



Beachcomber Brief Edition

HMC Newsletter

December 2012

The full Beachcomber is published each month except for October, December, and February. The brief edition is published in these months in order to stress a few current items of which the Membership should be aware.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIP OF THE MONTH **WINTER STORM/BLIZZARD - BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER**

If You Are Outside

- Find shelter and try to stay dry
- Cover all exposed parts of your body.
- If there is no shelter, prepare a lean-to, wind-break, or snow cave for protection from the wind. Build a fire for heat and to attract attention. Place rocks around the fire to absorb and reflect the heat.
- Mark your location for rescuers.
- Do not drink alcoholic beverages. Avoid falling asleep.
- Avoid eating snow. It will lower your body temperature. Melt it first.
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If You Are in a Car or Truck

- Stay in the vehicle. Disorientation occurs quickly in snow and cold.
- Run the motor about 10 minutes each hour for heat.
- Open the window a little for fresh air to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Make sure the exhaust pipe is not blocked.
- Make yourself visible to rescuers. Turn the dome light on when running the engine. Tie a colored cloth (preferably red) to your antenna or door. Raise the hood indicating trouble after the snow stops falling.
- Exercise from time to time to keep blood circulating and to keep warm.

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To see the December Island Manager Report, Winter Ferry Schedule, and other documents normally in the Beachcomber, please go to the HMC Website at herronisland.org.

Emergency Preparedness (Continued from Page 1)

Keep emergency supplies in your vehicle. These include bottled water, easy to eat foods, plastic baggies for sanitation, toilet paper, disinfectant, blanket, first aid kit, flashlight, cell phone charger, and a red rag.

If You Are in a Home or Building

- Stay inside
- Use telephones only for life-threatening emergencies.
- Use fire safeguards for heat and properly ventilate.
- If there is no heat, close off unneeded rooms and stuff towels or rags under cracks in doors. Cover windows at night.
- Eat and drink plenty.
- Wear layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing. Remove layers to avoid overheating, perspiration, and chill. Wear a hat.

Volunteer Opportunities

1. Posting "For Sale" signs on the HMC lots for sale.
2. Keeping up the White Boards and posting them regularly.
3. Tansy Control for next spring.
4. A licensed electrician to work on wiring and breakers in Community Building.

Removal of the Basketball Court

The current basketball court will be removed after the first of the year. A bobcat will be rented to assist, but volunteers are needed to help with the cleanup and removal. After final cleanup the project will go out for bids for the replacement of a new court. The goal is to have it available next summer.

All help will be appreciated – please contact the Parks Committee to join in on the fun!



To Donnie Surratt for 20 years of service and to Steve Wiggins who is retiring December 31st after 13 years of service.

Revised Island Rules

Check the HMC website for the new proposed Island Rules – the proposed Rules will be posted on the website shortly.



Holiday Office Closures

The HMC office will be closed for the holidays on Christmas Day, December 25th, and New Year's Day, January 1st.