





HMC Newsletter September 2012



## President's Message

# Everything Old is New Again – Variations on a Theme

Are you tired of the same old President's Message about the new water system and how to pay for it, the old problem with vandals and instances of lack of respect, the continuing need to renew and grow our community spirit, etc., etc., yadda, yadda, yadda? Well, grab your cup of coffee, because here we go again. I just thought that, in this edition, I would use this opportunity to compare and contrast (and in some cases, celebrate) some of the old and some of the new on our island.

### **Old Problems, New Rules**

Your Board is currently reviewing our Island Rules and will be making some changes in the near future. Some of these changes may require a vote of the Membership, so we will be giving everyone an advance look at these changes prior to sending them out for a vote.

Merry Kogut and Kathy Deuster virtually rewrote the procedural requirements of the Rules (thank you Merry and Kathy!), and those changes will be incorporated in this next revision. We have received additional suggestions for improving our Rules, including proposals that we:

- allow the imposition of community service (*i.e.*, volunteer) hours in addition to or in place of monetary fines for Rules violations;
- impose a "Dark Sky Rule" to reduce light pollution on the island;
- expand the time for the Saturday night noise ban until noon on Sunday; and set aside an area on the small boat dock at the North Beach marina for the exclusive use of people who are fishing, crabbing, etc.

Through this next revision, we hope to streamline the Rules, make them easier to read, and make them easier to follow.

## **New Occurrences, Same Problems, New Solutions**

As you may already know, our portable toilets at the mainland parking lot have continued to be vandalized by persons unknown. We are now trying to address this in two ways: first, we are having a security camera system installed to monitor the mainland parking lot - this system (along with a new official sign!) will give us the ability to record "events" in the mainland parking lot and will hopefully deter or reduce the instance of future vandalism over there. We have also obtained a small "insurance policy" through our portable toilet vendor to limit HMC's liability exposure in the event of future damages to the portable toilets.

On a different note altogether, our stalwart HMC Office has historically been required to deal with Members who are delinquent in the payment of their Assessments. And, while the number of those delinquencies has been dramatically reduced in recent years through diligent collection efforts, we thought it would be a good idea to put into writing the process we actually use to handle delinquent accounts. Accordingly, at our September 8 Board meeting, the Board adopted a new official Policy for Collection of Delinquent Accounts, a copy of which will shortly be found on our website.

# New Information, New Ways of Getting It Out There

In the beginning, there were several ways to get the word out: Board meetings, word-of-mouth, the Beachcomber, and the U.S. Postal Service (although some might say there were really only three: telephone, telegraph, and tell-a-ferry crewmember). Then came white boards and other community bulletin boards. Now in this electronic age, we have a website and e-mail. Since well before the start of the Water

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Project, we have been making every effort to use <u>all</u> of these resources to get the word out. In addition to the information that is put out at the Board meetings, through the Island Manager's report, and through periodic individual mailings, our Island Manager has been keeping us frequently informed about the Water Project through the use of e-mail to our proprietary e-mail distribution list. Each of these Water Project updates and other important messages can also be found on the HMC website at <a href="https://www.herronisland.org">www.herronisland.org</a> under the <a href="https://www.herronisland.org">Water News and Notices</a> link found on the home page in the Island Water box. If you don't get these, or know someone who can't access these sources of information, let us know so we can "reach out" to them, perhaps in some other way.

## New Water, Same Ol' Point of Contact

Since the start of the Water Project, there have been many new developments as we proceed smartly to the completion of construction. Most of these developments have been the subject of missives from our Island Manager. Many of us have information about how the Water Project is going, from either personal experience or from the word(s) of many.

But only one of us has the real, low-down official skinny on what is going on with our water: Claudia Ellsworth, our Island Manager. Claudia has, from Day One, been the one person we've been able to count on to keep her finger on the pulse of the Water Project through her continuous communication with the Project Engineer, the Contractor, the Resident Inspectors, the Water Committee, and the Board. Most importantly, Claudia has been the sole official contact (and sometimes the lightening rod) for HMC for Members who have needed official information about the Water Project and affirmative action with respect to their property and water connection. So if you can handle the truth about the Water Project, contact Claudia, and only Claudia.

## **BOOSTERS – New Projects, Same Verve**

The next time you go by the Community Building, stop and take a look at what your Herron Island BOOSTERS are doing. Recently, through the committed efforts of this resourceful, community-minded group, brand spanking new garage doors were installed in the Community Building. Not only do they look good, but they also let more light into the Community Building

and are expected to keep more of the warmth in during the winter months (very well insulated). But if you wait too long to check out the garage doors, you may see yet another addition to the Community Building: double doors (some call them French doors) leading directly out onto the covered patio area. Some engineering aspects of that project still need to be sorted out (questions such as, "what's really in the wall where we want to install the doors?," etc.), but we're expecting that project to make our Community Building more useful for the community. Thank you, BOOSTERS!

# New Water, New Road Dust, New Life for the Old Water Truck

All of the construction on the Water Project created a dust storm on Herron Island. Our poor old water truck, however, was out of commission for quite a while as our Roads Committee, led by Jack Wells, attempted to resolve ongoing issues with the truck's brakes (an important system for any vehicle to be safe). We were presented with essentially two options: 1) do not repair the truck, investigate the purchase of a (newer) replacement truck (an expensive proposition), and forego watering our roads in the meantime, or 2) repair the truck we have (replacement of most of the critical brake system components), and get it out there watering our roads again. After evaluating and re-evaluating our options to control the dust on our roads, we decided that it would be prudent to repair the water truck now and return to a program of spraying our roads with water. So that is what we did. We should all be able to breathe easier now.

#### Old Committees, New Committee Members Needed

Our Emergency Preparedness Committee and our Land Use Committee need new interested Members to join them to achieve their respective missions. For anyone interested in becoming involved in the Land Use Committee, please feel free to contact me directly, as we are currently without a chair for that committee, and I'll tell you all about it. If you think you have an idea of what the Emergency Preparedness Committee does, read the article about that committee later on in this edition of the Beachcomber and see if you were right. Once you've done that, call Pat Zazzo or Mike Shettlesworth to discuss how you can become involved in the valuable work of this committee.

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## **New Miscellany**

Where are you? An emergency response team crew recently came to our island on a call but, when they got here, they had a difficult time finding where it was they needed to go. One way we can all help these people find us is by clearly marking our properties with address numbers. Fire District 16 will provide red address signs for a nominal contribution – you see these signs on many of the lots around the island. When it comes to helping emergency responders find their way, you can never have enough signs.

Can you dig it? ... then can you fill it up? Some Members have open perk holes still on their properties. For your safety and for the safety of your guests (including deer who aren't looking where they are going), please fill in the perk holes once you no longer need them.

4 sale 2 gud 2 b true: Since offering certain HMC-owned properties for sale, we have been working with prospective buyers for four of those properties (!) Tell your friends that they, too, can join the fun over here on Herron Island simply by buying one of these lots.

# No New News About Our Water Project (in *This* Message, at Least)

Were you disappointed that I didn't put more in my President's Message again about our Water Project? How close we are getting to being done? How top-notch our water system is going to be? How much we're under budget? How responsive, thorough, and professional our Island Manager and HMC Office have been? How diligent our contractor and the Resident Inspectors have been? How our Project Engineer is so, well, "engineer-like" (which is exactly what we want). No...I'm not going to tell you any of that. I'm going to let you read the rest of this edition of the Beachcomber.

Now the Beachcomber may be an "old way" of getting the news. But look for something fresh and new in its pages every time you read one. In each edition, you will hopefully find something that makes you want to learn more about our island life and how you can be a greater part of it all.

## Mark B. Anderson President, HMC Management Board of Directors

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

#### **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. BLANK GUEST PASSES ARE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS AT THE OFFICE, BY MAIL, AND ON THE FERRY.

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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.

## Island Manager Report September 8, 2012

### **Administration:**

<u>Mainland Parking Lot Security:</u> Board member Sherri Anderson is leading this project. Installation has begun, and the system should be operational by the time the ferry heads for the shipyard.

Water System Maintenance and Operations: No report.

<u>Water System Project:</u> Marking service locations with stakes/addresses has been completed. Just a few problem properties remain, where the existing shutoffs couldn't be located. Scott Schultz, who has been a great help in locating services, will do some additional work hunting for these shutoffs.

The lack of information about the location of the old system mains continues to be a challenge for the contractor as the service connections are installed. Hitting these lines slows the progress of the project. Indications are that the contractor will continue to work on the system while the ferry is out of service. They will stockpile materials and commute by private boat to the island. Hopefully the weather will remain favorable.

On West Herron (North Beach Road) a large Douglas fir is blocking the installation of water lines. After much discussion, the consensus reached is that the tree must be entirely removed in order to provide service to the lots above it. An arborist will evaluate the tree on September 6<sup>th</sup> and schedule a time to remove it as soon as possible. This will be a water project cost.

#### Project Engineer's Report from Jester Purtteman, Northwest Water Systems:

Happy school start! I hope everyone had a pleasant summer and fun Labor Day weekend, nice to get some sun on a holiday for once! If you made it to the island you probably noticed the water was a bit "funky" and for that we apologize. We had a problem last week with "non-coliform" (read not dangerous) colonies plugging up the sample results, so the lab was unable to determine if there WAS coliform (which can be). So, to practice an abundance of caution, we consulted with Washington Water and together chose to temporarily chlorinate the system for the holiday. We don't want people missing their first day of school on our account! Again, this was precautionary and primarily driven by the desire to error on the side of caution, and not by the detection of any harmful bacteria.

We are getting there. The crews are quickly approaching 50% of all services ready to be swapped, within the next two weeks we anticipate taking a system wide pressure test and switching homes over. The contractor was delayed by permitting for three weeks, and by weather for another week in the spring, and although they made up some of that in pipe install, the service installations have been a bit slower. We are now projecting that the project may extend into the ferry outage. The contractor has taken the additional step of getting transportation arranged during the ferry outage and plans to keep driving forward. So, we should be essentially done when the ferry comes back into service.

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Finally, a note about pressure. The old system had not been properly flushed in a long, long time. As a result, sediment had built up that was not properly removed. With all the recent work nearby, some of that sediment has been turned over and resulted in low pressure in a few places. It's probably little comfort for now, but the new system will have excellent pressure everywhere on the island and is almost ready to go. If you are on a dead end or cul de sac, you and your neighbors might get together and open an outdoor hose bib or frost free hydrant (or two) on each property or home (use the ones nearest the road so as to keep from drawing stuff through your internal plumbing) for a few minutes. This will simulate a proper flush in the old lines by increasing the flow velocity enough to drag that sediment out. If it works, you will know because you'll get silty water for a few minutes and then it will run clean. Please only attempt this once in any given street, if it doesn't work the first time, it's unlikely to work with additional flushes. You need around 50 gpm to clear a 2" waterline well, which is about 8 to 10 hoses running flat out.

Almost there!

#### **ADA Restroom:**

Nearly completed. Thank you, Andy Anderson and Steve Kramer for all your volunteer efforts to complete this project.

### **ADA Parking:**

Because no additional bids were received, the job was awarded to the single bidder, Jim Davies, and the work was completed in two days, except for striping and marking the spot. Some weeks will be required for the concrete to cure, so please stay away from the space until the barriers are removed.

## **A-133 Audit:**

We met with Michael Kander and provided him with documents at his request. He'll let us know when he is ready for the next steps.

<u>Fire Department Liaison:</u> The Fire District has arranged for fire engine driving training on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. More details will follow. The current certifications expire September 15, but have been extended by District #16 to allow for training. We will contact all current drivers about training. Anyone else who wishes to qualify should contact the HMC Office.

<u>Land Use:</u> Four Members have expressed interest in purchasing some of the HMC lots on the July 14 ballot. The Board will be discussing the process for accomplishing the sales. Anyone interested in any of the lots should contact the HMC office.

<u>Emergency Preparedness:</u> Pierce County suspended all work on the Mitigation Plans for the duration of the Taylor Bridge Fire.

**Parks:** See Committee Report.

The Parks maintenance job formerly performed by Jack Wells has been filled by Andy Anderson, who's being initiated in the job by Jack. (Jack, of course, gave up a paying job so he could spend more time working for nothing as our Roads Committee Chairman!)

The North Beach floats removal is scheduled for October 13.

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#### **Roads:**

The water truck has been repaired and is operating. A Tree Resource arborist came to the island August 14 and evaluated four HMC trees. Only in one case did he recommend removal of the entire tree, a Madrona on East Herron.

The most critical tree problem is the encroachment of an HMC tree into a Member's drain field. In this case, the arborist recommended that the least expensive path would be the installation of a root barrier around the tree. Precise cost is unknown, but there are no utilities in the area to impede installation of the barrier. Tree Resource has provided an estimate of \$750 to install the barrier. None of the current HMC tree budget has been used, and should be more than sufficient to address this problem.

The second priority should be reduction of a two-stemmed maple tree on East Herron. The tree sits atop the bluff over the road and presents some threat to the houses on the other side of East Herron. Three options were recommended, the most extreme being removal of the entire tree. The most cost effective option would be to create a "living snag" out of the stem nearest the road, by reducing it in size and reducing the height of the tree. The cost of this action is estimated at \$2,250.

The Madrona removal costs were estimated at \$2,750, including removal of all material less than 13" in diameter.

Total tree budget from the 2011-12 budget and the 2012-2013 budget is \$4,750. The root barrier, two stemmed maple reduction and removal of the Madrona total is \$5,750. These trees have been identified as presenting liability to HMC Members and should be removed. The additional cost can be borne by the 2011-12 Roads budget, for work performed in September.

**Rules:** The draft revision of Island Rules has been approved by the Rules Committee and submitted for review and action by the Board. Additional suggestions regarding Rules should be sent to the Board.

**Technology:** No report.

**Herron Island Ferry:** Reminder – The ferry will be out of service after the noon run Sunday, September 23 through Saturday, October 6. Should the ferry return sooner, notices will be posted on white boards, the web site and through an email notification.

During this trip the ferry will have its biennial "out of water" inspection by the Coast Guard.

In addition, Captain Farris will be securing firm bids on engine replacement. If anyone has questions regarding engine replacement costs and vendors, please contact the Island Manager rather than contacting vendors directly. Vendors need to be asked the same questions in order to provide their best bids and be guaranteed a fair process.

Andy Anderson has completed his training period as a standby Deck Hand, providing us with another on -island crew member. Please welcome him.

**<u>Legal Liaison:</u>** We currently have 11 delinquencies, of which eight are with the attorney for action. Delinquency rate of 2.8%.

During the last month, we have been reviewing with the Board the existing delinquency procedures and attempting to forge them into a policy document. The final product, which restates existing policy and provides guidelines for the assessment of a security deposit following repeat delinquencies, is ready for adoption.

## **Winter Ferry Schedule**

When our ferry returns from dry dock in October it will be operating under the winter schedule. The only difference from the summer schedule is the elimination of the 1:30/2:00 runs on Sunday and the 2:30/3:00 runs on Monday and Friday.

## **Package Delivery**

If you order packages to be delivered to the mainland terminal, please track their delivery so you can be available to pick them up or make other arrangements. It is not the responsibility of the ferry crew.



## **Beachcomber Brief Editions**

The full Beachcomber is published nine times per year, with brief editions in October, December, and February. These editions will be used to stress a few current items of which the Membership should be aware.

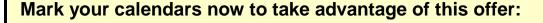
#### **Concerns or Ideas**

All Members are invited to voice their concerns or ideas by using the Member Input email address, contacting the Board Members or the HMC Office:

MemberInput@herronisland.org

#### **Tide Tables**

Plots of the monthly tide tables are available on our website (herronisland.org). The plots are for nearby McMicken Island, which is the NOAA data point closest to Herron Island.



Dr. Roes of Key Center will be on Herron Island on October 15th at about 4:20 at the Community Center to provide flu shots for our membership.

## "Charlie Wells" is Going to the Shipyard

Our Ferry will depart for its biennial shipyard maintenance period on Sunday, September 23, 2012, following the noon Ferry run. These shipyard activities typically take the Ferry out of service for 10-14 days. We expect the Ferry to return to service by Saturday, October 6, 2012.

You will receive notice of any changes in this schedule through the HMC website, through notices posted at the HMC Office and on the white boards at the ferry terminals, and through e-mail notification.





## **Labor Day 2012 Sailboat Race Results**

Sailboats are not very mobile when the air isn't moving. At such times a "race" becomes a drifting match and a test of a sailor's persistence and perseverance. This was one of those times. Still, four boats started the race. The order of finish:

1- Joe Lauston 3hr, 18min2- John and Jim Ross 5hr, 15min

Dave Monette & Michel Sotura DNF Larry & Mike Carriero DNF

#### **Baseball News**

End of a baseball season on Herron Island. It was a perfect day and the ball field was in great shape. The juniors and parents had a great afternoon of baseball. Kids got to hit and adults chased balls. Everyone had two hours of fun and we were all tired out.

There wasn't an adult's game because not enough players showed. Those that came had a pick-up game and from what I heard they had a lot of fun.

I want to thank Jack Wells for keeping the field mowed and looking so good. Thanks Jack for all the years you did this. Andy Anderson will be our new grounds keeper, welcome Andy to our baseball field.

In closing thanks to all that helped and came to play and watch. We all had a lot of fun. See you next year Memorial Day weekend for start of another season of baseball on Herron Island

Dallas, Baseball Chairperson





## **Sales of HMC Properties**

In a recent ballot HMC Members approved the sale of several HMC-Owned Lots. A map showing those Lots with their corresponding minimum sale prices can be found by clicking the following link:

http://herronisland.org/map/Map.pdf

HMC's published Land Use Policy requires that all saleable Lots be made available to the General Membership for first consideration. Following that, (after approximately 30 days) the Lots will be made available to the General Public. Several Members have indicated an interest in purchasing some of the lots. Other Members who are interested in purchasing a Lot should contact the HMC Office at: Office@herronisland.org.

#### **Website Photos**

If you have any photos from island activities that you would like to share on our website, please send them to webmaster@herronisland.org.



## Welcome, New Islanders!

HMC welcomes the following new Members to Herron Island:

• Barbara Richert & Louis Leger



## Are You on the List?



HMC now has 274 Member email addresses on the notification list. If you want to receive updates about the water project, get notice of the online Beachcomber, or get the latest on windstorms, power outages, water line breakages, or other news, please send an email to <a href="mailto:office@herronisland.org">office@herronisland.org</a> and request that your email address be added. To be used for HMC purposes only.



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Please use these email addresses for all future communications to Board Members. They can be accessed on our website (herronisland.org) under the HMC Board tab.

## May Mobile Marine Tech

Monty will be on the island to perform maintenance/tune-ups/winterizing Friday, Oct 19th

9 AM-4 PM

Motors, Generators, Boats
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# COMMITTEE IN THE SPOTLIGHT EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Herron Island Emergency Preparedness Committee (EP) is to promote disaster awareness and preparation for our Island and its Members. We focus on Personal Preparedness, Neighborhood Response, and Island Infrastructure Preparedness and Response.

The EP Committee partners with the Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Teams (PC-NET) program. PC-Net provides our Members education, training, and support. Training includes Communication, First Aid, CPR, Search & Rescue and other life saving skills.

The EP Committee meets monthly, August through May, on the second Saturday of the month. We meet in the Community Building following the Board Meetings at about 12:30 pm.

We believe that our Island Members working together is the only sure way to prepare for a major disaster. Demonstrate your commitment to your family and community by joining us. For more information, **call Mike Shettlesworth 884-6919 or Pat Zazzo 884-6719.** 

## Free Classified Ads

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.



## Allen Moren October 15, 1943—September 10, 2012

Herron Island has lost a long time Member and friend. Allen Moren passed away on September 10, 2012 after a valiant fight with cancer. Allen was a past Board President, Chairman of the Roads Committee, enthusiastic BOOSTERS supporter, and all around good guy. We will miss him. Allen's family is preparing a celebration of his life on October 27, 2012 at the Key Peninsula Civic Center from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. (http://www.kpciviccenter.org/contactus/contactus.shtml)

All are welcome.



## Janet "Sue" Irene Zottman July 13, 1941—September 2, 2012

Island member since 1985, Sue passed away at her home in Big River, California at age 71. Sue is survived by her loving husband of 51 years, Richard "Dick"; son, Brent and daughter, Julie; seven grandchildren; and her brother, Kent Evans and his wife, Marge. Sue is dearly missed. Please visit <a href="www.yaringtons.com">www.yaringtons.com</a> to share fond memories or offer condolences.

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIP OF THE MONTH TALKING ABOUT DISASTER

Many individuals, particularly the young and the elderly, may be overwhelmed by a disaster and may experience difficulty in coping with the situation and their feelings. You can support them by remembering these guidelines:

- Accept every person's right to have her or his own feelings. Try not to tell victims how they should feel.
- Accept the victim's limitations as real. An individual
  who has lost her or his ability to cope with their feelings
  is as disabled as one who has broken a leg.



- Accept your own limitations. In a community-wide disaster, chances are great that you will be feeling the same anxiety as the people you are trying to help. Your initial attention should be on yourself.
- Right from the start make every effort to explain to the victim what has happened, what is being done about it, and what the likely positive outcome will be.
- Communicate confidence in yourself and in your ability to help the victim.
- Encourage the victim to speak freely about whatever is on her or his mind. If she or he is having difficulty, some general statement about what may have happened may increase her or his confidence in you to the point that she or he will begin talking.
- When the person begins talking, interrupt as little as possible. After you have heard the full story, you can ask for details. Just a couple of minutes of talking can relieve some feelings and truly work wonders.
- Try not to agree or disagree with a person's distortions of reality. These
  distortions are real to her or him. Do not argue with the person if she or he
  disagrees with you.
- Find a way for the victims to participate in the recovery effort. Find out their normal occupation and give them something to do along the same lines if possible. Tell them that you need their help in responding to the disaster you all have shared. It is comforting to watch the neighborhood begin to resume its normal functioning and to have had a part in it.

The Emergency Preparedness Committee needs you.

Call Mike Shettlesworth 884-6919 or Pat Zazzo 884-6719

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It seems that we have misplaced some of our chairs from the Community Center. The BOOSTERS purchased these chairs and their matching tables for membership use at community events. We've checked everywhere but cannot locate them. It's possible that someone borrowed them for a personal event. If so, we would appreciate their return. At our next large community event (like the Thanksgiving Potluck) we may not be able to seat everyone with the chairs we have left. We're hoping for their speedy return.

## **Water Project News**

The Water Project has made excellent progress in the last couple of weeks. The pump house has undergone significant electrical upgrades with high voltage Three Phase Power installation, state of the art electronic monitoring panels, new well pump motors, piping/valves, and the removal of the large outside water storage 'silver' bullet. Dry rot in the main pump house has been addressed by replacing new studs, insulation, and panels both inside and outside of the building. Soon the old materials will be hauled off to the dump. We need volunteers to caulk, prime and paint the outside of the new pump house before the rainy season comes....please call the HMC Office at 253-884-9350 or email Claudia Ellsworth, at <a href="mailto:hmcmanager@herronisland.org">hmcmanager@herronisland.org</a> to get involved. Thanks!

Service lines for Member's properties are completed on Loop 1 from pump house to East Madrona, South Herron, West Herron, West Madrona and Loop 5 from Maple, West Herron, and North Beach Rd., East Herron. Look for the exposed meter setter near your blue address stakes. The markers will house your meter when we connect your water line. Each meter setter will be placed in a bed of rock, leveled for accurate readings, and have a plastic box cover. It will be important to not damage these boxes in any way and to keep the areas around them weeded for visibility. Some residents may be concerned because their meter setter/box is located in the driveway, parking area or very close to a driveway. In these situations, cement lids will be installed protecting the meters from vehicle damage.

Water flushing of the new main pipes and hydrants is being accomplished on several areas on Loop 1 and no leaks have been observed. This step is important to purge air and activate dry chlorine that was placed in pipes to clean them. Expect a lot of water moving when flushing starts since each loop of pipe has between 5,000 and 20,000 gallons within it. The water in the new mains will have to be completely turned over several times, meaning we may be discharging as much as 100,000 gallons on occasion. The chlorinated water will be collected and de-chlorinated as necessary, to prevent vegetation burning or run-off from ditches into Puget Sound.

Dirt distribution will occur again in the near future. Dirt is taken to those who are closest to a collection pile. We realize there are many small dirt collection piles on the sides of the roads which the contractor is saving for future road fill in settling areas. Please do not touch the dirt or rocks in these areas. We only take dirt to properties where members have clearly marked a dump location. The distribution priorities are: 1) contractor needs, 2) Roads Committee drainage/erosion needs, 3) HMC requirements, and 4) then to those on the HMC request list who have requested but have not received their dirt.

Judy Greinke, Water Chairman

## **Roads News**

Everyone should see increased bumps, ruts, stones, etc. with the service line excavations going across our roads. Again these will not be repaired now UNLESS an emergency situation demands an immediate solution. PLEASE DRIVE SLOWER. The contractor will be doing extensive grading at the end of the project in a few weeks, at which time ditches will be cleared of construction debris, and driving surfaces will be regraded and compacted. Driveways will get some repairs and gravel on a case-by-case basis to return them to original condition. The Resident Inspectors have taken numerous pictures of the "before condition" so the "after condition" can be compared. In some areas, HMC trees, overhanging limbs, and brush have been removed to allow excavator equipment access to where a trench needed to be placed. You can assist your island Roads Committee by collecting the debris in front of your property and taking it to the free Purdy dump. Huge thanks!

The water truck has been fixed and was placed back in operation on September 5. It made us realize how wonderful it has been to have the few volunteers spend long hours making the roads tolerable in the past. They are heroes! Please get involved by getting certified to drive this truck, so many hands can make this less demanding on the few who now do this service

Last thoughts.....many, many places do not have address numbers or they are hidden from view. Every property should get this problem resolved. The little red roadside signs from Fire District 16 can be purchased for a minimal amount in Key Center at the Fire Station. They even give you a T-post for this sign. During any emergency it is unacceptable for first responders to waste time or get lost because an address is poorly marked or not installed. You can help here.

Jack Wells, Roads Chairman

## PAYMENT FOR OUR WATER SYSTEM

As you all know, HMC is securing a loan from the USDA for payment of all costs associated with the installation of our new Water Distribution System. That loan transaction is being executed between HMC Management as the borrower and the USDA as the lender; this is not a loan between HMC and the Membership or any individual Member or Members.

HMC will be charging Members for the Water Project by way of Special Assessment, in accordance with Section 9.5 of the 2005 Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of HMC Management and the Herron Island Water Department Financial Policy. Once we know the final Capital Cost of the Water Project and anticipated interest charges and costs through closing of the USDA loan, we will be able to tell Members how much they will owe for their per Connection share of the total cost of the Water Project. Members will be given a window of time in which to decide if they want to prepay the full amount of their per-Connection share (up front) or if they want to pay for it over the life of the HMC/USDA loan. The amount that a Member is ultimately obligated to pay as a Special Assessment will depend on the number of Connections they have and whether they choose to pay up front or over time.

If a Member chooses to prepay and does prepay the full amount of this per-Connection share within the allocated window of time (i.e., up front), that Member's obligation to pay the Special Assessment for the Water Project will be satisfied in full. These prepayments will be applied to pay down the total cost of the Water Project, and will reduce the amount of money that HMC has to borrow from the USDA. These prepayments will not be used to pay for any costs or interest associated with the loan from the USDA to HMC.

If a Member chooses instead to pay for the Special Assessment over the life of the HMC/USDA loan, this will now be considered a "Loan Special Assessment" per Section 9.5 of the Bylaws. The amount of this Loan Special Assessment must include not only the per-Connection share, but also a prorated amount to cover the interest and fees that HMC is obligated to pay in accordance with the terms of the loan contract with the USDA. Any Member who has chosen to pay over time, but later wishes to "pay off" the balance of their share may do so, but they will still be required to pay their full proportional amount as determined at the beginning of the loan, which will still include the loan interest and fees that will be incurred by HMC over the life of HMC's loan with the USDA.

If you have any questions about any of this, please do not hesitate to contact the Island Manager.

## **Parks Committee and BOOSTERS News**

It's that time again... With fall around the corner we need to roll up our sleeves for our Dock Removal and Fall



Project Work Party. This year we plan to remove the small boat docks for winter, plus do some work in the Parks.

please

Join us!

When: Saturday, October 13th at 12:00 pm

Where: North Beach

## **Good to know**

At each major work party nourishment is provided for our volunteers by volunteers, potluck style. For this Fall Work Party the BOOSTERS asked to combine the Work Party Potluck with the BOOSTERS Potluck. The result, everyone will have a delicious meal—followed by a brief BOOSTERS meeting to plan the Thanksgiving Celebration.

**What**: Community Potluck

When: Saturday, October 13th at 4:30 pm

Where: Community Center





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

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

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

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New Years:

Thanksgiving and 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

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## LABOR DAY FUN ON HERRON ISLAND

Great weather, happy people, and beautiful Herron Island!

The Labor Day weekend was very active as BOOSTERS Volunteers facilitated events beginning with the ever popular "Junk in the Trunk" community sales. We all enjoyed the rolls and drinks as we shopped for the 2013 BOOSTERS CALENDARS and Herron Island Apparel.

Kayaks paddled around the island while those dedicated baseball players played one last baseball game for the season. Before long the music of "Tommy Boy" was ringing from the rafters of the North Beach Pavilion for our annual end of summer dance.

Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who have helped make this 2012 summer season on Herron Island fun and successful!

## Mark your calendars for October 13<sup>th</sup>!

After the HMC Board Meeting, about 12:00 noon, we will all meet down at North Beach to join the Parks workers and remove the small boat docks for the winter season along with other Parks tasks that are needed to close up for winter. Snacks will be provided.

Next, at about 4:30, we'll all gather at the Community Center for a short BOOSTERS Meeting with a Potluck.

See you there!