

HMC Newsletter September-October 2006



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

Because our president is on vacation this month, it is my pleasure to address you. There has been a change on the HMC Board. Clarrie Jones resigned due to personal/family reasons. Thank you Clarrie for all the time and effort you devoted to the Board. As runner-up on the recent Board election, Beth Owen has been appointed to fill the vacancy. I look forward to working with Beth.

This summer has been a very busy and productive time. The newly approved Land Use Policy is included in this issue of the Beachcomber. It is the result of many hours of work by the Land Use Committee. The Community Garden has been a huge success. In addition to beautiful flowers and vegetables, it has produced some very enjoyable times with neighbors visiting neighbors, helping each other in the garden, and sharing vegetables with other islanders. Many individuals were involved with the Booster improvement projects and the holiday activities. All of these activities helped to make our island a better place.

Herron Island is a very unique place that is special to all of us: those who live full-time or just the summer on the island or enjoy it on weekends. One of the reasons it is so special is because of the volunteers. If you were unable to volunteer any this spring or summer, please make an effort to do so at least one time in the upcoming year. Something that all of us can do anytime is pick up litter. Litter detracts from our beautiful island!

If you do not have a HMC sticker on your boat, trailer or recreational vehicle, please comply with the rules and write the HMC office to request them. These stickers are free; they have marine glue so they will better withstand the weather. Thank you to all those individuals who relocated their small boats to the proper location south of the last bench (south of the spit) at North Beach.

Share your ideas and suggestions to make the island bet-

ter. If you cannot attend the Board and/or committee meetings, mail your suggestions to the HMC office. You can make a difference.

Kathy Deuster Vice President

#### PARKS COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

Our first meeting will be Saturday, October 21st, at 11:30 a.m. at the Community Center. Please take time to join us! All are welcome!

#### **Work Party**

Volunteers are needed to remove the small boat docks for the winter on Friday, October 20th, at 10:00 AM. Please call Tracy Anspach at 253-588-1921 if you have any questions.

#### **Your Mailing Address**

There has been an increasing amount of mail from the office to members that has been returned as undeliverable. This has included invoices for assessments and other charges. Members are reminded that Paragraph 3.7 of our bylaws requires each owner to provide HMC with a valid mailing address. Those of you headed south for the winter, please take note.

#### **Burn Ban**

A county-wide burn ban remains in effect. Check the island web site for details.

#### **Important Phone Numbers**

#### **Island Manager**

Doug Allen (253) 884-9350

#### **HMC Board of Trustees**

Al Moren, President	(253) 884-2721
Kathy Deuster, Vice-President	(253) 884-6898
Kathy Fennell, Secretary/Treasurer	(206) 987-5737
Beth Owen, Board Member	(253) 851-2677
Mike Shettlesworth, Board Member	(253) 884-6919

#### **Additional Responsibilities**

Nick Huff, Transportation Chairman	(253) 884-4663
Al Moren, Water Chairman	(253) 884-2721
Dick Mowry, Water Field Examiner	(253) 884-7663
Dick Zottman, Water Field Examiner	(253) 884-9071
Scott Schultz, Water Repair	(253) 884-3196
Merry Kogut, Rules Chairperson	(253) 884-8484
Tracy Anspach, Parks Chairman	(253) 588-1921
Al Moren, Roads Chairman	(253) 884-2721
Carole Crowley, Emergency Prep. Chair	(253) 884-5288
Patty Haenen Jones, Office Manager	(253) 884-9350

Herron Island Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 am to 5:30 pm. The office is CLOSED Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday.

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#### Website: http://www.herronisland.org

Office Email: Office@herronisland.org

Manager email: HMCManager@herronisland.org

Beachcomber: kenfreeman@isp.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 September 19, 2006

KIRK, L. - KIRK, M. (Estate of) - LAWRENCE - LEH-MAN-DROUILLARD - O'NEILL - OVERLAND (Estate of) - RUCKS

#### **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 both office@herronisland.org and kenfreeman@isp.com. 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 paper and postage, please notify the office.

#### HMC Management Board Meeting Summary September 9, 2006

#### Administration

- The Board discussed the Kirk properties and the potential ground contamination there.
- The Board discussed the fire danger on the island, which is very high. All outdoor burning, including recreational fires of any type, is banned. There are presently no qualified fire department personnel residing on the island.

#### Information items

• The new Group Health insurance renewal information arrived. HMC will now be composite-rated instead of age-rated. Premium is up about 8.63%. Dental coverage is also available at additional cost. Renewal of the health plan requires that HMC respond with our intentions by next week.

#### Land Use

• The Board discussed a request from an owner to do an easement and property adjustment in exchange for the owner's paying for culvert work on Ferry Street. Item was referred to the Land Use Committee.

#### Legal

- The attorney's office recommends judicial foreclosure for four long-delinquent owners. The Board approved going forward with these.
- An owner was assessed for an early-morning "special" ferry run. He objects and said he will correspond with the Board.

#### Parks

- The contractor finally completed the new small boat docks.
- Three SaniKans will be removed from the island for the fall/winter season.
- Per the Parks Chairperson, the new Parks Committee will get underway October 20.

#### **Transportation**

• The ferry goes to Tacoma for dry dock work on Sunday evening, September 10. It will probably be gone for about 10 days or so.

#### Water

- Responses, one verbal and one in writing, have been received from the two water companies who were
  contacted regarding possible interest in either purchasing or managing the island water system. One indicated interest in owning the system but is going to give further thought to it, and the other may be interested in managing but not owning the system.
- HMC will publish in the Beachcomber a "Public Notice" that HMC intends to upgrade the water system using a loan from the USDA Rural Development program. This information has already been placed on the Website.

# Booster sponsored Labor Day Weekend Summary

Once again it appears that all had a good time on the island this Labor Day. We would like to thank the many volunteers who gave their time and talents. We would like to single out the Surratt Family for all they do to put on the children's games. The whole family gets involved and the games are enjoyed by everyone.

# Baseball Game West 25 East 14

#### Sailboat Race

(8 boats participated)

	<u>Monohull</u>	<u>Time</u>
1.	Dave Monette & Michael Sotura	1 hr 50 min
2.	Paul & Curt Bray	2 hr 10 min
3.	Mike Shettlesworth & Rich Urfer	2 hr 12 min

The Saturday night dance had a record turn out. All had a great time.

Special thanks to the volunteer band and the Anspach's for having them out for the weekend.

#### **Dinghy Race** (No participants)

12' 5" & under

#### Kayak Race

1. Todd Stone

	12' 6" & over Brad Burkhartzmeyer Merry Kogut	<u>Time</u> 37 min 39 min
	Double Kayak	Time
1.	Erik Torseth & Krista Johnson	38 min
2.	Nathan & Whitney Gregory	38.2 min

### Raffle Winners

## Book green ferry tickets

Steve Kursander David Franzmann Milt Cutler

# <u>Herron Island Vest</u>

Dick Zottman

Don Greinke

Five ceramic pots
Nancy Grant

The Booster's are often asked what we are

doing with the money we make on events. Recently we have completed the following: community center updates: new floor for the kitchen and bathrooms; handicap bathroom; new doors and trim for the bathrooms, new cabinets, and new sink and stainless steel countertops, two new microwaves in the kitchen. We plan to put a cover on the patio behind the community center; install a new forced air electric furnace in the community center; install two roll up insulated doors on the back wall of the community center to link the covered patio with the main room and install an exhaust fan to clear fumes left from moving the fire vehicles before events. Additionally, we have painted the Rose Pavilion at N. Beach and plan to build a storage room on the south end of the building for storing equipment and supplies.

We encourage and welcome everyone to come to Booster meetings and we are always open to new ideas. Join us at our next meeting/potluck Saturday, October 14, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the community center.

# Did you know?

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- Did you know? Herron Island's community well provides fresh water without any additives.
- Did you know? It took the ferry Charlie Wells 5 hours travel time to arrive at dry dock September 10th.
- Did you know? Bulk mail sent from HMC Management (The Beachcomber) is not forwarded or sent back to HMC for address corrections. Stay informed by keeping your address current with HMC.
- Did you know? Using your cell phone while driving on or off the ferry is unsafe and against ferry loading and unloading procedures. Be safe. Put your call on hold or call them back.
- Did you know? HMC Management will be incorporated 50 years on April 30, 2008. Let's plan something big. Possibly a book on island history; a cook book and an island celebration. Let me hear from you.

This column brought to you as another way to keep you informed. If you have a question of comment or idea to include please e-mail: The Herron Islander at:

TheHerronIslander@yahoo.com

# AROUND THE ISLAND

In the past month the contractor completed their work on the small boat dock project. Volunteers painted the docks with time designations (24 hour max and load/unload zone 1 hour max). A new NO MOORING sign was posted for non-members. Caps for the pilings have been ordered; some are on backorder. The hope is to have them in place by the time the docks come out for winter. New NO WAKE buoys were ordered and will be put in place next spring when the docks are put in for the 2007 boating season. We're growing! If you drive around the island you would find five new houses in various stages of construction plus other building projects including a new garage and several sheds. Plus you may have noticed a change as you came off the ferry. The cabin that was on the property to the North was moved to another lot up on E. Madrona. See photos of the move at www.dickdoesit.com. The Booster Enhancement Project of the Community Center continues. The volunteers have nearly completed updating the kitchen and bathrooms. They've done a fabulous job! Attend a Board Meeting or Booster Event to see the latest. The Boosters continue with their enhancement plan so you will be seeing more improvements in the future.

Things happen around Herron Island... thanks to all who have made it possible and make it happen. (this column is brought to you by: "The Herron Islander"). If you see or know of something happening around the island, e-mail The Herron Islander at: TheHerronIslander@yahoo.com

#### WINTER FERRY SCHEDULE (10/1 through 3/31)

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## Water Management Plan

HMC has nearly finished writing a State-required Small Water Management Program. When that is completed, HMC is planning to apply for a loan with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Program in order to upgrade the island's network of water distribution pipes and to install fire hydrants.

#### **Lost and Found**

Found: male gold bifocal glasses, female black sunglasses. Please claim at HMC office.

Thanksgiving: Lv. Island 8:30, 11:30, 6:30 Lv. Mainland 9:00, 12:00, 7:00

Christmas: Lv. Island 8:30, 6:30

Lv. Mainland 9:00, 7:00

New Years Lv. Island 11:30, 4:30, 6:30

Lv. Mainland 12:00, 5:00, 7:00

#### **Mail Boxes**

If you want to sell your mail box at the mainland ferry dock, please contact Max Hochanadel at maxopal@centurytel.net.

#### ABANDONED BOATS???

Do you have your small boat stored in front of the benches along the east side of N. Beach? If so, please move it to the new designated area, which is south of the benches along the bulkhead across from the horseshoe pit. Boats not moved will be considered abandoned. Thanks for your cooperation.

Tides:McMicken Island, Case Inlet
based on Seattle (Madison St), Elliott Bay Washington (NOAA)
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# Policy Regarding Sale of HMC Owned Lots

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This policy replaces the "Policy Regarding Sale of HMC-owned Lots" dated 11/11/00

From time to time HMC acquires ownership of lots on Herron Island. When this happens the Land Use Committee must determine whether or not to sell a lot and make their recommendation to the HMC Board of Trustees. The long-term interest of HMC should be the over-riding priority in making the decision. The decision-makers are cautioned to avoid making decisions which result in a short-term infusion of cash while creating losses in the long-term.

If possible, remove wetland and slide property from the public rolls by retaining the lot in HMC control. When the determination to retain a lot has been made, do everything possible to lower the assessed valuation of the property and/or exempt the property from property tax rolls.

Annually, HMC will publish a list of HMC owned properties in the Beachcomber.

### Procedures for selling HMC properties

- 1. If someone submits a proposal to the board to buy a specific HMC property or the Land Use Committee has made a recommendation to sell a HMC owned property, the committee will make arrangements for that property to be perc-tested in compliance with current Pierce County requirements.
- 2. If the lot does perc, the Land Use Committee will ask 2 or 3 realtors to provide a Comparative Market Analysis (CMA). The Committee will review the CMA's and make a recommendation on a minimum acceptable bid for the property.
- 3. Then, the Land Use Committee will inform the HMC Board of the recommendation, and if the Board approves, the matter of whether or not to sell that particular lot at or above the recommended minimum bid will be submitted to the membership for a vote. (No HMC lot will be sold without a membership vote.)
- 4. If the membership votes "no", then no further action is needed. If the membership votes "yes", then, the Land Use Committee will pick a realter with whom to list the property. The property will first be advertised in one Beachcomber for a 30 day period to alert island members that this property will soon be placed on the market. This will permit island members plenty of time to become aware that someone is interested in buying a particular piece of property, in case they too are interested in buying it. It will also encourage multiple offers on a property, helping to ensure the highest possible sale price for the membership.
- 5. After a 30 day period, a contract will be signed with the chosen realter and placed on the Multiple Listing Service with a minimum 30 day bidding period. HMC will review all offers and accept the highest qualified offer that is equal to or greater than the minimum acceptable bid.
- 6. If the lot does not perc it is considered "Not For Sale", and is placed on a list of HMC owned properties that will be kept as "Undeveloped Lots, maintained as green space on the island". Exception to this policy may be considered on a individual basis, if it is in the best interest of HMC.

7. If there is ever to be a land swap, i.e. swap a HMC owned lot for a privately owned lot, obtain membership approval first.

Adopted: 8/12/2006

President, HMC Board of Trustees

# HMC Fee Schedule – 2006

HANDLING FEE MONTHLY FOR DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS	\$4.00
INTEREST 1% MONTHLY OR 12% PER ANNUM	
NSF	\$35.00
FILE RESEARCH PER HOUR	\$20.00
PLACING AND RELEASING LIENS: CONTACT Law offices of Stri- chartz	
STICKER REPLACEMENT	\$5.00
SPECIAL FERRY RUN (PER RUN)	\$125.00
WATER HOOK UP	\$220.00
WATER SHUT OFF (LEAKS)	\$25.00
WAL AVAILABILITY LETTER - TO BE COMPLETED BY ISLAND MANAGER	\$10.00
COPIES - EACH	\$0.15
FAX - LOCAL INCOMING OR OUTGOING	\$1.00
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Ordered By:			Ship To:					
Name:	Name:							
Address:	Address:							
City/State/Zip:		City/State/Zip:						
HMC Items	Description			Number	Cost Each	Total		
\$6.00 Tickets	Book of 10				\$53.00			
\$2.00 Tickets	Book of 25				\$44.00			
Commuter Pass	20 trips in month	For month o	f:		\$80.00			
Commuter Pass	22 trips in month	For month o	f:		\$88.00			
Senior/Disabled	20 trips	Valid thru t	the FISCAL year		\$80.00			
Guest Passes	Packets of 10				Free*			
MAKE CHECK PA	YABLE TO "HERRO	N MAINTE	NANCE CO."		TOTAL			
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Boosters Items	Size	Color	Logo	Number	Cost Each	Total		
Adult T-Shirt		B G	F S		\$15.00			
Child's T-Shirt		B G	F S		\$12.00			
Embroidered Polo		B G	F S		\$25.00			
Emb. Sweatshirt		G	F S		\$45.00			
Caps - Men		K N	F		\$15.00			
Caps - Women		K	S		\$15.00			
Old T-Shirts	Supplies limited				\$10.00			
	COLORS: Blue	e (B), Gray	(G), Khaki (I	K), Navy (N	l)			
	LOG	OS: Ferry (	(F), Sailboat	(S)				

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**TOTAL** 

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