

## **Island Manager Report June 11, 2011**

### **Administration:**

**Volunteers:** Thanks to those who helped with last month's ballot count on the water system issues: Sabra Duback, Jean Mellor, Kathy Deuster, Mary Turpin, Linda Kelley, Carole Crowley. Thanks to Marie Golden and Linda Crowe for validating the Board election ballots on Friday. Don & Judy Greinke also repaired the Goodpastor Park sign. Thanks also to Paul Wiebe for installing a window in the bus waiting shed on the mainland side.

We are compiling a list of warmer weather volunteer choices and invite anyone interested to contact the office. Please see the new Parks Committee email address below, if you want to volunteer to help with parks projects.

**Water System Project:** The Area Director of USDA is planning on making a visit to our water system project in August. To quote from their letter, they are "very excited about funding (our) water system improvements" and will be bringing about 15 staff members to tour the project area. The date is uncertain, but probably will be Wednesday, August 16.

NWS continues to work on the Project Report for submittal to the Department of Health, so there is little activity for the Water Project Committee and no meeting scheduled.

Two Reminders: First, during the water system project, HMC may need to notify members of shutoffs, construction detours or other issues. If you have not added your name to the HMC Email Distribution list at the office, please email [office@herronisland.org](mailto:office@herronisland.org) to be added to the list, which will be used ONLY for HMC business purposes.

Second, members are encouraged to know the exact location of their property boundaries. In the past, several members have incorrectly believed that their property extended right up to the road surface. In truth, however, the HMC roadway is in most places wider than the surfaced road itself, and the Member's actual boundary is not at the edge of the road. When reviewing your property boundaries, remember that Pen Light power poles are in the HMC right of way, as are most water valves. These can be useful guides. Unresolved boundary line issues could hold up our water project and result in higher overall costs. If you have questions, please contact the HMC Office.

**Water Utility:** No word yet from the IRS on our application for exempt status.

**Water Maintenance and Operation:** Nothing to report.

**Fire Department Liaison:** No report.

**Land Use:** Committee Report

**Emergency Preparedness:** Committee Report

**Legal Liaison:** Current delinquencies include Alonso, Barrett-Laine, Dennis, Dwyer, McNally, O'Neill, Ruckstein, Sillja, Inc., Smith II, and Szigeti. Of these, four are currently with Davies Pearson for legal action.

**Parks:** Committee Report: "This past month the Committee has found several members volunteering around the island. We thank Scott Sloan for caring for the lawns surrounding the community garden. We

thank Mike Shettlesworth for moving garbage cans out for pickup at the Community Center. We thank Judy Greinke and Kathy Duester for refreshing the planter box at the ferry landing.

We thank the Robertson family for keeping an eye out on Goodpastor Park and for installing the new basketball nets. We thank Terry Fletcher for sharing his concern and ideas for updating the Small Boat Dock Boardwalk ramp. We thank our ferry crew, John Farris and Donnie Surratt for helping before going on shift, to remove and replace with new the old roofing material on the Boardwalk ramp and Terry Fletcher for drilling holes in the necessary footings for the Boardwalk ramp update. We thank Terrill Chilson for applying Wet&Forget® on the Boardwalk. We thank Anita Bray, Terry Fletcher and Pam Garrison for picking up garbage left at N. Beach and moving garbage cans out for pickup. We thank Kathy Deuster for getting the new flags up and for helping repair a vandalized sign at N. Beach. We hope we haven't left anyone out – if so, we appreciate their efforts also.

The Parks Committee always has an on-going list of tasks. We love when members are able to provide their solution ideas, support and expertise. Watch the Beachcomber and website for upcoming the Parks late summer/fall events. The Board has had an email address set up for Parks to promote better communication with membership. We look forward to hearing from you. Our new email address is:  
[hmcparcs@herronisland.org](mailto:hmcparcs@herronisland.org) “

**North Beach Marina:** The project has surmounted the first two permit hurdles and is now with the Corps of Engineers, which will review the project for compliance with the Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act and replacement of creosoted piles with steel. The next steps will be Hydraulic Project approval from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for work in waters of the State, and from Department of Natural Resources for Aquatic Land Lease Authorization. Members can expect to see various visitors and boats around the marina, as these agencies conduct any inspections of the site required by the permit process.

Thanks especially to George Newcomb and Anita Bray for providing documents and photos to verify existence and status of the marina prior to the 1971 Shoreline Act.

**Roads:** Committee Report.

**Rules:** There are three open complaints: Crowley vs. Furgason; HMC vs. Furgason and HMC vs. Parnell. A redraft of Island Rules is still circulating for final comment.

**Transportation:** The ferry crew wants to remind members and their guests that “Combinations (vehicle towing anything) of any length and/or single vehicles longer than 25 feet will NOT be transported after Friday, July 1 through Monday, July 4. On that Monday, the ferry will operate on a holiday schedule same as Sunday. Please note also the low tide cancelled runs over this holiday weekend. Additionally, members can help move traffic quickly by having the correct change for their fares. Call the ferry captain at 253-691-1457 to arrange a time for your large vehicle or trailer to board the ferry.

**Technology:** Fred Fath continues to work on an iPod application which may help satisfy our electronic ticketing needs. Board members have been reviewing the ferry pass system for options that might improve the processing of ferry fares.