



HMC Newsletter August 2007



http:/www.herronisland.org President's Message

Once more I have to report that the Island Community rallied to overcome what could have been a very lengthy and expensive repair job resulting from a malfunction on the Island's ferry ramp. For some unknown reason, one of the remote controllers on the ferry used for raising and lowering the ramp triggered an action late on a Friday night. The result was that the ramp motor tried to raise the ramp and destroyed the motor, gears, and cables. It left the ramp in danger of falling into the water and in potential need of an expensive barge crane to lift it to a repairable position. Naturally the access to the ferry was cut off and many people and cars were left stranded on the island. With the help of many volunteers, equipment, the ferry crew, and the Island management, the ramp was stabilized, the motor assembly and cables removed, and efforts started to obtain replacement parts and cables. With no ferry service, volunteers with small boats shuttled people and some parts back and forth to the mainland. The fire department made provisions to have their fireboat available if needed for any medical or fire emergencies on the island. People on the island responded to an island wide burn ban until the ferry could be back in service. Several island suppliers called in crews on Sunday to fabricate and ship needed parts. This resulted in the parts being obtained and installed by Wednesday afternoon and the ferry back in full operation on Thursday. Without the efforts of all the Island employees, suppliers, and volunteers, this repair could have been much more expensive and lengthy than it was. All the members owe a great deal of gratitude to all who made this repair as quick and efficient as it was. Steps have also been taken to insure that this type of failure, improbable as it was, does not happen again. So many thanks to everyone who helped.

The ferry outage also resulted in more Island concern over security on the mainland parking lot. Recently two vehicles have been stolen at night from the lot. It has been observed that there is a lot of traffic to the lot late at night and the potential for theft and vandalism has increased over the past. The Island is looking into the pos-

sibility of installing reliable security cameras atop poles on the ferry ramp and/or hiring security personnel to be on site during holiday weekends and periods of ferry drydock when more cars are needed to be left in the lot. Unfortunately, the crime potential is reaching our peaceful island and we will try to address the issue without burdening the members with more cost. Given the vandalism recently at the community garden and these thefts, it is, however, necessary to try to improve our security.

Fred Fath President

Ferry Out of Service

The ferry will be out of service from September 17th until September 21st or 22nd for engine rebuilding. At that time, the 24-hour boat parking rule is suspended, and the north (outside) dock area must be left open at all times for the fireboat. An island burn ban will be in effect during this period.

Thanks for the Memories

We want you Islanders to know how much we appreciated having a place on the Island since 1959. It really was a wonderful place to go to get away from the busy life in town. We regret we were unable to live on the Island and be more accessible to the many projects that are ongoing. We were there through the organizing, the J.D. era, the new ferry, and the good times. We lived on the west side until 1987, when we moved to the east side. We have lots of memories with family and friends. Now that we have sold and moved off the Island, we want to say "Thanks for the Memories."

Owen and June Torseth

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Emergency 911 Ferry Cell phone (253) 691-1457

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

Delinquency List as of August 14, 2007

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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. PROVIDING GUEST PASSES IS NOT PART OF THE DECKHAND'S JOB.

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.

Online Beachcomber

If you wish to read your Beachcomber online at www.herronisland.org and save HMC the price of printing and postage, please notify the office.

HMC Management Board Meeting Summary August 11, 2007

Administration

- A questionnaire will be placed in the August Beachcomber asking whether Members would like to be able to pay various fees and assessment amounts with a credit card.
- HMC will look into tightening the definition of "renter" and how renters should be accorded Member rates on the ferry. The policy of giving renters Member rates was intended to be available only to bona fide long-term renters who live on the island.
- The Board discussed improving security at the mainland parking lot, especially while the ferry is not running for several days (two cars have been stolen there recently).
- Additional file and storage space for the HMC office and the Boosters has been designed.

Information

- "Go To My PC" is operational, allowing the accountant to work on-line with the office.
- Carolyn Snyder is now a notary public, and also has very successfully completed her six-month Office Manager probationary period. She is doing an excellent job for HMC.

Legal

• Pierce County sent a new License Agreement for the mainland ferry terminal. This was reviewed by the attorney, who has some reservations about parts of it. It will be sent back to the County for their review.

Land Use

- Tim Jones requested that HMC sell or rent or otherwise make available to him a portion or all of the HMC lot adjacent to the north side of his property.
- The Board voted 3-2 in favor of Dick Pugh's proposal that he be allowed to build a fence along and on the East Herron Road right-of-way. It will require an addendum to the original license agreement for use of the adjacent HMC parcel.

Transportation

- One new generator has a mechanical problem that is covered by warranty. It is expected that it will be repaired next week.
- All damage to the island ferry terminal (dock, ramp) has been repaired. The cause of the problem was a defective remote control device that signaled the ramp motor to run with no one around. For more details see the Herron Island Website.

Water

 A questionnaire is being drafted to gauge members' thoughts on how to finance a new water system and to help determine how many hook-ups will be needed.

Rules

A new rule covering violations of the Road Encroachment Policy will be drafted for Board approval.
 Anyone wishing to do any work that involves any road right-of-way on the island is required to first obtain a Road Encroachment Permit from the office.

Emergency Preparedness Report

August 11, 2007

The ferry went out of service at 10:30 pm Friday evening. Upon being notified, the Fire Dept #16 launched the Fireboat at Joemma Park thus giving us faster service in case of an emergency. They reserved the outermost portion of our small boat dock, brought the ambulance to North Beach for quicker access to an emergency. They notified the helicopter transport service that the ferry was out of service so they could be put into action sooner for life-threatening emergencies. Special thanks to Dave Clausen and Tim Jones for volunteering to be the contact for the Fire Dept. should they need to come to the island by small boat.

Meanwhile our emergency group called each other, checked in with islanders with health problems, and neighbors. At the request from the Emergency Preparedness Chair the Board reinstated the burn ban until the ferry resumed service. Thank you, Kathy Deuster for putting signs up around the island informing every one of updates. We then notified islanders and guests who needed to leave Sunday to work Monday that small boats would take them across if they had someone to meet them on the mainland side.

Fortunately, we had no medical emergencies. Inconvenience was the only thing everyone had to deal with.

A super job was done by all; working together was the name of the game. Thank you Doug Allen for all you were able to do from home, updating the phone messaging machine and the webmaster to let callers know what was happening, and coordinating the availability and location of parts needed for repairs. The ferry crew and helpers worked endless hours to complete the repairs. Fortunately we had machinery on the island that lessened the time for removal of parts needed to be taken to the manufacturer for replacement or repair. We always seem to have someone with whatever it is we need, machinery and/or tools and for that we are all thankful!! In the past, we've had these to contend with: the ice storm of 96-97, the earthquake of 2001, multiple power outages, just to name a few. A special thanks to all the islanders who responded to friends and neighbors needs to be transported off and back on the island. To name them all would be a very hard task. Some just want to do what is needed of them without special attention brought to them. That's the spirit of the Herron Island we all love.

We do need to emphasize the importance of the outermost dock being clear for the 40' Fireboat during an emergency. We did have boats parked there and we were able to find the owners to move them. If you choose to park there, and we need to clear the dock, your boat will be moved.

Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Team (PC-NET) has always maintained that in an emergency situation they do not worry about HI because they know we take care of each other. They check on us last. That is quite a compliment, but it is true!!

Carole Crowley, Chairperson

Mike Davis, Kathy Deuster, Mary Turpin, Pat Cawthon, Bertie & Ralph Haun, Linda Crowe, Nancy and Jack Wells, Merry Kogut, Dana Gruber, Dick and Ippun Mowry, and Mike Shettlesworth

Booster Labor Day Weekend



Saturday, September 1st at Goodpastor Park

12:00 to 12:30 pm Registration for all baseball players 12:30 pm to 1:00pm Adult baseball warm-up/practice 1:00 pm Adult East vs. West baseball game 2:15 pm

Kids baseball game

Hot dogs, chips, soda, bottled water for sale



Saturday, September 1st at North Beach

10:00 am

11:30 am



Kayak race

Sailboat Race



Saturday evening dance at the N. Beach pavilion with music by "Tommy Boy."

Sunday September 2 North Beach

9:00 am Cinnamon Rolls and coffee cancelled

> Flea market cancelled **Book Sale** cancelled Kevin's Burgers and Brats cancelled

No one stepped forward to chair the Sunday activities.



Thank You

Rondi and I would like to express our thanks to everyone for their concern, hugs, and cards we received after our beloved pet Nicholas was taken from us on Friday, August 10th. Please keep an eye on your own small pets as Nicholas was killed by an Eagle in front of our home.

> Sincerely appreciated, Dallas and Rondi

Thanks from the Board!

The Board wishes to thank the following members who provided boat rides to and from the mainland and help with the ramp repairs during the ferry down time.

Sam Argo, Bill Burdett, Dave Clauson, Milt Cutler, Mike Davis, Butch Everett, John Farris, Philip Foster, Paul Fox, Tim Jones, Doug Kammerer, Kevin Kircher, Steve Kusander, Hollis Monaghan, Al Moren, Scott Rich, Mike Shettlesworth, Roger Smith, Gary Soriano, Donnie Surratt, Rich Urfer, Steve Wiggins, and Lonni Youmans.

Thanks also to the Unknown Greeter, a neighbor from across the passage who helped passengers as they landed on the mainland.

Apologies to anyone whose name may have been omitted.

Burn Ban Lifted

The county-wide burn ban that was imposed on July 13th was lifted effective July 27th. The ban may be reimplemented if dry conditions return. Please note that there will be a Board-imposed burn ban on Herron Island during the September ferry down time. Members should also be aware that burning of trash is always illegal.

Welcome, New Islanders!

HMC welcomes the following new members to Herron Island:

- Marshall and Michele Brenden
- Neil and Catherine Roby
- Michael and Bettilyn Clingman

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

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

BOOSTER PHONE BOOK UPDATES COMING SOON

Please take a moment to check your free, voluntary listing in the 2006 Boosters Directory. Also check the update sheet, if you have one.

See anything that's wrong or needs to be updated? Provide the correct information here:

Mail to:

Merry A. Kogut, ATT: Directory 22415 So. Herron Blvd. KPN Lakebay, WA 98349-8143

Or Email: mkogut@lawyer.com

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: September 10, 2007

Odds and Ends

The Boosters have done so much good for the island over the years. It will be very sad, if indeed individuals do not step forward to lead the organization at the September elections for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

The patio addition to the Community Building has passed its final inspection. We are still waiting for the other necessary inspection of the bushes that were planted along the property line.

Maybe by the next time you come to the island we will have the white stripe painted on the Ferry Street hill. The road has been widened. Please stay to the far right while waiting for the ferry.

Our cute lovable deer can be dangerous to pets and humans alike. In the spring, mother deer with babies have, without provocation, attacked small dogs. A well placed sharp hoof can do considerable damage to a dog. In the fall during rutting season, do not get between two male deer. They are aggressive and unpredictable.

Very recently an eagle swooped down and carried off a very small dog that was in its backyard. The eagle was unable to ascend and dropped the dog. The dog, a beloved pet, was dead when its owner found it only minutes later. Small animals are always at risk and even more so when eagles are feeding their young.

If you feed the deer, please feed them nutritious food such as apples, carrots, whole grain bread, grains without molasses. Potato chips and white bread are no better for them than for you. Grain with molasses is just like candy to the deer.

On your next trip to Herron Island watch your speed. Gig Harbor now has a detachment of State Patrol officers who patrol Highway 16. Lately, the Sheriffs Department has been aggressive in ticketing speeders on the Key Peninsula Highway and Herron Road.

It is okay to park in front of the black gate at the bottom of ferry hill.

Notable Items

The island is changing. When once it was safe to leave your house and possessions unlocked, it may not be so safe anymore. This summer there were several breakins. There were also several instances of vandalism. Recently on the mainland parking area, a car and a truck were stolen. Keep your valuables with you. If a crime is committed against your property, please report it to the Sheriff and let the office know so they can share the information with others.

In September while the ferry will not be available due to ferry maintenance (Sun. Sept. 16 evening until sometime Sat. Sept. 22), an HMC Board directed burn ban will be in effect, the 24 hour small boat dock rule will be rescinded, and the end of the small boat dock must be kept open for the Fire Department boat.

At the August HMC Management Board meeting the decision was made to remove from the website the option to obtain guest passes. Guest passes are available to all members and renters from the office, either in person or by mail. For someone to use a guest pass it must be obtained from the owner or renter. (The ferry boat does not have guest passes anymore.) The pass requires the signature and member number (the number on your vehicle decal) of the owner or renter. This new policy will be strictly enforced starting in October.

At the August HMC Management Board Meeting the decision was made that only drivers with a valid driver's license may drive on Ferry Street east of East Herron Blvd. intersection (on the steep hill.) This requirement is for all types of motorized vehicles to include vehicles such as golf carts, motor bikes, ATV's, etc. This policy will become effective at the time a new sign is posted.

The HMC office is doing an informal survey: If you think you would use a credit card in the future to pay your assessments, bills, buy ferry tickets etc, let us know. Be advised that a handling fee for each of your credit card transitions will be changed to you at that time. (HMC will not absorb the cost for this convenience.) If enough people are interested, we will do a trial and see how it works. What major credit card would you use? PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE OFFICE. Email your response to office@ herronisland.org or mail to P.O. Box 119, Lakebay, WA 98349 so they can compile the data.

Holiday Ferry Restrictions

Herron Island will be observing Labor Day weekend, Saturday, September 1st and Sunday, September 2nd. Combinations of any length and single vehicles longer than 25 feet will not be transported after noon, Thursday, August 30th.

Monday, September 3rd the ferry will operate on holiday schedule (same as Sunday).

Yellow Pages Update

If you wish your ad to remain the same, you don't need to respond to this plea. However, if there are additions or corrections you need to notify me be the end of August. Remember to include off island businesses you have used and would recommend.

Carole Crowley

FREE CLASSIFIED ADS

For sale by Owner: 2 Bedrooms, 1 bath, sunken living room, dining room, den and kitchen located near Goodpastor Park with partial view of Case Inlet and the Olympic Mountains. All new appliances included. Price: \$179,250. Serious inquiries only please at 253-884-5395.

For sale by Owner: 720 West Herron Blvd, 2 beds, 1 bath, 1 half-bath. 1044 sq. ft., 0.41 acres. Residential property, waterfront. Built in 1977. Western exposure view of south sound. Most furnishings stay with home. \$379,000. Larry Nordberg, 253-921-2000. www.herronisland.net.

The deadline for the Boosters directory has been extended to September 10th. Please use the form on Page 7 for any changes to your current listing.

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

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