement projects in a financially responsible way

CANDIDATE STATEMENT: My professional experience in health care and business management has provided me with skills that are relevant to the Board. My management style is to listen more than I speak, focus on issues, pay attention to details, inject a sense of humor when possible, and follow through on what I say I'll do. I look forward to working with HMC members and the Board to address the issues that face our unique community.

NAME: Ken Hughes

YEARS AS A MEMBER OF HMC: 9 months

OCCUPATION: Stay at home Dad

PROFESSIONAL OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE: Graham Advisory Commission, Chehalem Park and Recreation Budget Committee, Yamhill County Planning Commission, Dayton School District Budget Committee

EDUCATION OR TRAINING: Portland Community College, Accounting (no degree), 2 years

HMC EXPERIENCE ON THE BOARD, COMMITTEES OR OTHER ACTIVITIES: None

GOALS: Finish water project, upgrade South Beach Trail, clean up abandoned lots, maintain and improve what we have.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT: We have a beautiful island. Lets keep what we have that way & continue to improve the community. I think we have to look to new members to do this.

NAME: Clarrie Jones

YEARS AS A MEMBER OF HMC: 2

OCCUPATION: Retired

PROFESSIONAL OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE: Four years Sea Scouts, six years Royal Air Force, Twenty-eight years with an electronics distributor as Senior Sales Representative before becoming CEO of own business, twenty-six years as a volunteer leader within Boy Scouts of America including Scoutmaster with Wood Badge commendation, volunteered with local 4-H and children, taught leadership skills to local teens, Youth Minister and Sunday school teacher and one of the original leaders of the Outreach Program, active in local community meetings, two years of emergency preparedness volunteering, and an active Booster member.

EDUCATION OR TRAINING: Royal Air Force Maint/SCC Command Division, AS Safety & Security from Oxford University, AS in Mechanical Engineering from Franklin University, Electronic and Electrical Engineering at Belden College, trained Scoutmaster of Boy Scouts of America with Wood Badge commendation.

HMC EXPERIENCE ON THE BOARD, COMMITTEES OR OTHER ACTIVITIES: HMC Board of Directors, 2004-2005. A member of the Herron Island Emergency Preparedness Group to help prepare the island for all emergency situations. A member of the Boosters, working to help refine areas of the island for the enjoyment of our members and their children.

GOALS:

1. Continuing the unique Herron Island environment.
2. Preparing Herron Island for the future while preserving our wonderful way of life
3. Ensuring that each member's rights are protected and held first before anything else

4. Meeting each member's needs and working to create a safe and enjoyable environment
5. To continue to support the efforts to provide a clean and efficient water system as well as build a system with adequate capability to support fire fighting abilities.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT: Although I have been a member of Herron Island for only a few years, I have grown to love this wonderful island and its unique way of life. I have come to value each characteristic that makes Herron Island the place that each of us yearned for in a community. My family has been heavily involved in committing our time to the island. My wife, Patty, is the Office Manager. My son Michael is presently the only certified volunteer firefighter/EMT that we have, ensuring that the island has daily protection until reinforcements from the mainland arrive. It is a team effort that parallels the community effort that the membership puts forth in maintaining our island home. Each day I walk the island, viewing the area I have come to call my home and getting to know each member that I encounter. Of all things that I believe in, I believe most strongly that it is important to get to know each member and their desires, beliefs, and concerns. This island belongs not to one person but to all and I believe each voice should be heard. Some positive changes may need to be done on the island to ensure a quality way of life. This should not be done at the expense of our way of life. With the new water tank in the works a time of construction and change is ahead. My desire is to ensure that the member's lives are affected as little as possible by these necessary operations. I also know that many members are concerned about how quickly the environment on the island is changing due to new homes being built, trees being cleared away, and a sizable increase in summer guests. Change is something that no one can stop. But while we cannot stop the future, we can work together as a community to help shape that future into something that meets everyone's desires and still upholds our way of life. I hope to work with the Board and each member to create a plan for the future that will allow Herron Island to be enjoyed as it has in the past for many generations to come.

NAME: Al Moren

YEARS AS A MEMBER OF HMC: 15+

OCCUPATION: Retired

PROFESSIONAL OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

33+ years industrial purchasing.

EDUCATION OR TRAINING:

Carleton College	Biology	4 years
San Jose State	Post Grad Biology	1 semester
Pepperdine University (Adult Evening Program)	MBA (degree not awarded)	2+

HMC EXPERIENCE ON THE BOARD, COMMITTEES OR OTHER ACTIVITIES:

3 terms (6 yrs) Board member & acting road Chairperson

Booster member 15 yrs

GOALS: I believe the highest priority we have on Herron Island is to renew our water distribution system. We need to complete our water system study, define the costs, and determine the best way of financing the project. I am committed to work toward the completion of this vital upgrade of our infrastructure.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT: It has been a privilege to have been a part of the Herron Island community. I have enjoyed participating in the board activities, Booster events & projects and look forward to continuing to be active in these areas. Our past two years as full time residents has confirmed our belief that there is no better place to be than Herron Island.

NAME: Gerry Smith

YEARS AS A MEMBER OF HMC: 35

OCCUPATION: Retired

PROFESSIONAL OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

EDUCATION OR TRAINING: Seattle University, Engineering

HMC EXPERIENCE ON THE BOARD, COMMITTEES OR OTHER ACTIVITIES: Previous board member

GOALS: My goal is to curtail the over population of our island. The board members, our ferry crew and resident real estate person have contributed to news paper articles, advertisements and increased the membership by their actions. The demand for property has sky rocked. Herron Island was once a closely guarded secret which has keep it untouched. If this philosophy continues soon there will be a house on every lot.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT: The board would want you to believe that more is better. You the membership have been convinced that forcing the multi-lot owners to sell to new property owners is a good thing. It hasn't reduced the assessment. It will never reduce the assessment. Every time you add a new owner more drain is imposed on our facilities. More water, larger tank, more road repair,

more ferry runs, more ferry repair, more fuel and more secretary office time will be required. The demand for bigger and better facilities will continue to climb as we add new owners. Last summer we waited three and four ferry runs to gain access to the island. This year there will be even longer waits to get on and off the island. May be not get on at all. Most of use came to Herron Island because of easy access, it's untouched beauty, open spaces and great atmosphere. Do we want this condo philosophy to continue to sell off our island? Do we want to create the need for a larger ferry or even a sewer system with our own treatment plant. Pierce County will tell you that your headed in that direction. Certainly increase in population is inevitable but lets not hurry it along like the board has done.

Official Ballot and Voting Instructions

1. Vote for up to three (3) candidates.
2. Insert your ballot in the envelope marked “Official Ballot” and seal the envelope. Do not put your name on this envelope. Do not place anything other than one Ballot in this envelope.
3. Place the small envelope marked “Official Ballot” in the large envelope. **You must sign the large envelope and make sure that your name and address appear on the large envelope. *If your name and signature do not appear on the outside of the large envelope, your vote will not be counted.***
4. To be considered a member in good standing and have your vote counted, all delinquent charges and assessments must be paid in full before the Ballots are counted.
5. Please make sure that your name is legible on the large envelope. If your name cannot be read, the Ballot will not be counted.
6. Your absentee Ballot must be received in the HMC Office by 12:00 Noon, Saturday, June 11, 2005 to be counted. If you prefer to vote in person, please attend the annual meeting. The Ballots will be counted at that time.

Election of Members of the 2005-2006 Board of Trustees

Sample Ballot - Use ballot received by USPS for voting

Vote for up to three (3) candidates. Incumbents are indicated by (I).

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Sam Argo

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Kathy Fennell

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Ken Hughes

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Clarrie Jones (I)

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Al Moren (I)

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Gerry Smith

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Write In* _____

***Write In candidates must be members in good standing.**

PROPOSED 2005-2006 HMC BUDGET

Budget Year	2004-2005	2005-2006
Assessable Units	371	378
Units minus delinquents	360	368

SUMMARY/INCOME

Non-Assessment Income			
Ferry User Fees	130000	130000	Actuals for 2005 running a little behind projections
Interest	500	1000	Rates are low but increasing
Payments/Delinquent Accts	2000	2000	
Carryover from previous year		10000	Reflects partial excess of revenue over expenses for last year
Miscellaneous	4000	5000	Actuals for 2005 running a little ahead of budget
Required Assessment Income	386751	404746	
Total Income	523,251	552,746	
Total Expenses	523,251	552,746	
Charge/assessable unit If Everyone Paid	\$1,042	\$1,071	Based on number of assessable units with 66% phase-in
Charge/assessable unit considering uncollectables	\$1,074	\$1,100	Based on number of assessable units adjusted for uncollectables

EXPENSES

ADMINISTRATION			
Office Equipment	100	800	Allows for unanticipated equipment replacement
Emergency Preparedness	600	700	Increase for Emergency equipment and supplies
Community Associations Institute	400	575	
Accountant	3600	4000	
ADP Payroll Service	2500	2500	
Bank Fees	200	200	
Insurance			
Directors/Officers	3000	3000	
Facilities and general liability	23200	20000	Insurance rates did not increase as expected
Employee Dishonesty	600	600	
Auto/Truck	2000	1000	Sold one vehicle so now just the watering truck
Legal Fees			
Collection Costs	4000	2000	Some collection costs recovered from delinquent members
General	4000	4000	Trying to hold the line on legal costs
Liens	100	100	
Litigation	5000	0	Litigation reserve felt adequate
Other			
Ferry Fees	300	0	No longer needed as employee ferry fees waived
Ads for New Employees	400	400	Need for backup captains
Website	350	350	
Misc.	900	1500	Current year expenditures higher due to claim deductables
Postage			
Bulk Mail Permit	200	200	
Meter Rental & Box Fee	500	500	
Stamps & Meter Filling	2700	3000	
Printing			
Copier Contract	2800	2800	
Printing - Other	250	2500	Last year budget inadequate for printing costs
Admin Dept. Wages	48300	53705	Wage adjustments for job parity and COLA
Payroll Taxes	4860	5400	
Retirement	1150	1350	Employee participation
Federal, State & County Taxes	2000	2200	
Office Supplies	800	800	
Telephone/Long Distance	2000	2000	
Total Administration	116,810	116,180	
DOCKS			
Repairs/Maintenance	4,000	2,000	
Other			
Parts & Supplies	1,200	1,200	
Inspection	1000	3000	Lowest bid for required county inspections of mainland terminal
Annual DNR Lease	1700	2000	
Utilities	1200	1200	
Total Docks	9,100	9,400	
FERRY			
Ferry Dry Dock and Major Repairs	40000	45000	Increase to cover dry dock cost increase and major repairs
Fuel	29000	38000	Price of Oil increase. Estimate with actual impact unknown.
Insurance	43500	41000	Insurance cost stable with ferry operational performance
Equipment	2000	1000	
Routine Maintenance	10000	11000	Anticipated cost increases for parts and service
Ferry Dept. Wages	158923	168336	Cost of living adjustment and scheduled merit raises
Payroll Taxes	15336	16250	
Medical/Life Insurance	18500	20700	Insurance costs may increase less but this is best estimate

Retirement	9387	9815	
Supplies	1400	1400	
Personal Property & Excise Tax	3000	3400	
<i>Other</i>			
Ferry Cell Phone	600	600	
Drug Testing	800	1000	
Inspection & Licensing	1400	1400	
Pension Administration	700	600	
Tickets, Passes & Stickers	1000	1000	
Uniforms	900	1200	
Ferry Fees	50	0	
Passenger Vessel Assoc. Dues	350	350	
Misc.	700	1500	
Total Ferry	337,546	363,551	
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<i>PARKS</i>			
Parks Dept. Wages	1000	1000	
Payroll Taxes	165	165	
Maintenance	500	1000	
<i>Small Boat Dock</i>			
Maintenance	150	300	
Supplies & Repairs	500	500	
Utilities	225	400	
Equipment reserve	0	1000	New reserve being built to replace equipment
<i>Other</i>			
Playground Improvement	500	0	
Misc.	2200	3000	South Beach Parking, gravel, signs
Sanikans	4700	5200	Anticipated increases due to fuel costs
Garbage Pick Up	1000	1200	Anticipated increases due to fuel costs
Total Parks	10,940	13,765	
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<i>ROADS</i>			
Contract Work & Repairs	12700	13000	Continuing work on roads and ditches
Supplies & Materials	4500	5800	Includes gravel and road signs
<i>Maintenance</i>			
Other	200	200	
Tansy Weed Control	600	500	
Dust Control Truck	1500	1500	
Utilities	200	200	
Total Roads	19,700	21,200	
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<i>WATER</i>			
Contract Manager	1200	1400	
Water Dept. Wages	5800	6250	Includes salary COLA adjustments
Payroll Taxes	830	875	
Water Reserve	12000	12000	Replacement over 5 years of \$60,000 reserve fund
Supplies/Repairs	2000	2000	Tank replacement from reserves in 2005
Utilities	4000	3000	
<i>Other</i>			
Membership-Evergreen Water	150	150	
Misc	275	275	
Permits & Licenses	900	900	
Water Samples	1200	1000	With new tank, this may decrease even more
Excise Tax	500	500	
Truck Expenses	300	300	Truck expense replaced by reimbursement for use of employee truck
Total Water	29,155	28,650	

**HMC Management
Board Meeting Summary
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Administration

- Several part-time (fill-in) ferry employees have recently moved away, resigned or become unavailable to work. This leaves HMC with only one fill-in deckhand and potentially zero fill-in captains.
- Discussion of upcoming changes to the HMC employee's health insurance plan.

Information items

- The water department pickup truck has been sold.
- The Community Building monitored alarm system is operational.

Emergency Preparedness/Fire Department

- A report to the Board was prepared by FD volunteer Firefighter/EMT Michael Jones.
- It would be very helpful to the island if additional volunteer firefighter/EMT's who reside on the island could be trained and certified.

Land Use

- Several HMC-owned lots have been sold.

Transportation

- Due to very low tides during the upcoming Memorial Day weekend, several scheduled ferry runs will have to be cancelled. Therefore, some **additional runs will be added** as follows: Friday, May 27: 11:00-11:30 AM, 5:30-6:00 PM; Saturday, May 28: 7:30-8:00 AM, 5:30-6:00 PM.

Roads

- We have already heard complaints this year of speeding and reckless driving, apparently by young drivers, on island roads.
- Drivers are needed for the road dust watering truck. Experience with heavy trucks is desirable but not required. Being checked-out on the water truck is required.

Water

- Apex Engineering reports that three of the four Pierce County departments that must sign off on our reservoir building permit have done so. Only the Engineering Department remains. Because it is severely backlogged, we have authorized the County to out-source the permit review in order to speed up the process.



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**HERRON ISLAND
YARD MAINTENANCE**

ALLEN MOREN
253-884-2721

Garden Club News



May

Please disregard the previous ad in last month's Beachcomber regarding the cancellation of the Memorial Day Plant Sale. Fortunately, we will again have bedding plants for a plant sale at the Flea Market on Sunday, May 29th!

Everyone's support of the sale is appreciated, since it is the only fundraising activity held by the club.

Questions?

Contact Carol McNair, mornings or after 4:00PM at 253-884-4467.



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

The weather is COOL! ~~ The Real Estate market is HOT!
Is your life taking a turn in another direction ~ away from the island or to the island full-time. Let's get together and talk ~
I can help you with both island and mainland marketing

DALLAS AMIDON, Resident Island Realtor
Direct~ 253-606-0972 ~~ Message~ 1-877-428-4996
Home~ 253-884-6166 ~~ Fax~ 253-884-4425
Visit: www.HerronIsland.com ~~ E-mail: HerronIsland@hotmail.com
Windermere Key Realty, Inc. ~~ See our ads in the Real Estate Book.

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

Administrative Day Appreciation

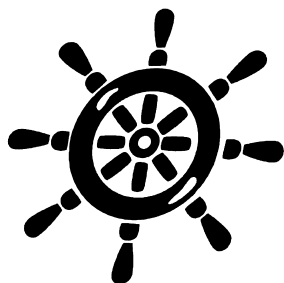
- Thank you to the Ferry Crew and their families for the
- potted African Milk Tree and card, and also to the
- members who brought the Cana Lilies, Hershey
- Kisses, and wonderful fudge to the office!





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CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

CANCELLATIONS

Fri 5-27 2:30-3, 3:30-4, 4:30 LEAVES LATE

Sat 5-28 2:30-3, 3:30-4, 4:30-5

DUE TO LOW TIDES EXTRA RUNS WILL BE ADDED ON FRI. MAY 27TH AND SAT. MAY 28TH ONLY.

Fri. 11am-11:30am & 5:30pm-6pm

Sat. 7:30am-8am & 5:30pm-6pm

REMINDER

****COMBINATIONS OF ANY LENGTH AND SINGLE VEHICLES LONGER THAN 25 FEET WILL NOT BE TRANSPORTED AFTER THURSDAY 12PM DURING HOLIDAY WEEKENDS.****

TRASH DISPOSAL

Please be aware of island rule G-4, which states that trash must be picked up commercially or removed from the island by the member. Persons caught dumping their trash on common property or the private property of others are subject to a \$100 HMC fine plus penalties from county law enforcement.

CAMP PUGH ESTATE SALE!!!!

1113 East Herron Blvd

Everything must GO!!

Memorial Weekend all day Sat. and Sun.

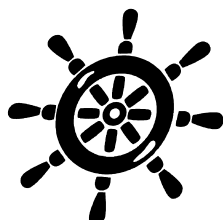
Leather couches, slate pool table, new vinyl windows,

Bunk beds, living room furniture, kitchen items



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CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

JUNE LOW TIDES

Sat	6-4	10:30-11, 11:30 MAY BE LATE
Sun	6-5	10:30-11, 11:30-12
Mon	6-6	12 - 12:30
Tues	6-8	12-12:30
Wed	6-8	12-12:30 NO SHUTTLES
Fri	6-10	2:30-3
Sun	6-19	10 LEAVES EARLY 10:30-11
Mon	6-20	12:00 LEAVES LATE
Tues	6-21	12-12:30
Wed	6-22	12-12:30
Thurs	6-23	12-12:30
Fri	6-24	12:30 LEAVES EARLY NO SHUTTLE, 2:30-3, 3:30 LEAVES LATE
Sat	6-25	2:30-3, 3:30-4
Sun	6-26	3:30-4

Help Wanted

Part-time captains and deckhands, volunteer water truck drivers. Contact island manager.



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911

**Herron Island Emergency Preparedness Group
(Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Teams)**

**PREPAREDNESS MEETING - 10:30 a.m. 4th Saturday of every month at the
Fire Station/Community building**

For those of you who may not know we just had our first house fire on Herron Island in several years. A number of residents watched this unique and frightening display with the realization that even Herron Island is susceptible to such events. As our population increases so shall our need for fire and medical response. The tools are here for anyone who has the time to learn how to use them and help to protect both their and their neighbor's homes.

I would also like to point out a few things regarding house fires here on the island. First of all, please install current smoke alarms and check the batteries regularly. The sooner you know about a fire, the sooner you can call the fire department and they can get there that much faster. This more often than not will make the difference in whether or not your house can be saved.

Concerning safety around such events, I would like to remind everyone who may be watching to please stay away from the fire. Not only is it dangerous for your personal safety but you may also get in the way of the fire department which would slow down their response. Also, if you feel the need to drive down to the location, PLEASE park your car off of the road. A number of people had to be told to remove their vehicles as they were blocking the fire vehicles from passing.

But on a positive note about being in the vicinity, there are things that concerned members can do to help. Several members brought chilled drinks for members of the fire department. As a volunteer fire-fighter, I can tell you that we appreciate it! If you were there before the fire department arrived, stay well away from the fire but keep a close eye on what happens. This information could be a big help to us when we arrive.

I would like to urge everyone to attend our monthly meetings and to learn more about what each person can personally do to help protect their beautiful island home. Be safe!

Michael D. Jones
Director/Chairman



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Memorial Day

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 !!CPR Class!! 10am Make sure you sign up!
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14 Board Meeting 10am Booster 6pm
15	16	17	18 Anniversary 1980 Mt. St. Helens Eruption	19	20	21 Armed Forces Day
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 No HIEPG Meeting due to CPR class
29	30 Memorial Day	31				

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 First Aid Class
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Board M. 10am Annual M. 12pm Booster 6pm
12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day	20	21 Summer Solstice	22 Full Moon	23	24	25 No HIEPG this month.
26	27	28	29	30		

WELCOME ALL NEWCOMERS!



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

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