



# The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

July 2012



## President's Message

### *Water You Talking About? (or ... Is he ever going to stop talking about water?)*

We are closer and closer each day to having a brand new water system. We are now to the point of installing the individual metered Connections to service individual Members' properties.

As a reminder, each Assessable Unit must have at least one Connection for water. If you want more than one Connection, you must notify the Island Manager no later than Friday, July 27. Also, unless you have already asked the HMC Office for something different, your new meter and water supply valve will be located in roughly the same place as your old water supply valve. Now is a good time to check your existing water line to make sure it will be able to handle the improved water pressure from the new system.

Our progress on the water system also brings us closer and closer to finalizing how we are going to pay for it. Hopefully, by now, you have seen the numerous articles about financing our Water Project (in fact, there is yet another such article in this edition of the Beachcomber). By the end of the Water Project, we will know the final costs of construction and financing and will be able to then determine the overall amount designated as Capital Costs. We will then divide the Capital Costs by the final number of Connections to arrive at the amount of the Special Assessment to be charged for each Connection. At that point, HMC will be asking you to decide if you want to make a one-time payment for your share of the Capital Costs or if you want to pay for your share of the Capital Costs over the 40-year term of the USDA loan. There will be a very limited period of time in which to make your choice and in which to make the one-time payment, if that is your choice. Please pay close attention to your mailbox for any letters from HMC, especially now as we near the end of our Water Project, and especially if you get a letter that is marked "time sensitive."

## *New Oomph for the Charlie Wells*

The Membership recently approved the acquisition and installation of new engines and transmissions for our ferry, to be paid for by a combination of Reserves and a Special Assessment. Please see the article later in this edition of the Beachcomber that talks a bit more about timing related to this important project and its financing. As for me, I'm looking forward to being able to hold a comfortable conversation on the deck of the Charlie Wells.

## *Safety and Security Issues*

As you may already know, HMC is in the process of obtaining a video surveillance system for the mainland parking lot. Hopefully, installation of this system will help us reduce future instances of vandalism or help us apprehend those responsible for these problems (such as the recent mess made of the Honey Bucket on the mainland). We are also evaluating a Member's recommendation that we install a security fence around our mainland parking lot, but we are still working on how we could make that work from a practical standpoint.

Recent security issues have arisen over here on the island as well - earlier this week, several boats at the North Beach were vandalized. The culprits took batteries and gas containers, and rummaged through each of the boats that were there. HMC and several of the boat owners have already filed police reports. While we do live on a private island, this unfortunately does not make us immune to those who think they are above the law or to those people who have no respect for others. If you have any information at all about this incident that you think may be helpful, please contact our Island Manager or the HMC Office.

Finally, we've recently seen disturbing videos on the internet that depict certain Members or their Guests

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engaging in unsafe or wrongful conduct on Herron Island; we will be dealing with those individuals directly.

Suffice to say, however, it is a violation of the Island Rules to discharge a firearm on Herron Island (Rule J-1). It is also a violation of the Island Rules to set fire to brush on the beach as a means of "landscaping" (*i.e.*, a "small land clearing fire") without proper permits and other conditions being met (Rule F-1). Please be smart and use common sense.

### ***Short-Term Parking***

Two parking spaces have now been designated at the bottom of Ferry Road for short-term parking only. Feel free to use these spots, but please don't linger; they are only to be used for short periods such as, for example,

when picking up or dropping off ferry passengers or when picking up newspapers.

### ***Please Stay in Touch***

Effective communications are vital to our cooperative efforts here on Herron Island. Please provide your best e-mail address to the HMC Office so that you can receive the latest news and updated information regarding Herron Island. Also, feel free to write to your Board, either individually or through [memberinput@herronisland.org](mailto:memberinput@herronisland.org).

See you around.

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

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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.**

**Nondiscrimination Statement**

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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 [eachcomber@herronisland.org](mailto:eachcomber@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.**

**BEACHES ARE PRIVATE PROPERTY. PLEASE DON'T DIG!**

Don't dig up our beaches. Several people have been observed digging on the beaches of Herron Island. Most all of these beaches are private property and, while most property owners have been gracious to let us walk along their beaches, we should not abuse that privilege by digging up their property. Please note that such digging on private property is a violation of Herron Island Rule G-3. Also, removal of beach gravel or sand from Herron Island park areas is a violation of Herron Island Rule E-6 and is illegal under the Washington Shoreline Management Act. Please respect our Herron Island beaches and don't dig them up.

**A FRIENDLY REMINDER**

HMC has a policy that no more than \$2.00 in coins can be accepted by our hard-working Ferry Crew or the Office due to the time it takes in line and the time it takes in office administration



HMC also asks that bills be no larger than \$20.

**THANK YOU!**

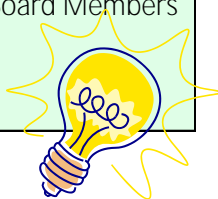
**Tide Tables**

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

**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](mailto:MemberInput@herronisland.org)



## **Island Manager Report July 14, 2012**

### **Administration:**

#### **Island Cleanup:**

Volunteers: It's difficult during a summer month to count and thank all the volunteers: Ballot stuffers, Nancy Wells, Sabra Duback, Jean Mellor, Pat Zazzo, Sue Pottorff, and Janet Podell; Dave LaLonde, for great work "weed eating" on the mainland side; volunteers who helped with the cleanout of the mainland terminal counterweights; Carole Crowley for feeding brownies to the construction crew; Pat Zazzo and Frank VanRavenswaay for cleaning in the Community Building. Mike Shettlesworth installed the first aid kit down at the pavilion, and replaced broken boards on the docks. Most of these are essential services and volunteerism saves HMC Members countless dollars. So thanks to all.

**Water System Maintenance and Operations:** We hope that one of the benefits of replacing the water system will be a reduction in maintenance and repairs. The most recent bill from Washington Water was approximately \$3440, of which about \$2700 was for repairs and water testing, unrelated to the construction project.

**Water System Project:** The construction crew has completed work along East Herron Blvd. Collision with a large culvert is generating a change order. The Engineer has assessed this situation as one in which the water construction crew can meet the basic standards for the water system, but the underlying problem created by the culvert draining a large column of water into the hillside above waterfront homes will remain. The consequence of this is that within a few years the softened underbedding will fail and the 6" main will break, causing considerable damage to homes below. Accordingly, HMC needs to proceed with the long term fix on this situation, with a properly installed culvert. The Engineer is drafting the appropriate change order.

This points up the importance of Members obtaining encroachment (right of way use) permits from the office when cutting across HMC roads. The permits process allows HMC to inspect the work done and see that it meets applicable standards. "Bootlegged" work often carries a long term price tag.

#### **Project Engineer's Report:**

*Finally some good weather has eased the road conditions right as the waterline install is completed. All the large diameter waterline is installed, and the contractor is beginning to install hydrants and to pressure test the new mains. There are a handful of 2" runs to install, but all the primary waterline is in. Once all the waterline is installed and preliminarily pressure tested, the contractor will begin installing service meters. Next week the contractor will begin installing the final components necessary to pressure test the system including "air-vacs" (a small valve that releases air trapped in the waterline), the remaining fire hydrants, and the final 2" pieces on dead ends. Once the hydrants and air-vacs are installed the system will be pressure tested (probably late next week or early the week after), after which the contractor will begin installing service laterals and meter setters.*

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*There is a planned water outage looming as the wells and booster pumps will be switched out for 480V systems. The contractor has made preparations to make sure this outage is short, but installing new gear anything is possible. Should something "unplanned" occur, the contractor will be able to use the generator to maintain service. Once the ferry has been scheduled for the big power trucks, we will have a fairly definite date and will let you know when to expect this.*

*Finally, and this is the most important thing I have to say: **KEEP WATER ON HAND: A TWO DAY DRINKING SUPPLY IS RECOMMENDED AS A MINIMUM. ITS JULY, ITS (FINALLY) HOT, AND YOUR WATER SYSTEM COULD BE DISRUPTED AT ANY TIME. DO NOT ASSUME YOU WILL HAVE WATER ON TAP.** The contractor is making every effort (including staying on the island until 9pm once already) to keep this from happening, but it is construction and things can go wrong, please make sure you are ready for it if it does. Thank you. Jester Purtteman*

ADA Restroom:

The restroom has been enlarged, and Andy Anderson has been completing the finishing work as a volunteer. Within the next week, we should have new signage on the doors and call that part of the project complete.

ADA Parking:

To meet federal specifications for the spot the USDA Architect has advised us to have a local architect draw up the plans, including proper elevations. The sidewalk at the side entrance has subsided and will most likely need to be removed, and the concrete threshold at the door is also crumbling. The space is required to be 8' x 18', with a 5' wide access path beside it. We hope to have the plans drawn within a week or two so that this portion of the project can move ahead.

Once the physical system is complete, HMC will begin implementing the next steps, installing meter reading software, working with the Water Committee to develop appropriate rates, monitoring changes in maintenance and operations costs, developing a billing system that includes consumption, as well as M&O, debt service and reserves. If the 2012-13 budget is approved, Members will be flat rate billed for another year, through September 30, 2013, allowing time to set rates and implement systems. The Water Committee article in the next Beachcomber will explain more about future activity.

A-133 Audit:

An organization which expends more than \$500,000 of federal funds in a single year is subject to an A-133 single audit. Accordingly, I am working with our auditor to schedule him to come over mid-July to begin this audit. The audit is, of course, intended to examine whether federal funds are being expended properly. Funds for the audit are a budgeted part of the USDA project expense.

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**Fire Department Liaison:** Fire District #16 members participated in the July Fourth (8<sup>th</sup>) parade, driving the fire engine and featuring a visit by Sparky.

**Land Use:** Nothing to report.

**Emergency Preparedness:** Pierce County Emergency Management has requested that we present a summary on mitigation planning to the Board at the next meeting. Each plan is required to provide opportunity for public discussion and that presentation must be documented.

**Parks:** There are several obvious improvements at North Beach: the area used for construction access has been repaired, the horseshoe pit is usable, large rocks prevent vehicle access along the east side, and the “pit” near the road has been filled with unusable material from the water project. Eventually this will be grassed in. Thanks to Mike Shettlesworth and the Member who reported the problem, two planks in the floats have also been replaced, eliminating a trip hazard.

The Office has had a report that kayakers are entering the swim area, presenting a danger to kids and adults who are swimming there. Kayaks should be kept out of the swim area entirely and anyone seen doing this should be asked to stop immediately.

**Roads:** As anticipated, the water project has brought a number of roads issues with it. The Committee will report that many culverts have been found blocked, impeding the island drainage. The Resident Inspectors will begin marking these culverts with stakes, so that Members can be aware that they may have culvert problems. Maintenance of culverts is the responsibility of individual owners, according to HMC policy.

**Rules:** The Island Rules have been in redrafting for some time. I’d recommend that the current draft of Rules be reviewed by the HMC attorney for compliance with current law and current HOA practice, then be returned for final revisions by the Committee and the Board before submittal to the Members.

**Technology:** No report.

**Ferry:** Two timbers have been replaced on the mainland side, the counterweights cleaned out, and the lift cables replaced. Quigg Bros will come out next week to complete the work, including bolting in the new timbers.

**Drug & Alcohol Policy:** The original adopted policy was generic in tone, and a revised draft incorporates suggestions from the crew that tailors the language to Herron Island and clarifies that the policy applies to crew members in the course of their employment, not their personal lives on the island. Recommend that the Board approve this revised policy.

**Legal Liaison:** We currently have 13 delinquencies, of which seven are with the attorney for action. Delinquency rate of 3.3%.

### **TANSY RAGWORT INFESTATIONS GREATLY REDUCED**

During the second week of June, Field Inspectors from the Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Board conducted Noxious Weed inspections. This year's inspections showed a significant reduction in the number of Tansy infestations on Herron Island. Most notably, roadsides on the island contained no infestations at all so far. Kudos go to the Herron Island maintenance crew for eradicating these roadside infestations, which in turn makes it easier for property owners to keep their land clear of Tansy Ragwort!

Following the June inspections, properties with Tansy infestations were notified and given a time frame in which to comply with the state weed law. The July 9<sup>th</sup> due date of that time frame, is fast approaching. Field Inspectors will be back on the island during the second week of July to re-inspect those properties. Properties with infestations still present after the due date will be subject to a Notice of Violation. Controlling Tansy Ragwort on your property will prevent a Notice Violation and the costly penalties associated with it.

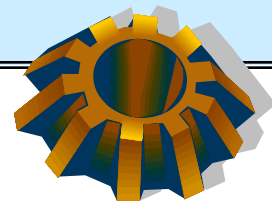
For details on Tansy Ragwort, or any other noxious weed and the control options available visit the website <http://PierceCountyWeedBoard.wsu.edu> or you may call the Noxious Weed Control Center at 253-798-7263



### **When to Expect the Special Assessment for the New Ferry Engines and Transmissions**

Membership recently approved the acquisition and installation of two new engines and transmissions for the Charlie Wells. As described in the recent ballot, HMC plans to fund this project through the use of Reserves and a Special Assessment.

We expect to replace the engines and transmissions in September 2013, which is in line with our standard 3-year rotation cycle for engine/transmission overhaul and maintenance. The new equipment must be on order and prepaid by July/August 2013, so Members can expect to receive the Special Assessment billing in the May/June 2013 timeframe. In the event that the engines or transmissions fail before this, which would render our ferry out of commission, it will be necessary to accelerate the Special Assessment to accommodate immediate repairs.





### 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](mailto:webmaster@herronisland.org).



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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](http://herronisland.org)) under the HMC Board tab.

### 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.

### “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.



## BOOSTERS REPORT

**The July 4th holiday has come and gone and the BOOSTERS' "Celebrate America" events were spectacular! The weather was beautiful and things** got off to a running start with our annual Fun Run (thanks to Stephanie and Ted Jensen), Baseball games for all ages (thanks to Dallas Amidon, as usual), Apparel Sales (thanks to Kathy Deuster and Judy Greinke), and another wonderful evening of music and dancing in the Park courtesy of the Sanders family of Herron Island.

On Sunday we all enjoyed a very special assortment of Cinnamon Rolls, Muffins, Croissants, Brownies, Cookies, juices, coffee and tea courtesy of Kim Oo. (Thank you Kim!) There was Junk in Your Trunk Sales, and the ever-popular Sailboat Race (thanks to Anita Bray); not to mention the **longstanding Herron Island tradition.....the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade!** Patriotically decorated floats wound their way from the Community Center to North Beach where popsicles, popcorn, and lemonade were available to all. Another thank you also goes to Lita Monaghan and her son Greyson for handing out the popcorn along the Parade route and later at North Beach. A wonderful time was had by all.



Thank you to all for helping to make this another memorable holiday experience.

The next BOOSTERS meeting and Potluck will be on Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm at North Beach.

All islanders and guests are welcome. Check the HMC website for all of the latest updates.

We hope you can join us!

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIP OF THE MONTH DRY STORAGE OF EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

The shaking was extensive. You are unable to get into your home. How can you get to your emergency supplies?

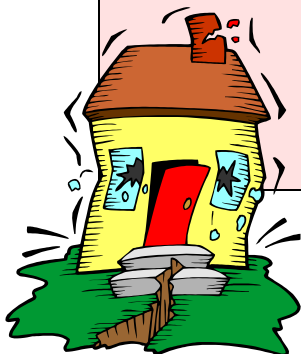
Consider having your supplies outside your home in a readily accessible place. A steel garbage can works well for this purpose. It will not be damaged by the shaking of an earthquake, rodents can't chew holes in it, and the lid can be tightly secured. The garbage can will be susceptible to condensation and moisture, so you will need to place items in plastic bags and add silica gel packets to the can. You can seal the lid with duct tape after filling to prevent any insect intrusion.

A 33-gallon garbage can will hold enough supplies to support a family of four for 72 hours. These supplies should include:

- **Water** – One gallon per person per day.
- **Food** – Non-Perishable foods that require no refrigeration or cooking or water.
- **First Aid Kit**
- **Tools & Supplies** – A can opener, flashlight & batteries, whistle, fire extinguisher, emergency radio, toilet paper and towelettes, plastic bags, paper cups, plates & plastic utensils, liquid soap/hand sanitizer, feminine/baby products, toothbrushes and paste, etc.
- **Clothing and Bedding** – A complete change of clothes, sleeping bags or blankets, sturdy shoes, warm socks, hat and gloves, mylar blankets.
- **Special Items** – Extra eye glasses/contact lens products, medications, a family picture, games and books. (Information on insurance policies, bank accounts, household inventories, and family records are some items to consider for secure, readily accessible storage solutions.)

This list of supplies can seem overwhelming. However, preparing for disasters is a long-term goal. To make this task manageable, choose just a few items that you will get each month. Rotate items annually and make sure that the stored clothing still fits.

Enjoy the peace of mind that “Being Prepared” provides.



## Water Project Information and Member Action Items

*“... just a few weeks from completion...”*

Our new Water System is about 60 days away from being completed. Here are a few items for Members to remember.

### **INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS**

When the Water Project is complete and all bills and costs are accounted for, HMC will notify each Member of the final project Capital Costs and the allocated cost per Connection. Members will be given a choice between two options for payment of their share of these Capital Costs: Option #1 - a one-time payment in full, or Option #2 - equal payments to HMC over the full 40-year term of the loan from USDA to HMC Management.

HMC currently plans to provide a 30-day window in which Members may make this payment choice and full payment (if chosen), but that window could be shorter or longer depending on factors beyond our control. Your payment choice will be recorded at the HMC Office.

If you choose Option #1 (a one-time payment in full) and make that payment in full and on time, you will not be required to pay any further amounts toward these Capital Costs on our Water Project. However, if you do not prepay your share of these Capital Costs as a one-time payment in full when due (as in Option #1), you will be treated as if you have chosen Option #2 and as if have chosen to pay your share of these Capital Costs over the full 40-year term of the USDA loan.

If you choose Option #2 (to pay over time), or if you do not prepay your share of the Capital Costs as a one-time payment in full when due, your water bill will include an additional monthly charge for the recovery of Capital Costs (estimated @ \$20-30 per month per Connection) over the full term of the USDA loan. There will be no option for individual Members to pay off their balance during the term of the loan (estimated at 40 years).

During Fiscal Year 2012/2013, you will continue to receive quarterly water bills that show a flat rate of \$60 per quarter (\$20 per month). If you are going to be paying your portion of the Capital Costs over time, that \$20-30 monthly amount may be added to your water bill sometime during Fiscal Year 2012/2013.

Each Assessable Unit must have at least one metered Connection. Contiguous lots within an Assessable Unit will receive one metered Connection unless Member signs a request for multiple Connections. Each metered Connection will be assigned to one address and Members will receive a water bill for each Connection.

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**MEMBER ACTION**

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- ☐ Time is running out, so you **must** notify the Island Manager **no later than Friday, July 27** if you want an additional connection. If you want to add a new water Connection after the Water Project is completed, you will be billed a minimum of \$1,500 for that additional Connection, plus the full Capital Cost associated with a water Connection. Please be aware of this when making your decision.
- ☐ Start preventive care on your home now. Be sure to check your water connection from the meter to the house. We recommend upgrading your pipe to one inch 200 PSI poly pipe for the improved water pressure.
- ☐ Sign up for email notification with the HMC Office so that you can be kept apprised of all water updates and other Herron Island information. Please provide your e-mail address to Carolyn Snyder at the HMC office ([office@herronisland.org](mailto:office@herronisland.org)) so that you can be added to the list.
- ☐ The Cross Connection Checklist form **must** be completed by all Members, as required by the State Department of Health. If you have not already returned your form, please be sure to do so immediately. Copies of this form can be obtained from *The Beachcomber* and from the HMC Office if you need one.

This Water Project has been a major undertaking. The water construction crew is doing a fantastic job. We are all anxious to have this Water Project completed and our roads back in better shape. In the meantime, please drive slowly, not only because the roads are rough but to keep the dust down too. It is much appreciated.

**Are You on the List?**

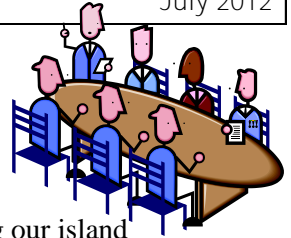
HMC now has 272 Member email addresses on the notification list. If you want to receive updates about the water project, get notice of the online Beachcomber, or get the latest on windstorms, power outages, water line breakages, or other news, please send an email to [office@herronisland.org](mailto:office@herronisland.org) and request that your email address be added. To be used for HMC purposes only.

Check the "Calendar" tab on the Herron Island Website for meeting dates and times.

<http://www.herronisland.org/>

## Herron Island Committees

### Get Involved! How?



Through volunteering, you can be a positive influence in strengthening our island community. Finding the volunteer opportunity that best suits your skills, availability and expectations can make all the difference. Listed below are the various Island Committees and contact information. Contact them! Let them know you are interested, see what's going on and learn how you can help.

**All HMC Members are welcome**

#### **B.O.O.S.T.E.R.S**

(**B**and **O**f **O**bviously **S**uper, **T**errifically **E**nthusiastic **R**ecreation **S**upporters)

A non-profit organization: 1) Plan and facilitate community social events around the island  
2) Contribute to the beautification, improvement and safety of island facilities 3) Invest Booster fundraising proceeds for the benefit of all Members now and in the future.

**Contact:** [hiboosters@yahoo.com](mailto:hiboosters@yahoo.com)

#### **Emergency Preparedness Committee**

To promote disaster awareness and preparation for our Island and its Members with a focus on Personal Preparedness, Neighborhood Response, and Island Infrastructure Preparedness and Response. We partner with the Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Teams (PCNET) program. PC-Net provides our Members education, training, and support. Training includes Communication, First Aid, CPR, Search & Rescue and other life saving skills.

**Meeting Times:** Monthly (August through May) on the second Saturday of the month in the Community Building following the Board Meetings at approximately 12:30 pm.

**Contact:** Mike Shettlesworth (253) 884-6919 [spyder50@live.com](mailto:spyder50@live.com)

#### **Finance Committee**

A permanent standing Committee of the HMC Management Board of Directors. At the Board's request, the Finance Committee researches and provides recommendations to the Island Manager and the Board of Directors regarding: 1) Expenditure and Revenue changes during the fiscal year 2) Review Auditor's report and recommendations 3) Coordinate budget requests from Island Manager and HMC departments. 4) Compile and reconcile annual budget allocations for all HMC departments.

**Meeting Times:** As needed; peak times at the beginning of the year.

**Message from the Chair:** "The Committee welcomes any and all Members to come and audit the meetings. Members may communicate any suggestions for the Finance Committee at any time of the year. All ideas gratefully accepted and seriously considered."

**Contact:** Pat Zazzo (253) 884 6719 [HMCPatZazzo@herronisland.org](mailto:HMCPatZazzo@herronisland.org)

#### **Herron Island Board of Directors**

All Island Members are encouraged to attend and participate in the monthly HMC Board Meetings.

**Meeting Times:** Monthly (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday) at the Community Center with an Annual Board Meeting in June.

**Contact:** Mark Anderson, President [HMCMarkAnderson@herronisland.org](mailto:HMCMarkAnderson@herronisland.org)

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**Herron Island Water Committee (HIWC)**

Established to provide continuity in the administration and operation of the Herron Island Water System as the advisory committee to the Island Manager/Water Manager and the HMC Board.

**Meeting Times:** Monthly, at the Community Center, usually at a date sometime before the monthly Board meeting or as needed. This committee welcomes any and all Members to come and audit our meetings.

**Contact:** Judy Grienke [judygreinke@yahoo.com](mailto:judygreinke@yahoo.com)

**Land Use Committee**

To improve and preserve the quality of island life through the proper management of Island lands through acquisition, management and disposition of real properties owned or to be owned by HMC.

**Contact:** Mark Anderson [HMCMarkAnderson@herronisland.org](mailto:HMCMarkAnderson@herronisland.org)

**Parks Committee**

Manage, maintain and enhance Park grounds and equipment for HMC Members and guests.

**Meeting times:** Once in the fall and several meetings in the spring, or as needed.

**Contact:** Tracy Anspach/Terrill Chilson (253) 588-1921 [HMC Parks@herronisland.org](mailto:HMC Parks@herronisland.org)

**Roads Committee**

To improve and preserve the quality of island life through the proper management of island roads and right-of-way.

**Meeting Times:** Once a month usually at a date sometime before the monthly Board Meeting.

**Contact:** Jack Wells (253) 884-0850 [jackonherron@gmail.com](mailto:jackonherron@gmail.com)

**Rules Committee Note**

There are two types of committee meetings 1) Adjudication (Closed-Door Committee) 2) General (Open to island Members.) The Rules Committee consists of a minimum of three Members in good standing designated by the HMC Board. Committee actions are reported at each regular monthly Board meeting.

**Meeting Times:** As needed.

**Contact:** John Farris [office@herronisland.org](mailto:office@herronisland.org)

**Technology Committee**

**Contact:** Fred Fath (206) 246-7016 [fred.fath@comcast.net](mailto:fred.fath@comcast.net)



## **BALLOT RESULTS JULY 2012**

In this most recent vote by the HMC Membership, 185 valid Ballots were cast. Pursuant to the HMC Management Voting Process that was adopted in February 2011, the Ballots were first counted by two teams of two. In cases where the count of the second team did not match the count of the first team, a third team of two was used to recount these Ballots.

Following the counting and tallying of the votes, the Board President announced the results. Each of the Ballot Propositions was approved by the Membership.

### **Ballot Proposition No. 1 (Ratify Budget):**

Approve: 126  
 Disapprove: 60  
 Result: **Approved**

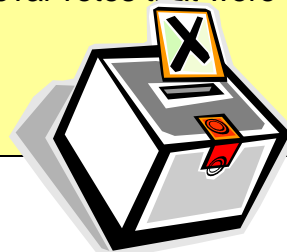
### **Ballot Proposition No. 2 (Replace Ferry Engines and Transmissions):**

Approve: 125  
 Disapprove: 55  
 Result: **Approved**

### **Ballot Proposition No. 3 (Sale of HMC-Owned Lots): All Approved for sale.**

	<b><u>Approve</u></b>	<b><u>Disapprove</u></b>	<b><u>Result</u></b>
1219 W Herron Blvd	144	34	Approved
1313 W Herron Blvd	149	27	Approved
1318 W Herron Blvd	148	29	Approved
1123 Yew Blvd	151	36	Approved
1201 Yew Blvd	152	36	Approved
1203 & 1205 Yew Blvd	152	25	Approved
315 E Madrona Blvd	155	22	Approved
317 E Madrona Blvd	145	29	Approved
816 E Madrona Blvd	151	23	Approved
1001 E Madrona Blvd	150	27	Approved
1119 E Madrona Blvd	144	27	Approved

In cases where the number of votes to approve or disapprove of a particular Ballot Proposition could not be resolved by having the third team recount the votes (*i.e.*, where the count of the third team did not match the count of either of the first two teams), the above numbers reflect the *lowest* number of approval votes that were recorded by any one team and the *highest* number of disapproval votes that were recorded by any one team.





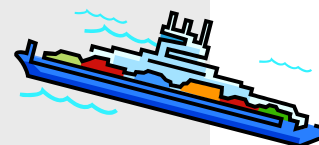
**SUMMER FERRY SCHEDULE (4/1 through 9/30)**

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

**2012 Ferry Schedule Cancellations/Adjustments**

JULY	
Sun, July 29	8:30 am - 10:00 am cancelled
Mon, July 30	8:30 am - 9:00 am no shuttles 9:30 am - 10:00 am cancelled
Tue, July 31	12:00 noon leaves late
AUGUST	
Wed, August 1	12:00 noon - 12:30 pm cancelled
Thu, August 2	12:00 noon - 12:30 pm cancelled
*No shuttle means only one trip for that time	
<u>Labor Day Holiday Ferry Restrictions</u>	
Combinations of any length (vehicle towing anything) and single vehicles longer than 25 feet will not be transported after Thursday, August 30 <sup>th</sup> through Monday, September 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	
<u>Note:</u> Monday, September 3 <sup>rd</sup> the ferry will operate on holiday schedule same as Sunday.	





## SUMMER SAFETY REMINDER

Anyone who has been to the island in the past few months can attest to the condition of our roads. They're pretty bad and will continue to be until the construction of our new water system is complete. The construction crew will be making another run around the island for the next two phases of the construction (for installation of service connections, hydrants and water meters), so one side of each road will remain "soft" until everything is installed. It's important to remember **not** to drive on the soft side because the pipes are not yet permanently seated and damage could occur. (This would result in additional costs to the island.)

**Please drive slowly!** And perhaps it would be best to limit the use of motorized recreational vehicles (like Quads, ATVs, Dirt bikes, etc.) especially if they are being driven by children. We know that summer time is fun time on Herron Island, but extreme caution is requested for the safety of all.

**Be Aware..... Be Cautious..... Be Safe**

# Independence Day Sail Race Results

The race began in very light north "wind" but by the time boats drifted past Packard's Point it had shifted 180 degrees and was a steady southerly. Four boats started, three monohull and one multihull. The order of finish:

## Monohull

Michel Sotura 1hr 50min

Dave Monette 1hr 58min

David & Tova Forman 2hr 32min

## Multihull

Paul & Barb Sicuro DNF



Many thanks to the "rescue boat" manned by Terry Fletcher and Pam Garrison. No one needed rescuing but it was comforting to know they were there.

## Parks Report July 2012

We appreciate when Members let us know when something needs attention in one of the Parks. Recently Andy Thompson told us that the one of the swings was broken at Goodpastor Park. He **went out and purchased chain to repair it. Then found it wasn't** going to be that simple because a special tool was needed to make the repairs. The next morning, with the input and/or support from Steve Kramer, Phil Foster, Jack Wells, and Bill Burdett and **with Nick Huff's bolt cutters and Andy Thompson's donated** chain, Del Richardson and Ed Hovde got the swings back in business. Sometimes **something that looks like a quick and easy fix... isn't. Thanks to all who helped.**



It is important that Members let us know if there is a problem in one of the Parks so we can attend to it or ask someone to. Contact the office or email: [hmcparcs@herronisland.org](mailto:hmcparcs@herronisland.org).

We also would like to thank:

Mike Gage for placing grass seed at North Beach and Mike Shettlesworth for replacing the spongy board on the small boat docks.

Much appreciation to Dave LaLonde for stepping up to attend to the high grass at the mainland terminal.

Thanks to Jack Wells and Steve Kramer for your volunteer dirt and rock work on North Beach hill and the horseshoe pit area.

Thanks to Anita Bray for organizing the North Beach cleanup efforts following the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks.

And special thanks to Jack Wells for doing such a nice job mowing and weed-eating our Parks. They look terrific.

Everyone contributes to maintaining our Parks by minding the rules and leaving the Parks clean when they leave and it shows and is appreciated.

## Herron Island Fun Run

The new location for the Annual Herron Island Fun Run brought out the best in the runners held at Goodpaster Community Park. Surprisingly, there wasn't a walker, stroller, or dog in the bunch! The fast times and crowd proved that the traditional event is a real community builder.

Ted Jensen continues to head it up, the Boosters paid for the trophies, and this year Neil and Paula Richardson, HI residents, donated cases of Mountain Mist water from their plant to all the thirsty runners and spectators.

The overall winners in the 1.3 mile race were

**Drake Mitby 8:44 & Bethany Palmer 9:02**

### Male Age Group Winners

0-6	Jonathon Puskas
7-12	Justin Medusas Hank Chapin AJ Puskas
17-20	Joshua Whitefield
40-54	Brad Sunsted
55 and up	David Sunsted

### Female Age Group Winners

7-12	Katie Fors Teal Mitby Stella Schramm
13-16	Melanie Douglas Miranda Douglas
21-29	Bethany Palmer Katie Kolson
30-39	Kim Musha Andrea Dalry
40-54	Michelle Brendan Nicola Blink
55 and up	Stephanie Jensen



### 4<sup>th</sup> of July Weekend Baseball News

On Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> the baseball game started with the junior game. The game was a hoot and just a lot of fun thanks to some great young players and wonderful adults. Since there weren't enough kids we all played. I even pitched and didn't get hurt! There was one little cutie that stole the show. She couldn't find first base but with everyone pointing the way she made it. These types of baseball games are the best. The kids will remember these and the adults will reach for the Advil. Thanks to everyone, it was a very special game.

The adult game was played with great intensity. East side had a couple more players than the West. Anyway nine innings were played and every one was tough for the West. East scored almost every inning. So the West was catch-up throughout the entire game.

I want to thank all the players for a great game. Lots of good nature kidding and some tough calls were made. A special thanks to Victoria for calling Balls & Strikes. She played in the junior game and worked the adult game. Also thanks for those that helped break down the field after the games. It really helps me. I know you want the score don't you? Well it was East 9 and West 7, got to remember it's all a lot of fun.

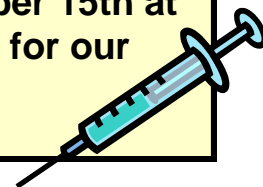
Bases are on the field for anyone wanting a pick-up game. I will pick them up and put away after Labor Day weekend.

See you on Labor Day weekend  
Dallas, Baseball Chairperson



**Mark your calendars now to take advantage of this offer:**

**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.**



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Pastor John Day

Sunday Church Services 10:30 AM

Longbranch Community Church Invites Herron Island Residents to attend the Blue Grass Gathering every 3rd Sunday of the month at 6:00 PM, bring your voices and instruments and play along.

Longbranch Community Church will hold it's first annual Bluegrass and BBQ Festival held at the Longbranch Improvement Club on July 28th.

Join us for an afternoon of family fun, music, food, and auction from 2 till 6 PM.

The festival is free and food may be purchased, all proceeds going for Longbranch Community Church Ministry on the Key Peninsula.

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