



The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

June 2014



President's Message

During the June Annual Membership Meeting the ballots for the new Board Members were counted and the results are that Mike Graham was elected to replace Sherri Anderson and Janet Podell was reelected. I would like to thank Sherri for her service and help while she served on the Board. Due to her new job commitments, the job that pays real money, she felt that she could not devote the necessary time to the Board at this juncture. Her expertise as an accountant was utilized and greatly appreciated in budgeting and the annual Reserve Reporting. Sherri has volunteered to continue to stay on the Finance Committee and lend her skills to continue to help in our budgeting process. Mike's expertise in running a company will be beneficial to HMC. We attempted to get him to take on the roles of Board President, Treasurer and Secretary but he was not that enthusiastic after hearing that he won to fall for that. So the Board makeup is that Pat Zazzo and Dianne Degood will be Co-Secretary, Janet Podell will be Vice-President, Mike Graham and I will be Co-Treasurer and I will be President. I would also like to thank Jonas Ray for running for the Board. Even though he did not win a Board seat his dedication to run and volunteer his time is greatly appreciated.

While on the Board Sherri looked into and recommend a change in our method of accounting that will reduce the office workload and reduce the audit fees. Basically we have been maintaining books as if we have been running two separate companies; HMC and HMC Water. Our auditor, accountant and Sherri recommend that we combine the books into one software program making it easier to track and charge expenses and credit income. This allows faster data entry and fewer banking transfers. This recommended change does not intermix HMC and HMC water finances. Both HMC and HMC Water still have separate budgets, reserve accounts and funds. What does change is the process that is used to record data. The Board considered the recommendation and adopted it during the June Board Meeting.

Considering that it saves time and money and still allows separate budgeting and tracking of funds it was felt that this move would be beneficial. The Membership will see no difference in our structure since this change is basically software driven.

This week ballots will be going out to the Membership. There are two votes on this ballot. The first is the budget for HMC, HMC Water and the Fee Schedule. The assessments for both HMC and HMC Water have not changed from last year. What have changed are the line item amounts. In some areas expenses are projected down while others are projected to increase. But the assessments remain the same. The second vote is for a special assessment up to five hundred dollars (\$500). This is for the ramp painting and corrosion control that will be done next year. At this time we are not sure of the exact costs so we are using the highest projected estimate. It is expected that the special assessment will be lower than the five hundred dollars but we have chosen the conservative approach by expecting the worst. When the final bids come in and a contract is awarded we will know the actual cost and the special assessment will be adjusted to the actual expense. You should not expect to be billed for this Special Assessment until May or June of next year (2015).

This is the second to the last special assessment we are expecting that is needed to bring our infrastructure back into shape and get us on a routine maintenance budgeted schedule. Without the maintenance to the ramps our insurance cost will be going up and our ramps will start to accelerate in deterioration costing us even more money in repairs. Based on the historical data of the ramps we now know that the ramps need to have corrosion control and painting done every 20 to 25 years. This item is now being budgeted as a yearly expense so we will have the money in reserves when the ramps need to be done again.

One other change to the budget is a line item in the notes. We are now putting in the budget that any surplus funds not expended will be placed into reserve

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accounts. In the past few years any surplus funds not expended have carried over into the next year and have been used to eliminate two planned special assessments, help reduce the engine replacement special assessment and build funds up for the roads. Last year the auditor brought up the issue that some years HMC shows a profit and this is not a preferred thing to do as the State, County or other government agency may consider this as profit and want to tax it. HMC is a non-profit corporation. This became very important this year since one county is now trying to tax a nonprofit hospital on surplus funds not utilized during their budget year. So the solution is to transfer any expected surplus funds into reserve accounts. An easy fix that takes a little more time and planning.

One last final thing, the Roads Committee is planning a Roads Work Party on July 19th between nine in the morning and noon. This is to get the ditches ready for

grading. Some of the ditches are overgrown and have debris in them making it very difficult for the grader operator to see where the ditches are and to do the job properly. While it is a member's responsibility to maintain the ditches in front of their property, per HMC Rules, we felt a one-time helping hand was in order for some of the more difficult ditches. If you are available please help. Jack Wells, your Chairperson for the Roads Committee, has a notice in the Beachcomber with all the details.

Sorry this message is long but a lot has happened that you should know about. With that said please enjoy the 4th of July weekend, be safe and careful.

Gary Wanzong, President
HMC Management Board of Directors

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 Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday, and after 2:00 PM on Fri-
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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.)

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
June 14, 2014

Administration:

Hello? This is a private island! HMC received a request from a Combat Controller at McChord AFB that they be allowed to conduct an exercise which could have included clandestine troops landing on the island and meeting up with a second group, during the night. We declined.

Also received a request from a geocacher that his group be allowed to plant a geocache on Herron Island, even though they are not members.....we declined.

Last year it was a group of kayakers who wanted to make a rest stop at North Beach. We declined.

Volunteers: Thanks to our dust truck drivers, including Don Kelly, a new volunteer. Jack Wells, Ed Hovde, Kevin Kircher, and any others I have missed. If you would like to volunteer as a dust truck driver, please let me know. Now that spring is here, we are looking for volunteers to caulk and possibly repaint the exterior of the Community Building. Rain gutters may also need some attention. Contact the office if you can help, or lead this project.

Tree Trimming: No recent word from Peninsula Light, other than my conversation with Mike McNellis in which he assured me they were still coming out. We've identified some HMC trees that need to be limbed or reduced, and are working with Pen Light to determine when and how they can drop a primary line so that the tree trimmer can do the work. A lot of the work will need to be done on West Herron, and we will have to notify the property owners before dropping the lines, since power will be affected.

Water Operations: Two reports are due to be submitted by July 1. The first is the annual Consumer Confidence Report, which details the source of Herron Island Water and what it contains. This report must be distributed to all users of the system, and so will be mailed out with the budget ballot, in order to reduce postage costs. Herron Island Water comes from a large deep aquifer that runs from Oregon to Canada, with many, many users. Our wells are about 50 feet deeper than the island's highest point (140 feet). And, as most of you know, Herron Island water is pure and untreated.

The second item is the Water Use Efficiency report, which requires us to set conservation goals to be achieved each year. We've struggled with this, because with our unmetered system and system replacement, it's been impossible to tell what the system leakage has been vs. use by members. Our Water Use Efficiency report states a goal of 5% reduction in consumption over a six year period, which we believe will be acceptable. Water Use Efficiency goals must be shared at a public meeting, then submitted to the Department of Health.

Here's the amazing thing! In 2010, on the old water system, we produced (pumped) 10.99 million gallons. The 2014 report will report production from June 1, 2013 to June 1, 2014 – of 7.34 million gallons, a reduction of THIRTY-THREE PERCENT!

Cross Connection Control Program: We still have two holdouts who have not returned forms. The next item in this report will request Board action in approving a change in Water Administrative Rules, including procedures for discontinuance of service. A letter will soon go out to those who need to provide certification asking if they would like to "Opt in" to a joint inspection. Inspections must be annual. Judy Greinke provided information that homeowners' insurance will not pay for damages caused by an uncertified system.

Water Administrative and Operations Rules: The modified Rules are ready for Board action, and now include guidelines and procedures for discontinuance of service. These procedures can be found in the Washington Administrative Code (WAC's), and have been adapted for HMC, and reviewed by the Water Committee. The

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procedures require two written notices before water can be shut off, except in cases of fraudulent use of the system. Once the guidelines have been adopted, we will draft the appropriate notices. Properties likely to have service discontinued are those delinquencies which have been referred to the attorney's office; and those not complying with the Cross Connection program. NWS has also recommended we discontinue service to properties that have been condemned.

Water Committee Report: None.

Water System: Call 8-1-1 before you dig! HMC now subscribed to the One Call service, and we have receive a number of notifications from them. Thank you for your compliance.

Fire Department Liaison: We have received about 7 replies from members who would like to receive application packets, and will be in touch with Acting Chief Guy Allen about the packets.

Land Use: Committee Report.

We've been requested to remind members that it's time to eradicate tansy ragwort, and will be sending out a reminder via email. If it is possible to avoid use of toxic pesticides by pulling the tansy out, that would be better for the island environment. There are some vinegar based products available.

Reminder that encroachment permits from HMC are required if any part of your construction project occurs on HMC roadway easement. This is to protect the membership from the costs of unrepaired roadway areas caused by individual acts.

Concern has been expressed about the tearing down of condemned homes resulting in a wave of rats in other directions. Where rats might be a problem, members should acquire traps or set out rat poison.

Emergency Preparedness: Committee Report.

Parks: Committee Report:

Tracy Anspach extends his thanks to everyone who made last weekend's party a success in raising enough funds for a new swing set.

The Parks Committee hopes to have at least one other work party in the near future. Hopefully, without the rain. We will need to stain benches, clean, stain and repair the Boardwalk, possibly stain and make repairs to the swim float. Watch the website for future dates. If you have questions or input please email: hmcparcs@herronisland.org “

Roads: Committee Report.

Rules: No outstanding complaints.

Herron Island Ferry:

The ferry is scheduled to leave for the Tacoma shipyard on Monday, September 15, following the morning run, so that trash removal can be completed for residents. Please plan for the ferry to be out of service for two weeks, returning at the end of the month. During this trip, the ferry will receive its biennial “out of water” Coast Guard inspection.

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We have a new captain in training, and will soon have at least one additional standby deck hand in training.

Ramp Painting:

Sargent Engineers has given us the following estimated schedule for the remaining tasks, through project completion in 2015:

Initial plan preparation (30%) – August 15, 2014
HMC Review - August 15-31, 2014
Submit for permits - September 15, 2014

Plans, specifications and estimate
(60%) - January 15, 2015
HMC Review - January 15 – February 15, 2015

Plans, specifications and estimate
(90%) - March 1, 2015
HMC Review - March 1, 2015 – March 31, 2015

Go to advertising bid - April 1, 2015

Cable Replacement: HMC will be taking bids on replacement of gantry cables, which have not been replaced in several years. If possible, this work will be scheduled during August.

Legal Liaison: HMC received \$8,000 from resolution of one long term delinquency. We currently have 19 active delinquencies, of which 6 are with the attorney for action. Delinquency rate of 4.9%. Last year at this time we had 20 delinquencies. Currently, HMC has 388 Assessable Units and 397 Water customers.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS

Votes Received		Officers	
Mike Graham	122	President, Co-Treasurer	Gary Wanzong
Janet Podell	109	Vice-President	Janet Podell
Jonas Ray	67	Co-Secretary	Pat Zazzo
Write-Ins:		Co-Secretary	Dianne DeGood
		Co-Treasurer	Mike Graham
Sherri Anderson	1		
Sam Argo	1		
Terry Fletcher	1	Total Number of Single Vote Ballots	136
Nick Huff	1	No Signatures (not valid)	2
Scott Schultz	1	Delinquent (not valid)	0
		Countable Single Votes	134
		Total number of Multiple Vote Ballots	26
		Total Countable Vote Ballots	160

4th of July Celebrations!



Friday, July 4th



**12:00 Baseball— Kids game followed by
Adults game - Hot Dogs, Chips & Soda \$2.00**

**Volunteers needed on Saturday morning to move tables, and
chairs to North Beach for Saturday morning events.**

See Deb Kraft for details.

Dusk—North Beach

Fireworks!

Saturday, July 5th

8:00 am - North Beach Clean up (Anita Bray Chair)

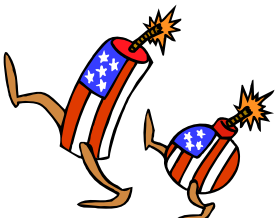
**9:00 am - Coffee & Pastries, Junk in the Trunk, Apparel
Sales at North Beach**

10:00 am Fun Run - Start and end at North Beach

**1:00 pm Parade - Start at Goodpastor Park and end at
North Beach**

**3:00 pm - Sailboat Race—Register under the
pink umbrella or call Anita Bray at
253-820-8030 prior to the race**

**7:00 pm-11:00 pm -Music in the Park hosted by Jack Smack & the
Celiacks. Bring chairs, blankets and dancing
flip-flops **Set up volunteers needed.****



Come and Join in the Fun!!



JULY 4th PARADE JOIN THE PARADE THIS YEAR!



All entries are welcome to join the Annual 4th of July Parade! No sign up – Just come and join in the celebration. Decorate your car, truck, boat, golf cart, bike, wagon, stroller, make a special “float” on a trailer or just decorate yourself and walk the Parade route! Be creative and show your patriotic spirit – all entries are welcome!

Herron Island Parade participants meet together **Saturday, July 5th** at 1:00 PM at the corner of Yew and Maple and parade down Maple and East Herron to North Beach Park. We really need a marching band to add music for our parade so any bands on the island please join in!

This event is a fun and happy patriotic celebration and builds great community Spirit. Hope to see everyone there!

July 4th Fireworks

Fireworks are **ONLY** permitted on **Friday evening, July 4th** from dusk until midnight, and are restricted to the North Beach Park Only. (On the beach area – not the parking lot)

For Safety, a 4-5 foot space will be left between the parked cars and the log bulkhead and will be designated for families with small children to shoot fireworks. **Beach fires will not be allowed except in the fire pit.**

Volunteer Members will also be out observing the activities and handing out trash bags, for you to help with the clean-up..

Fireworks are not permitted in any other location on the Island at any time (including on private property).



ANNUAL HERRON ISLAND SAILBOAT RACE

TROPHIES FOR WINNERS

SATURDAY. JULY 5TH, 3:00 pm North Beach - Multi Hull/Mono Hull. If the weather does not cooperate on Saturday, the race will take place on Sunday July 6th at 3:00 pm starting and ending at North Beach.

The start and finish line is the "line of sight" from North Beach Flag Pole to the Mainland Ferry ramp. There will be a 5 minute warning horn before the official start.

Please register before the race at the Pink Umbrella table at North Beach.

Join this annual Fun Event!



Memorial Day 2014 Sail Race Results

The race was originally scheduled for 3:00 PM on Sunday. The hour came with no wind and plentiful rain. The participants delayed the start until 5:00 PM and got the same conditions. Finally, at 10:00 AM Monday the gun (air horn) sounded and three boats set off around the Island in a steady breeze and sunshine. Maybe it was worth the wait because all finished in under one hour and the winners in both classes set new records for elapsed time.

The Order of Finish:

Multihull

Jonas & Alex Ray	47 minutes
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Monohull

Michel Sotura & Dave Monette	51 minutes
Larry & Mike Carreiro	57 minutes

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.



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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.



Are You on the List?

HMC now has 331 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 office@herronisland.org and request that your email address be added. To be used for HMC purposes only.

FREE CLASSIFIED ADS

Estate Sale July 1st through July 6th. 22608 South Herron Blvd, Herron Island. Phone: 253.884.2571, 78 Apollo Motorhome 20,000 miles, El Camino Real Mission Bell CM Russell signed and numbered pictures. Baskets, furniture, New Vornado Touch Stone Heater. New small appliances. Antiques galore. US made tools. Lumber. Much more miscellaneous.

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.

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.



Reminder

Requests for reimbursement must be accompanied by a receipt and received by the office by the Thursday before the Board Meeting to be included in the list of bills to be approved by the Board. Failure to get your bill in on time will result in a delay in payment until the following month.

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.



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

Volunteers

And as always, “Thank You” to the many volunteers who are always available to help on getting projects completed around the Island. Each Month the Island Manager has a list of those who have helped during the month in the Manager’s report. This saves Members lots of money that isn’t going out to paid help.

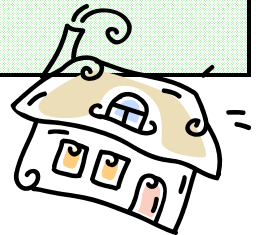
Ferry Out of Service This Fall For Biennial Inspection



Our Ferry will be going in for inspection and routine maintenance as required by the Coast Guard. The ferry will depart for the shipyard after the 10 am return trip to the island on Monday, September 15 and could be out as long as two weeks. More information will be posted on the HMC website and in the Beachcomber in the coming weeks.

RENTAL HOUSING

HMC is in need of rental housing (with cooking facilities or access) for standby crew members who need to overnight on the island. If you have space available (infrequently needed), please contact the HMC office at 253-884-9350.



WATER TRUCK DRIVERS NEEDED

Take a slow trip around the island
As you help keep the dust under control.

Valid Driver's License Needed

Contact HMC Manager



The 2nd Annual Roads Work Party

VOLUNTEERS needed for the 2nd Annual HMC Roads clean-up party



Qualifications: No age or ability limitations will be discriminated against!

We need everyone to contribute to make this event successful. Come with your kids to show them how we can accomplish island road safety and beautification.

Date/time: July 19th - 09:00-12:00



Lunch: Boosters will surprise us

Meet: Community Center parking lot.



Please bring: gloves, cutting tools, rakes, saws, trucks, trailers, Gators, etc.

Our goal is to continue with the first road clean-up tasks. (1) Cleaning roadside areas to the ditch in preparation for fall road grading. (2) Cutting huckleberry bushes growing in the ditches all over the island. These need to be cut down so the ditches can work more efficiently and traffic visibility is improved. (3) Cutting roadway overhanging tree limbs. (4) Picking up fallen roadside debris.

We do not anticipate being able to have a fire since this work party is scheduled in the dry summer time. Anyone who can take a load of debris to the free Purdy Yard Waste Dump will be a super hero.

Questions: Call Jack at (253)-884-0850

Many thanks,
Jack Wells - Chairperson of the Roads Committee



RESIDENTIAL FIRE PIT ETIQUETTE

(Note: We are including this article again, because it is so close to the Holiday weekend and many of you will be having small residential fires.)

Now that summer is just around the corner, we're dreaming of those balmy evenings with family and friends gathered around our fire pits. The air is full of laughter, shared memories, and the aroma of S'mores. While all this is wonderful, legal, and fun, we need to remember that our "good times" may be a nuisance and, in some cases, a hazard to our neighbors. Here are some simple suggestions so that you can be a "good neighbor" while enjoying your fire pit.

- Burn only dry firewood. Generate as little smoke as possible.
- Check the wind direction.
- Notify your neighbors in advance.
- Better yet ... invite your neighbor.
- Be sensitive to the neighbor who may have asthma or other breathing difficulties.
- Even a "hot" fire emits the smell of smoke so consider how frequently you have a fire.
- Remember to refrain from loud voices, loud music, etc. between the hours of 10 pm and 8 am.



Per the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, it's always illegal to smoke out your neighbors. If they complain, you are required to put the fire out immediately.

Additionally

- Any outdoor fire must be continuously attended. Abandoning a fire could result in heavy fines.
- Burning of trash is never allowed.

For more details of island and government burning regulations, please check out the Burn Rules section of our website at www.herronisland.org.

Bottom-Line

It's been a long, long, rainy, winter. We're all looking forward to a fun, safe, and harmonious summer. Let's do everything we can make that happen for ourselves and our neighbors.

TANSY RAGWORT ALERT

As all Herron Island landowners are no doubt aware, *Tansy Ragwort* has been a widespread problem for this community. Tansy is listed as a noxious weed by the state of Washington and control is mandatory for all Pierce County residents due to the toxic threat it poses to livestock, agriculture and humans through food chain contaminants.

NEW TANSY RAGWORT POLICY:

This notice is to alert all Herron Island landowners of the possible presence of Tansy Ragwort on their property. It is your responsibility as an owner/agent of this property to control said noxious weed(s) on or before **JULY 14TH, 2014** in accordance with RCW 17.10.

Noxious Weed Control Specialists from the Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Board will inspect the island following the July 14th due date. To avoid a costly violation, landowners must control all Tansy Ragwort on their property by the due date of this Notice.

Control methods for Tansy Ragwort include:

- Digging up the plant with the roots.
- Applying appropriate herbicide.
- Bagging flowers and throwing them in the garbage.
- Maintaining a healthy, vigorous cover of desirable plants.

Methods that *do not* work:

- Mowing is not an effective form of control, as Tansy will re-flower.
- Do not leave flowers on the ground. They can still go to seed.

For details on Tansy Ragwort, or any other noxious weed and control options available, visit our website at <http://PierceCountyWeedBoard.edu> or you may call the Noxious Weed Control Center at 253-798-7263.



SAFER TANSY CONTROL

With Tansy season in full swing, an effort to find a safer alternative to the harsh chemicals used in commercial noxious weed killers has been explored. Excellent results have been found using the following recipe suggested by a couple of Island Members. A test plant was sprayed with this and quickly turned brown and shriveled up. Now approximately three weeks later, there has been no reappearance. Vinegar is an acid and exposure can be damaging so we recommend you use the same precautions as when using the harsher chemicals.

- 1 Gallon Vinegar
- 2 Cups Epson Salt
- 1/4 Cup Dawn Dish Soap (The Blue Original)

Just mix and keep some in a small spray bottle. Spray in the morning after the dew has evaporated. Walk away and after dinner the weeds are gone. It will kill anything you spray it on. Members have tried it and monitored it for any resurgence from a root not fully destroyed. The good news is that after three weeks the plant is completely gone.

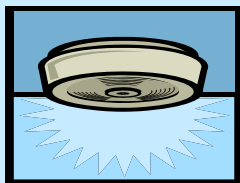


EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIP OF THE MONTH

FIRE SAFETY

Since last month's 'Tip' was about wildfire prevention this seems like a good time to take a look at fire safety related to house fires. There have been several updates to information regarding fire safety.

To protect yourself, it's important to understand the basic characteristics of fire. Fire spreads quickly; there is no time to grab valuables or make a phone call. In just two minutes a fire can become like-threatening. In five minutes a house can be engulfed in flames.



A fire's heat and smoke are even more dangerous than the flames – inhaling the super-hot air can sear your lungs. Fire produces poisonous gases that make you disoriented and drowsy. Instead of being awakened by a fire, you may fall into a deeper sleep.

Follow these tips for escape and prevention:

1. **Install smoke detectors.** Today's building code calls for smoke/carbon monoxide detectors. Update your existing detectors with these combination models. They are not expensive and are widely available. Keep your detector clean and replace the batteries at least once a year. Studies have shown that children awake much more quickly to a parents recorded voice than to a sharp tone. Detectors that allow you to record your voice are available for as little as \$25. (i.e., Sophia! Wake up now, Sophia!).
2. **Provide escape ladders** for upper floor rooms.
3. **Install A-B-C type fire extinguishers** in the home and teach family members how to use them.
4. **Plan two escape routes** from every room in the house with your family. Practice escaping from each room. Teach family members to stay low to the floor where the air is safer. Pick a place outside your home for the family to meet after escaping.
5. **Teach children how to report a fire** and when to use 911. A fire should be reported once you have exited the building *not* before.
6. **Clean out storage areas.** Don't let trash such as old newspapers and magazines accumulate
7. **Check electrical** cords and extension cords for frayed or exposed wires or loose plugs. Do not overload extension cords or outlets. If you need to plug in two or three appliances, get a UL-approved unit with built-in circuit breakers to prevent sparks and short circuits.
8. **Never use gasoline, benzene, naptha or similar liquids indoors.** Store flammable liquids in approved containers and well-ventilated storage areas. Never smoke near flammable liquids. After use, safely discard all rags or materials soaked in flammable material.
9. **Check heating sources.** Many home fires are started by faulty furnaces or stoves, cracked or rusted furnace parts and chimneys with creosote build-up. Make sure

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Emergency Preparedness (Continued from Page 18)

your home heating source is clean and in working order. Call professionals for help. Use caution when using alternative heating sources, such as wood, coal and kerosene heaters and electrical space heaters. Check with your local fire department on the legality of using kerosene heaters in your community. Ensure proper ventilation to the outside. Place heaters at least three feet away from flammable materials. Make sure the floor and nearby walls are properly insulated. Use only the type of fuel designated for your unit and follow manufacturers' instructions. Store ashes in a metal container outside and away from the house. Keep open flames away from walls, furniture, drapery and any flammable items. Keep a screen in front of the fireplace.

10. **Make sure home insulation does not touch electrical wiring** when building/remodeling.
11. **Know the locations of the gas valve and electric fuse or circuit breaker box** and how to turn them off in an emergency. If you shut off your main gas or propane line for any reason, allow only a gas company representative to turn it on again.
12. **Ask your local fire department if they will inspect your house** for fire safety and prevention.
13. **Never open a hot safe** or fireproof document storage box after a fire. The sudden surge of fresh air could cause super-heated air in the safe to spontaneously combust. You could be badly burned and the documents destroyed. Allow time for your safe/fireproof document box interior to cool.

Independence Day Holiday Ferry Restrictions:

Combinations of any length (vehicle towing anything) and single vehicles longer than 25 feet will not be transported after the 12 NOON - 12:30 run Thursday, July 3, 2014 through the end of the day Sunday, July 6.

Note: Friday, July 4th the Ferry will operate on the Holiday schedule same as Sunday.



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

MON		TUE		WED		THUR		FRI		SAT		SUN	
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								8:30	9:00				

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

2014 Ferry Schedule Low Tide Cancellations & Adjustments

APRIL

Fri 4/18	2:30 pm—3:00 pm cancelled
Sat 4/19	2:30 pm—3:00 pm no shuttles 3:00 pm departs early 3:30 pm 4:00 pm cancelled
Tue 4/29	12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled

MAY

Wed 5/14	12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled
Thu 5/15	12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled
Fri 5/16	12:00 noon—3:00 pm NO RUNS
Sat 5/17	2:30 pm—3:00 pm cancelled 3:30 pm may depart late
Sun 5/18	2:30 pm—4:00 pm NO RUNS
Mon 5/19	3:30 pm—4:00 pm cancelled
Tue 5/27	12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled
Wed 5/28	12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled
Thu 5/29	12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled
Fri 5/30	12:00 noon—12:30 pm no shuttles
Sat 5/31	2:30 pm may depart late

Memorial Day Holiday **Ferry Restrictions**

Combinations of any length (vehicle towing anything) and single vehicles longer than 25 feet will **NOT** be transported **after** the 12:00 NOON—12:30 pm run, **Thursday, May 22, 2014 through the end of day, Monday, May 26.**

Note: Monday, May 26, the ferry will operate of holiday schedule, same as Sunday.

NOTE: No shuttle means only one trip for that time.

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JUNE

Wed 6/11	12:00 noon may depart late
Thu 6/12	12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled
Fri 6/13	12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled
Sat 6/14	11:30 am—3:00 pm NO RUNS
Sun 6/15	2:30 pm—3:00 pm cancelled
Mon 6/16	3:30 pm—4:00 pm cancelled
Wed 6/25	12:00 noon may depart late
Thu 6/26	12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled
Fri 6/27	12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled

Independence Day Holiday **Ferry Restrictions**

Combinations of any length (vehicle towing anything) and single vehicles longer than 25 feet will **NOT** be transported **after** the 12:00 NOON—12:30 pm run, **Thursday, July 3, 2014 through the end of day, Sunday, July 6.**

Note: Friday, July 4 the ferry will operate of holiday schedule, same as Sunday.

JULY

Fri 7/11	12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled
Sat 7/12	10:30 am—12:00 noon NO RUNS
Sun 7/13	11:30 am—12:00 noon cancelled
Mon 7/14	12:00 noon—12:30 pm no shuttles 12:30 pm departs early

AUGUST

Sat 8/9	9:30 am—10:00 am no shuttles 10:30 am—12:00 noon NO RUNS
Sun 8/10	10:30 am to 12:00 noon NO RUNS
Mon 8/11	12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled

Labor Day Holiday **Ferry Restrictions**

Combinations of any length (vehicle towing anything) and single vehicles longer than 25 feet will **NOT** be transported **after** the 12:00 NOON—12:30 pm run, **Thursday, August 28, 2014 through the end of day, Monday, September 1.**

Note: Monday, September 1, the ferry will operate of holiday schedule, same as Sunday.

Herron Island Real Estate

GOOD NEWS. Karen Dorans is bringing her real estate license and experience back to work with me on the Herron Team. Sheryl has decided to go in a different direction. Both Karen and myself are going home of-fice and will be working from our homes. I have left Re/Max and am now with Better Properties. Real estate agents that live here and work here will benefit the island by of-fering everyday coverage, seven days a week, and are available to answer any ques-tions that may arise.

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Join us for the third annual Bluegrass & Barbeque Festival, Sat. July 26th 2-6 PM at Longbranch Improvement Club. Featuring Coyote Hill Bluegrass from Oklahoma, and local talent. Admission Free, food available for purchase, silent auction, kids activities. Proceeds support ministries of Longbranch Community Church.

God's Blessings to you,
The Amidons & Pastor John Day

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The proposed budget for FY 2014/2015 is contained on the following pages. This proposed budget will also be mailed to the Membership and the ratification vote by the Membership will take place at the July 12th extension of the Annual Meeting.

HMC Management Profit & Loss Budget

NOTE: These budgets are a proposal only and have not been approved by the Board. At the scheduled HMC Board meeting on June 14th the Board can either reject, approve or modify the budgets prior to sending them out to the general Membership to be voted on. Everyone is welcome to attend the June Board Meeting for discussion of the proposed budgets.

	Oct '12 - Sep 13	Oct '13 - Sep 14	Oct '14 - Sep 15
Assessable Units	394	394	389
Units minus delinquents	389	388	382
Total Income minus Assessments	288,287	219,570	259,320
Total Expenses	964,302	901,609	930,892
Assessment per member	1,738	1,758	1,758
Total Assessments	676,015	682,039	671,572

	Actual Costs Oct '12 - Sep 13	Current Budget Oct '13 - Sep '14	Proposed Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Assessments	774,357		
Ferry Fees	174,400	175,000	170,000
Other Income			
Beachcomber Ads	660	600	600
Renter's Fees, Copy, Fax and Notary	560	2,000	2,000
Refund of Fees from Intuit/QB	0	0	0
Nsf Fees	315	200	200
Postage	27	20	20
Property Transfer fee	5,425	1,000	1,500
Research Office Time Fees	0	250	0
Rules Fine	0	0	0
Interest & Handling (Delinquent Accounts)	10,108	4,500	6,000
Member Credit Card Fees	475	1,000	1,000
Other Income	15,532	0	0
Attorney Collections (SEE NOTE 3)	10,145	10,000	10,000
Water expenses paid from HMC bank account transferred back	24,597		0
Total Other Income	67,844	19,570	21,320
Reserve Transfer			
Dock Piles and Dolphins			
Ramp Inspections - every 2 years			
Ramp Cable Replacement - every 5 years		25,000	
Ferry Engine Overhaul (5 years, next 2018)			
Ramp Painting			
Community Building Renovations			
Ferry Replacement			
Water Truck Replacement			
Shipyard (2 Years on even years)	46,000		68,000
Park Reserves			
Road Reserves			
Total Reserve Transfer	46,000	25,000	68,000
Special Assessment for Ramp Painting			
Interest Earned			

HMC Management Profit & Loss Budget

	Actual Costs	Current Budget	Proposed
	Oct '12 - Sep 13	Oct '13 - Sep '14	Budget
HMC Management Reserves	43	0	0
General Fund	0	0	0
Interest Earned - Other	0	0	0
Total Interest Earned	43	0	0
Total Income	1,062,643	219,570	259,320
Gross Income	1,062,643	219,570	259,320
Expense			
HMC Regular Operations			
Accountant/Auditor	5,977	5,000	6,000
Reserve Analysis	1,390	1,300	1,390
Bad Debt Write Off	30	2,000	2,000
Bank Fees	40	300	400
Amount of Check that was returned for NSF	0	0	0
Community Building Maintenance	850	1,000	1,000
Community Asso. Institute	134	150	150
Contract Svcs for Junk Removal	0	150	150
Credit Card Fees - Member Payments	697	1,000	1,000
Emergency Preparedness	366	500	500
State and County Taxes	5,630	6,000	2,771
HMC Property Pre-Sale Expense	41	200	200
Removal of unsafe trees	1,079	5,000	6,000
Insurance			
Directors/Officers Ins	2,730	2,785	3,050
Crime (Break-ins and Theft)	0	460	478
5 Million Excess Liability	10,000	10,300	10,400
14 Million Excess Liability	9,000	9,270	9,360
Total Insurance	21,730	22,815	23,288
Legal Fees (SEE NOTE 3)			
Collection Costs	24,135	18,000	18,000
General	7,553	12,000	12,000
Total Legal Fees	31,688	30,000	30,000
Office Equipment	1,180	1,000	1,100
Other			
Education and Training	168	150	300
CrystalTech-Web hosting	33	100	100
Mileage	230	250	250
Background Checks	46	200	200
Miscellaneous Equipment	1,977	500	1,000
Total Other	2,453	1,200	1,850
Payroll Expenses	1,744	1,000	1,000
Pension Administration Ferry Crew	595	600	600
Postage			
Box Fee	70	80	80
Stamps & Postage	2,184	2,500	2,200
Total Postage	2,254	2,580	2,280
Printing	1,496	1,000	1,500

HMC Management Profit & Loss Budget

	Actual Costs	Current Budget	Proposed
	Oct '12 - Sep 13	Oct '13 - Sep '14	Budget
Admin Salaries			
Aflac	-510		0
Medical Insurance	10,187	10,300	9,000
Retirement	2,587	2,070	2,360
Payroll Taxes	6,318	6,378	6,868
Gross Wages	85,550	69,230	74,655
Total Admin Salaries	104,133	87,978	92,883
Island Security Costs	1,177	1,200	500
Office Supplies	1,516	1,200	1,200
Telephone/Fax	2,221	2,500	2,500
Utilities/Electric	1,179	1,500	1,300
General Labor (Parks & Building Maintenance and Cleaning)			
Gross Wages	1,993	5,500	5,500
Payroll Taxes	218	800	902
Reserve - Legal (Cap is \$35,000 - Balance is \$34,550)	0	0	0
Reserve - Community Building, Sheds and Septic (Cap is \$20,000 - Balance is \$1,750.00)	1,000	1,500	1,500
Total HMC Regular Operations	192,813	184,973	189,463
Piles, Dolphins and Ferry Ramps			
Garbage - Ferry	213	250	250
Insurance - Docks and Piers	15,878	16,045	16,200
Ferry Ramp Generator Maintenance and Fuel	3,697	600	1,000
Other			
Annual DNR Lease	112	225	225
Parts and Supplies	15	1,000	1,000
Other/Inspection	681	1,000	1,000
Total Other	807	2,225	2,225
Repairs/Maintenance	4,587	3,000	4,000
Sanikans	3,212	3,000	3,400
Utilities	1,355	1,900	1,500
Cable Replacement		25,000	0
Ramp Painting			
Reserve Account for Piles, Docks & Ramps	28,000	0	
Dock Piles and Ferry Dolphins (Cap is \$768,000 - Balance is \$117,477.61)		9,000	9,000
Ramp Painting (Cap is \$212,000 - Balance is \$52,500.00) (SEE NOTE 6)		33,500	34,000
Reserve - Inspection of Ramps (Cap is \$15,000 - Balance is \$9,000.00) Required by Pierce County. Occurs every 2 years, even.	6,000	3,000	2,500
Reserve - Ramp Cable Replacement (Cap is \$30,000 - Balance is \$25,000.00) Recurring 5 year expense cycle.	5,000	20,000	6,000

HMC Management Profit & Loss Budget

	Actual Costs	Current Budget	Proposed
	Oct '12 - Sep '13	Oct '13 - Sep '14	Budget
Total Ferry Docks and Ramps	68,749	117,520	80,075
Ferry			
Engine Overhaul	43,705		0
Equipment	1,196	2,500	2,000
Fuel	66,047	85,500	60,000
Insurance			
Marine Package	18,600	19,160	19,400
Vessel Pollution	1,060	1,130	1,060
Commercial Package	6,612	6,810	6,972
Total Insurance	26,272	27,100	27,432
Repairs	6,000	6,000	6,000
Other			
Rentals for fill in Captains/Deck Hands	70	500	500
Sheds (waiting, oil and school)	0	300	300
Cellphone	505	600	600
Drug Testing	1,054	300	700
Inspections and Licensing	956	1,500	1,500
Miscellaneous	515	2,000	2,000
Tickets & Passes & Stickers	1,645	1,500	1,500
Uniforms	1,545	1,300	1,300
Legal Fees - IBU Attorney	0	500	0
Total Other	6,290	8,500	8,400
Passenger Vessel Asso.	460	450	450
Routine Maintenance & Supplies	6,362	6,000	4,500
Ferry Salaries & Benefits			
Employee Paid Supplemental Insurance - Reimbursed by Employee	243		0
Medical Insurance	39,058	41,200	35,851
Retirement-Employer	11,008	15,648	16,086
Payroll Taxes	17,645	23,584	24,227
Gross Wages	242,322	267,087	276,173
Total Ferry Salaries & Benefits	310,275	347,519	352,337
Ship Yard	68,986	0	68,000
Ferry other (engine replacement)	81,542		0
Supplies, Paper Products, Water	785	2,150	2,000
Personal Property & Excise	3,941	2,600	2,600
Reserve - Shipyard (Cap is \$75,000 - Balance is \$15,000.00) next cycle is 2018 (SEE NOTE 2)	12,000	49,000	40,000
Reserve - Ferry Replacement (Cap is 1,000,000 - Balance is \$1,500.00)	1,000	9,000	6,250
	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total Ferry	634,861	547,319	580,969
Parks			
Maintenance			
Lawn Equipment	0	200	200
Parks Shed (lawn shed)	0	0	0

HMC Management Profit & Loss Budget

	Actual Costs	Current Budget	Proposed
	Oct '12 - Sep 13	Oct '13 - Sep '14	Budget
Pavilion Building and NB parking	0	0	0
General upkeep including park parking	496	2,800	3,300
Total Maintenance	496	3,000	3,500
Other			
Garbage Pick Up	871	600	600
Misc.	0	100	100
Sanikans	3,156	3,300	3,300
Total Other	4,026	4,000	4,000
 Parks Development	 0	 0	
Playground Improvement	16,884	0	1,000
Parks Salaries			
Payroll Taxes	0	0	0
Gross Wages	0	0	0
Total Parks Salaries	0	0	0
 Small Boat Dock Floats			
Removal and Installation Equipment Rental -			
\$1,100 for each rental of equipment	954	2,000	2,200
Maint & Improvements	464	750	750
Total Small Boat Dock	1,418	2,750	2,950
 Supplies & Equipment Repairs	 450	 1,000	 1,000
Utilities	555	700	700
 Reserves - Parks (Cap is \$36,000 - Balance is \$11,115.70) For fencing & playground equipment	 2,000	 500	 1,000
Total Parks	8,946	11,950	14,150
 Roads (ferry island/mainland lots)			
Auto Insurance (water truck)	826	847	860
Dust Control Truck	2,981	1,000	1,000
Road Maintenance (Contract costs for work other then grading)		17,000	30,000
Road Grading Contract Costs			8,000
Road Maintenance (Line item is no longer used)	17,475	0	0
Road & Ditch Labor (line item is no longer used)	3,424	0	0
Road & Ditch Materials (Material only)	31,865	8,000	2,000
Salaries			
Payroll taxes	13	0	975
Wages	600	0	6,400
Total Salaries	613	0	7,375
Reserves	1,250	10,000	
 Gravel General (Cap is \$50,000 - Balance is \$45,240.14) (SEE NOTE 8)			10,000
 Ferry Hill Black Top Repairs (cap is \$30,000 - balance is zero)			5,000

HMC Management Profit & Loss Budget

	Actual Costs	Current Budget	Proposed
	Oct '12 - Sep '13	Oct '13 - Sep '14	Budget
Reserves - Road Equipment (Cap is \$30,000 - Balance is \$3,500.00)	500	3,000	2,000
Total Roads	58,934	39,847	66,235
Total Expense	964,302	901,609	930,892

General note: This budget was generated based on analysis of the last seven years of actual expenses. This budget follows the accounting requirements and format used by HMC.

Note 1: Ferry goes into dry dock every two years on the even year

Note 2: New engines go into yard for rebuild every five years but may be extend. Estimated cost is \$40,000 for both engines. Next yard service is 2018.

Note 3: Legal fee expenses is partially offset by legal fee income. This allows for accounting requirements.

Note 4: Reserve accounts now must total 10% of operating budget per RCW 64.34.010, 64.34.020, 64.34.308, 64.34.380, 64.34.382, 64.34.384, 64.38.010, 64.38.025, 64.38RCW and 2008c115s8.

Note 5: Dividend Reserve is interest earned. This reserve is an emergency cash reserve. Balance is \$59.75

Note 6: Special assessment of approximately \$500.00 will be needed for ramp painting this FY to be billed in the spring of 2015.

Note 7: Unexpended funds from prior FY year will be allocated to appropriate reserves.

Note 8: The Road Reserve account shows a current balance at the time of this publication. This reserve will be utilized FY 2013-2014 to purchase a barge of gravel.

HMC Management Profit & Loss Budget

Actual Costs	Current Budget	Proposed
Oct '12 - Sep 13	Oct '13 - Sep '14	Budget

HMC WATER

Oct '12 - Sep 13	Oct 13 - Sep 14	Oct 14 - Sep.15
Actual Costs	Current Budget	Proposed

Assessable Units - Note A

Units minus delinquents

Base Fee per Connection	399	397	397
Reserve Fee per Connection	394	390	390
Assessment per Connection - Annual	148	153	153
Assessment per Connection - Monthly	84	97	97
Total Assessments - All Connections	232	250	250
	20	21	21
	94,276	97,502	97,452

Water

Ordinary Income/Expense

Base Fees	61,276	60,250	60,250
Handling Fee	0	0	0
HIWU Interest	0	0	0
NSF FEE	0	0	0
Water Hook Up fee	0	0	0
Water Availability Letter	0	0	0
Water Usage	0	0	0

Reserves

USDA Water Special Assessment	33,000	37,752	37,752
		53,278	53,278
Total Income	94,276	151,280	151,280

Expense

Acc ountant/ Auditor/Reserve Study	1,000	1,000	2,700
Bad Check	200	200	200
BANK FEE	50	50	50
Contract Manager - WA Water	15,000	12,000	8,400
Insurance	1,800	1,800	1,350
Legal	1,700	1,500	1,200
Mailings	1,000	1,500	1,000
Membership Fees	200	200	200
Mileage Reimbursement	100	400	400

Other Expenses

Excise Tax	1,000	2,100	2,350
Miscellaneous	400	500	500
Water Samples	500	500	750

Total Other Expenses	1,900	3,100	3,600
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Printing	0	0	0
Repairs - Parts	2,000	2,000	2,700
Supplies & Repairs - Contractors	3,000	2,000	2,000
Utilities	3,000	3,000	2,600
Wages - Administrative and Meter Reading	24,400	27,800	29,000
Taxes	2,420	2,600	2,000
Sanitary Survey			1,800
Pension	526	600	500
Water Reserves (Cap is \$1,800,000) Balance is \$140,000	33,000	37,752	37,752
USDA Water Special Assessment	0	53,278	53,278

Total Operating Expense	91,296	150,780	150,730
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Proposed 2014/2015 HMC Fee Schedule

Monthly Handling Fee for Delinquent Accounts:

For balances of \$70.00 or less	\$ 15.00
For balances of \$70.01 or more	\$ 30.00

Interest	1% Monthly or 12% per Annum
Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF)	\$ 35.00
Office/Research per hour	\$ 40.00
Placing and Releasing Liens	HMC Attorney Rates at the time
Lost Vehicle Decal Replacement	\$ 5.00
Special Ferry Run (per run)	\$175.00
Copies: Black/White each	\$ 0.20
Color each	\$ 1.00
FAX – Incoming/Outgoing per page	\$ 1.00
Member Credit Card Fee	4%
Renter's Application Fee	\$ 60.00
Renter's Annual Renewal Fee (billed in full in October)	\$ 30.00
Beachcomber Ads – per ¼ page	\$ 20.00
Beachcomber Mailing	\$ 18.00/year or \$2.00 per issue
Returned Mail	Post Office Rate
Notary Services	\$ 10.00
Postage for Ferry Tickets	\$ 2.00
Community Center Building Rental + Damage Deposit	\$100.00

(Applies only to private parties – up to \$50.00 refundable). See HMC Rule D-2. (Events open to the entire community need member signature, \$50 deposit; \$50 deposit will be refunded if hall is left clean.)

Property and Water Account Transfer Ownership Fee	\$175.00
Water Availability Letter (Completed by Island Manager)	\$ 50.00
Water Connection Repair Admin Fee	\$ 50.00

(Repair expense will be actual cost charged by approved contractor)

New Water Connection fee includes 3 components:

1. Admin Fee \$ 50.00
2. New Water Connection Installation expense will be **actual cost** charged by approved contractor.
Capital Cost Recovery 2012/2013 Water Project Special Assessment of \$356.40 prorated since inception April 2013. Plus monthly charge of \$14.85, billed quarterly at \$44.55 for the next 38 years.

OR:

Pay the total balance of \$7,128.20, the per-connection proportionate share.

Water Cross Connection Administration Fee	\$ 50.00
Water Shut-Off Fee	\$ 50.00
Water Reestablish Connection Fee	\$ 50.00
Water Inactive Status/install lock	\$ 50.00
Return Water to Active Status/remove lock	\$ 50.00

The 2014 Herron Island Water System
Consumer Confidence Report is contained
in the following pages.

Herron Island Water System

Consumer Confidence Report 2014

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality.

Where does my water come from?

Your water comes from two wells and is considered groundwater. These two wells are 196 and 200 feet deep, both tapping the same aquifer. Your water is not treated (no chlorination, filtration, pH adjustment, etc.)

Source water assessment and its availability

Significant improvements were made to the water system in 2012 to increase service reliability and to minimize the potential for water quality problems due to failed water lines and equipment. It included replacement of all of the distribution system piping and well pumps that bring water to your homes. This project was successfully completed and approved by the Dept. of Health's Office of Drinking Water in March 2013.

Are there contaminants in my drinking water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Washington State Department of Health and EPA prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Washington Department of Agriculture regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Reminder!

Any hazardous material that you put onto the ground or in your septic tank could potentially pollute the groundwater. Please prevent groundwater contamination by reducing use of pesticides and toxic substances.

Description of Water Treatment Process

Your water is not treated (no chlorination, filtration, pH adjustment, etc). Your water comes from two wells owned by HMC. These wells are 196 and 200 feet deep, both tapping the same aquifer.

Water Quality Data Table

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions below the table.

<u>Contaminants</u>	<u>MCLG</u> or <u>MRDLG</u>	<u>MCL</u> , <u>TT</u> , or <u>MRDL</u>	<u>Your</u> <u>Water</u>	<u>Range</u> <u>Low</u> <u>High</u>		<u>Sample</u> <u>Date</u>	<u>Violation</u>	<u>Typical Source</u>	
Inorganic Contaminants									
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	10	10	1.7	ND	1.7	2013	No	Possible runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits	
Sodium (optional) (ppm)		MPL	9	ND	9	2013	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching	
<u>Contaminants</u>	<u>MCLG</u>	<u>AL</u>	<u>Your</u> <u>Water</u>	<u>Sample</u> <u>Date</u>	<u># Samples</u> <u>Exceeding AL</u>	<u>Exceeds</u> <u>AL</u>	<u>Typical Source</u>		
Inorganic Contaminants									
Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.7	2013	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits		
Lead - action level at consumer taps (ppb)	0	15	5	2013	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits		

Unit Descriptions	
Term	Definition
ppm	ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb	ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
NA	NA: not applicable
ND	ND: Not detected
NR	NR: Monitoring not required, but recommended.

Important Drinking Water Definitions	
Term	Definition
MCLG	MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MCL	MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
TT	TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Variances and Exemptions	Variances and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.
MRDLG	MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRDL	MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MNR	MNR: Monitored Not Regulated
MPL	MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level