

# The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

August 2012



## President's Message

### *Pipe Dreams are Becoming a Reality.*

**Our Water System.** Right now, we're in the midst of installing the new water service connections for the individual properties. Some of our Members have unfortunately experienced service interruptions during this transition from the old water system to our new one. Although we all anticipated this to happen to some degree (and we expect more before we are finished), the tenuous condition and sometimes uncertain location of the old water distribution system do make it difficult to avoid these situations altogether. Please be patient as we work on this phase of the Water Project.

Also, as we near the completion of our Water Project, we are continuing to refine our plans for paying for the new water system. Later on in this edition of the Beachcomber, you will find an article that describes the options that will be presented to Members for payment of the Special Assessment associated with the Water Project.

**Our Website.** As some of you may have noticed, our website now includes a link on the first page for "Water News and Notices," which will lead you to the many messages that our Island Manager has sent out related to the Water Project. If you want to catch up on where we've been and where we're headed with our water system, this would be a good place to start.

**Our Safety.** A county-wide burn ban is in effect, so please read and observe the published burn rules. Also, everyone is encouraged to post a sign or a red marker at the edge of their property that indicates their property address – you'll certainly appreciate the time you took to do this in the event firefighters or other emergency response personnel are ever called to your property. By the way, the red address markers that you see around the island are being sold as a fund raiser for

Fire District 16. Order forms for these great markers are available at our HMC office.

**Our Good Looks and Why They are Important.** It is clearly evident that most of our Members take great pride in how they maintain the appearance of their property. Some Members, however, are not so diligent about these sorts of things. Summer is a great time to spiff up your own place, and any time is a great time to encourage others to do the same. Hopefully, in doing so, we can make positive changes to cure the run-down blight that seems to have taken over some lots on our island. We need to look good for each other and for our visitors.

Improving our good looks can improve functionality as well. Culverts and ditches are a good example of this, many of which are not being properly maintained. It is hard to determine the scope of the problem with the culverts, however, because we are only now finding out where all of them are located. Some are covered, others are blocked, and others lead to parts unknown. Please see the article in this edition of the Beachcomber by the Roads Committee to see how you can help alleviate this problem.

Here is one idea for starters: When you are mowing on your property, please take some extra time to mow the grass on both sides of any culvert located along the road in front of your property. This makes the ditches and culverts more accessible (and is one step toward compliance with Herron Island Rule C-7). It also makes our island look better overall.

A word of caution: don't get *too* zealous in your efforts to achieve "good looks." Before you trim or down any tree you even *think* might be in the HMC road right-of-way, check with the HMC Office. If the tree is in the HMC right-of-way, you must obtain permission from the HMC Board before starting that work.

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*Our Community.* As always, we should always be mindful of who we are and who we want to be as Herron Islanders, and how we should treat each other as neighbors. Recently, there have been several incidents in which some people have displayed blatant lack of respect for others. In particular, vandalism has been reported on the mainland (damage to Honey Buckets), at the North Beach (damages and several thefts from small boats), and in our waters (crab pots). As a community, we can work together through constant vigilance, communications, and cooperation to combat these nefarious foes. And we must continue to be good neighbors to each other.

*Hold Your Horses, err, Dogs.* Speaking of community, please also consider how your pets interact with the rest of the island wildlife. We as people can usually refrain from chasing each other around (I say *usually*), but dogs aren't creatures that necessarily appreciate the need for self-restraint. To the extent possible (and in a manner consistent with our island Rules), please make an effort to keep your dogs from chasing the deer or barking incessantly at them. And remember, dogs must be on a leash and must not be permitted to run loose on HMC island roadways or common areas.

*Looking for Chairs.* We need a chair for the Land Use Committee – any volunteers? But that is not the only “chair” we need; about twenty or so white folding chairs are missing from the Community Center. They belong to the BOOSTERS and we really could use them back, at the very latest by Thanksgiving. A “Have You Seen ...” article can be found further down in this edition of the Beachcomber.

*Our Rules.* Right now, your Board of Directors is evaluating the recommendations of the Rules Committee for changes to our island Rules. The last time the Rules were last revised was five years ago (2007) (time flies, doesn't it?). While some of these changes can be made by just a vote of the Board, some of the changes may need approval by a vote of the Membership. If you have ideas for which Rules need to be added, removed, or changed, feel free to speak up and give the Board your recommendations on how we can improve our Rules.

Be cool!

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

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**Herron Island Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The office is CLOSED Monday,  
 Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday, and after 2:00 PM on Fri-  
 days before Board meetings.**

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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](mailto: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 August 11, 2012

### **Administration:**

**Island Cleanup:** The last two properties under scrutiny by Pierce County Health Department have been cleared, after removal of trash objects. In addition, two boat trailers and one van have been removed either by the owners or with the consent of the owners.

**Volunteers:** Thanks to Mike Shettlesworth for putting up the new key cabinet in the office, to Sabra Duback for restroom cleanup, and to Andy Anderson for his work in our ADA restroom. Steve Kramer and others did a terrific job clearing out the intersection at Maple and West Yew, improving the visibility and removing trash shrubs.

**Mainland Parking Lot Security:** Board Member Sherri Anderson is leading this project, and has obtained an estimate from Northwest Video which slightly (\$300) exceeds the \$2000 formerly approved by the Board. With Board approval of the additional \$300, this project will move forward to improve mainland security and support reporting of vandalism.

**Water System Maintenance and Operations:** Minor leaks in the old system will probably not be repaired from here on. We are only a few weeks away from cutover to the new system, and unless the old system springs a major leak, repairing it is not cost effective. Decisions will be made on a case by case basis with advice from Washington Water.

**Water System Project:** Members have been very responsive to our request that they get in touch right away if the blue stake marking their future connection appears to be in the wrong place. The “final” stake should have your property address (number) on it. The old system is still full of mysteries, and every bit of information helps. Email to [hmcmanager@herronisland.org](mailto:hmcmanager@herronisland.org) and I will get the word to those doing the marking and tracking.

As an example of the mysteries, a line break in an occurred in an area of South Herron, which caused some obstruction in water lines. With the help of resident inspectors and a quick response by the contractor, we have been able to address these types of issues as they occur. As last month’s Manager’s Report indicated – your water service may be disrupted between Monday and Thursday when the crews are working, and while pumps are being replaced. If at all possible, we will notify you via email and/or website. Short-term power interruptions are also possible, as the pumps are replaced and as we cut over to the new power supply. Take your morning shower early, and keep bottled water on hand!

The contractor has more unusable material (dirt) to dispose of, so we are opening up the “Dirt List.” Please inform the Office if you want a load dumped on your property. Then...use a cone, or a stake or sign to indicate where you want the dirt dropped. Delivery is scheduled for Friday, August 17, 2012.

So far the project is on time and under budget, but there is some distance to cover yet. We don’t expect to be paying the final bills until October, so any firm information about prepayment opportunities won’t be available until the fourth quarter 2012.

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Project Engineer's Report:

*"The booster pumps and controls have been delivered and the reconfiguration of the pump building has begun. For the next two weeks the system will be operating from the two old primary pumps on temporary lines while the old 7.5HP pump is disconnected and the new pumps installed. The old steel pressure tank will be leaving soon, and the new power and boosters are expected by month's end. After removing some of the wall the contractor has found that part of the pump station was in absolutely terrible shape, but fortunately only a fairly small part! The contractor will be replacing this section and may potentially reside the building when the pump work is done, but no major rebuild appears to be necessary.*

*Construction has almost wrapped up on the 2" waterline. Once that is done it is time to do services, so keep letting us know when stakes need to be moved! Thank you to everyone for your help in locating these lines, and for your patience with the project.*

*If you come to the island and have not been around for a while, remember to run the outside hose bib until the water runs clear in case there is anything built up in the lines. The contractor has made efforts to prevent that, but there have been events that left sediment in lines and it's better to get that out of a garden hose than through a hot water heater. Thank you for your patience, help and time." Jester Purttman*

The unsung heroes of the Water Project are the four Resident Inspectors who were hired to document and photograph the project. These four – Dana Gruber, Mike Shettlesworth, Charles Smith and Rich Urfer – have performed many other services for HMC during the course of the Water Project. They've taken water samples, marked connection locations, directed traffic, helped with Members' questions, made presentations at Board meetings, and so much more. Last week, when we had a problematic line break, all four of them reported for work, although only two of them were scheduled. With Charles Smith coordinating the work schedule, they've often been self-directed and have coordinated with the Project Engineer as needed. And HMC will have the advantage of having four HMC Members who are very familiar with the water system, as we move forward.

ADA Restroom:

Nearly completed. Thank you, Andy Anderson and Steve Kramer.

ADA Parking:

Once the architect completed the drawings, we sent the drawings out to four firms for bid. In response, we received only one bid in the amount of \$4,180. We are reviewing this bid with the bidder, and hope to move forward very soon, while the weather is good.

A-133 Audit:

An organization that expends more than \$500,000 of federal funds in a single year is subject to an A-133 single audit. Michael Kander, our auditor, will come over to the island on August 14 to begin this financial audit process.

**Fire Department Liaison:** Fire District #16 has been alerted that the Charlie Wells will be out of service from noon on September 23, to approximately October 6, 2012.

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**Land Use:** A list of HMC-owned properties for sale is available at the Office, with the prices that were approved in the recent ballot. Ken Freeman, our webmaster, has suggested that we use the plat map on our website to develop various overlays of island features that would be easy to use. For example, as built features of the new water system could be mapped, as could lots for sale, HMC recorded surveys and others.

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

Mike Shettlesworth is scheduling retraining of our island drivers of the fire engine. Anyone interested should contact Mike.

**Parks:** See Committee Report.

**Roads:** Roads Committee has identified two maple trees that may present a hazard to the road and homes along East Herron Blvd. An arborist will come to the island on Tuesday, August 14, to evaluate the trees and give us advice on their removal. One additional tree on HMC property may need removal as well.

An estimate of \$2,232 has been received from County Line for repair of the water truck. The decision remains to be made, however, whether to repair or replace the water truck. Additionally, research is being done on alternatives to salt water dust control. At the July meeting, the Board approved the expenditure of \$250 to have the truck evaluated. The actual cost of the evaluation was \$180.

**Rules:** The draft revision of Island Rules has been approved by the Rules Committee and submitted for review and action by the Board. The proposed revisions have also been reviewed by our island attorney, whose comments have been incorporated. The Rules Committee has recommended that the Board approve the proposed revisions, following which the revisions will need to be approved by the Members.

**Technology:** No report.

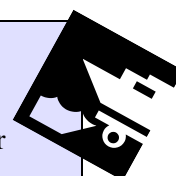
**Ferry:** Reminder – The ferry will be out of service after the noon run Sunday, September 23 through Saturday, October 6. Should the ferry return sooner, notices will be posted on white boards, the web site and through an email notice.

**HMC Form 18** – Authorization for Contractors to Access Ferry has now been posted online, under Island Documents. The form is frequently used, but must be completed, signed and faxed or emailed to the Office for approval prior to contractor boarding the ferry.

**Legal Liaison:** We currently have 11 delinquencies, of which seven are with the attorney for action. Delinquency rate of 2.8%.

### Labor Day Holiday Ferry Restrictions

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>. Note: Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> the ferry will operate on holiday schedule same as Sunday.





## **"TECH TALK"**

For the past several months, Members have no doubt seen the high quality of workmanship and materials that have gone into our Water Project. HMC Management is fully dedicated to maintaining Herron Island's assets and infrastructure to the highest standards, consistent with the desires of the Membership. Some published standards, however, are worthy of consideration solely for the purpose of interjecting levity into an otherwise serious project. What follows is an example of one such standard.

### **PIPE SPECIFICATIONS**

#### **GUIDELINES FOR SPECIFYING, PURCHASING, AND USING PIPE**

PIPING SPECIFICATIONS for Piping made from weldments, bendments, seamlessnessments, or castments.

1. All pipe is to be made of a long hole, surrounded by metal or plastic-like material centered around the hole.
2. All pipe is to be hollow throughout the entire length.
3. All pipe is to be of the very best quality, preferably tubular or pipular.
4. All pipe is to be supplied with nothing in the hole so that water, steam, oil, fuel, or other stuff can be put inside at a later date.
5. OD of all pipe must exceed the ID. Otherwise, the hole will be on the outside of the pipe.
6. All acid-proof pipe is to be made of acid-proof metal.
7. All pipe is to be supplied without rust or dirt, as this can be more readily put on at the job site.
8. All pipe is to be cleaned free of any covering such as mud, tar, barnacles, or any form of manure before putting up; otherwise, it will make lumps under the paint.
9. All pipe over 500 feet in length must have the words "LONG PIPE" clearly painted on each end so that the fitter will know it is long pipe.
10. Pipe over two miles in length must also have these words painted in the middle so that the fitter will not have to walk the full length of the pipe to determine if it is long pipe or not.
11. All pipe over six inches in diameter is to have the words "LARGE PIPE" painted on it so that the fitter will not use it for small pipe.
12. All pipe closers are to be open on one end.
13. All pipe fittings are to be made of the same stuff as pipe.
14. No fittings are to be put on pipe unless specified. If you do, straight pipe becomes crooked pipe.

*IN MEMORIAM  
HERRON ISLAND MEMBER SINCE 1974*

**KAREN HOVDE**

*SEPTEMBER 5, 1937—AUGUST 4, 2012*

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1:30 PM AT NORTH BEACH**

*FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SEE [WWW.EDWARDSMEMORIAL.COM](http://WWW.EDWARDSMEMORIAL.COM)*

### 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)



**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.**



### 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.

### 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.

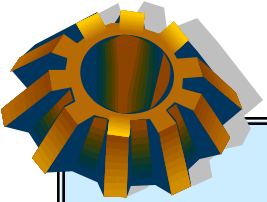




## **“Charlie Wells” is Going to the Shipyard**

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.

## **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.

## ***Correction***

In the last edition of the Beachcomber (July 2012), the article entitled “Herron Island Committees” incorrectly stated that there are two types of Rules Committee meetings 1) Adjudication (Closed-Door Committee) 2) General (Open to island Members). It is indeed true that under our current Rules, some portions of adjudicative hearings may be held in executive session (*i.e.*, “closed door”), as may be called for under Section III.(E)(2)(j) of the Rules. Except for those circumstances, however, adjudicative hearings (“meetings”) held by the Rules Committee are “open door.” We apologize for this misstatement.



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

## LABOR DAY EVENTS 2012

**Saturday, September 1st at North Beach**

**9:00 am to 11:30 am**

**Yummy Treats and Hot Drinks**

Chairs: Sue Pottorff and Linda Crowe

**Community Junk-in-Your-Trunk Sales**

**BOOSTERS Apparel Sales**

Chairs: Kathy Deuster and Merry Kogut

**11:30 am Kayak Paddle-Round**—Event Chair: Diane Rohrbach

Paddle around the island with a group of kayakers. *Meet at the small boat storage area located at the SE side of North Beach.*

**Saturday, September 1st at Goodpastor Park**

**EAST vs. WEST BASEBALL**

Event Chair: Dallas Amidon

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|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| 1:00 pm         | Baseball Signup <u>ALL</u> Players |
| 1:30 pm         | Junior Players Warm up/Practice    |
| 1:45 pm—3:00 pm | Junior Game                        |
| 3:15 pm         | Senior Players Warm up/Practice    |
| 3:30 pm—5:30 pm | Senior Game                        |

*Join the fun! Come cheer for your side to win!*

**Saturday, September 1st at North Beach**

**8:00 - 11:00 pm End of Summer Dance**

Mr. Music Man "Tommy Boy" aka "Tom Tighe" spinning the platters

Event Chairs: Jack Wells and Don Greinke

**Sunday, September 2nd at North Beach**

**12:30 pm Sailboat Race** Event Chair: Anita Bray

(Monohull and Multihull) The start and finish point: line of sight between North Beach flag pole and the outboard end of the mainland ferry dock.

**BAND OF OBVIOUSLY SUPER TERRIFICALLY ENTHUSIASTIC RECREATION SUPPORTERS**



### 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).



### Welcome, New Islanders!

HMC welcomes the following new Member to Herron Island:

- Beachworks LLC



### Are You on the List?



HMC now has 271 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.



### Sales of HMC Properties

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

**<http://herronisland.org/map/Map.pdf>**

**HMC's published Land Use Policy requires that all saleable Lots be made available to the General Membership for first consideration. Following that, (after approximately 30 days) the Lots will be made available to the General Public. Members who are interested in purchasing a Lot should contact the HMC Office at:**

**[Office@herronisland.org](mailto:Office@herronisland.org).**

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## **Parks Committee and BOOSTERS News**

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



and Fall Project Work Party. This year we plan to pull the small boat docks for winter and do some work in the Parks.

*please* **Join us!**

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

**Where:** North Beach

### **Good to know**

At each major work party nourishment is provided to our volunteers by volunteers, potluck style. For this event The BOOSTERS have asked to combine the Work Party Potluck with the BOOSTERS Potluck. Everyone will have a delicious meal—followed by a brief BOOSTERS Meeting.

**What:** Community Potluck

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

**Where:** Community Center

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## **PAYMENT FOR OUR WATER SYSTEM**

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

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

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

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

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





## Stories about the Past

Several weeks ago, Nancy Johnson and her friend came to visit Herron Island. Her parents, Leonard and Mary Lou Farness had property here in the 70's and 80's. They bought a property on East Madrona in the mid 70's and the cabin was completed in the late 70's. Her father was trimming a tree on the property in 1983 and fell 30 feet to his death at the age of 52.

Her two days here were so meaningful to her that she sent the following Thank You to all of our Herron Island family:

"I don't even know where to begin to thank all of you for everything you did for me. This journey all started because of a phone number I found in one of my parent's Herron Island files that had Dick Zottman's name and phone number in it. Dick was so kind to me and hooked me up with HMC, Dianne, and Carolyn.

If it hadn't been for Steve in the ferry line in front of us, I would not have found out that Kris owned my dad's cabin, and gave me the unique and incredible opportunity to go back inside the cabin after 30 years. Steve took his time in the afternoon to take me up to the cabin, open it, walk me through it, walk me down to the oak tree swing, and talk me through what could have happened.

If not for Kris, I would not have received the amazing phone call that I did. I would not have been able to hear the story of his purchase of the cabin and his family life there in our family cabin. For him to tell Steve to let Paula and I into the cabin and to make ourselves at home and stay as long as we liked was a little unbelievable.

If not for Dianne, we wouldn't have been connected with Dallas and Rondi and may not have ended up on the island at all. She referred me to Dallas to find out if I could somehow get a pass and/or a place to stay so I could visit Herron Island. When the cabin that Dallas set up for us fell through because of no electricity, Dianne opened the doors to her own cabin to us as she left that afternoon to return home to Kansas. Letting strangers into your home and asking nothing in return has to be one of the most incredible things that has happened to me in my lifetime.

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**Stories About the Past**  
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And of course, if not for Dallas and Rondi, we would not even have received a pass to the island. When Dallas heard my story, he said "yes" immediately. He gave Paula and I a tour of the island, took me by my father's cabin for the first time, showed us the community garden, took us to his own home, and checked in on us multiple times. We loved their early evening visit on Dianne's porch just as we finished our dinner. Paula thoroughly enjoyed her visit with Rondi the next day at their home where they discussed quilting patterns and their similar hobbies, while Dallas took me back to the property one more time. I am so thankful to the new Herron Island family I have in all of you. “



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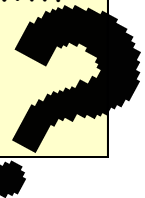
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**HAVE YOU SEEN THIS CHAIR.....  
AND TWENTY OTHERS JUST LIKE IT?**



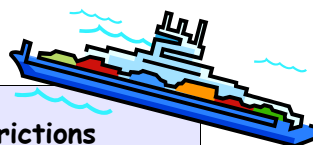
It seems that we have misplaced some of our chairs from the Community Center. The BOOSTERS purchased these chairs and their matching tables for membership use at community events. We've checked everywhere but cannot locate them. It's possible that someone borrowed them for a personal event. If so, we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



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

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

**Labor Day Holiday Ferry Restrictions**

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>.

Note: Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> the ferry will operate on holiday schedule same as Sunday.

## ROADS COMMITTEE NEWS

The Roads Committee has identified numerous items that may be of interest to you. We meet monthly and have posted our meeting times on the official HMC website. We always welcome visitors and new members.

At the bottom of Ferry Road, yellow paint lines designate short time parking spaces. Please do not park there for more than the time it takes to pick up a newspaper, drop off a guest pass or wait for the returning ferry.

The water truck had a mechanical evaluation and needs about \$2,400 in repairs. After much discussion, the committee recommended to the Board that ongoing repairs are a temporary solution and not cost effective with the summer almost over and the chassis extremely brittle due to having extensive salt water erosion.

The roads reflect 'challenges' from the Water Project construction and weather. It will take at least one year to get our roads fully improved due to the anticipated settling that will occur over time. At the end of the project, the construction crew will do significant grading and some gravel spreading. Most of the roads will be wider than they were in the past. To avoid wasting HMC money, routine pothole repairs or grading will still not be done until after the Water Project is finished. Much appreciation goes to those who are driving at 15mph speed limit and slower.

Most alarming are the number of ditches, member culverts going under driveways, and HMC culverts crossing under our roads that have not been maintained. Many are clogged and have hidden exit points or are covered over by roadside graded materials, etc. These conditions all contribute to drainage issues during the rainy season.

Unfortunately, there is much more to fix than what is allocated in the current Roads Budget so an island prioritization study is being conducted to identify the worst areas. We are looking at solutions and associated costs which will be presented to the HMC Board. In the meantime, we are reminding members they are responsible for keeping their own ditches clean and their driveway culverts open. Please unclog your culverts, do weed eating in your ditch and don't stop until you reach the edge of your road. If you need assistance, island members are available to do your work for a nominal fee.

Remember, trimming or removal of any trees on HMC roadways may only be done with HMC Board approval.

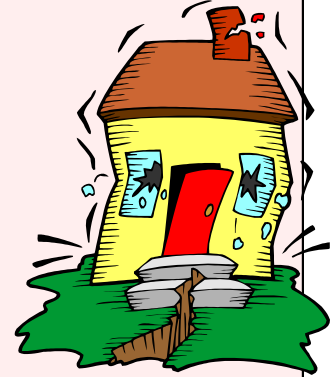
The Roads Committee will also be starting intersection overgrowth clean-up to improve vehicle visibility, to protect kids playing near roads, and to keep wildlife safe.



## **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIP OF THE MONTH** **CONQUERING THE INSTINCT TO RUN**

During earthquakes, many people's "fight or flight" instinct urges them to *run!* – even when they know they should "drop, cover, hold."

Studies show that people in our country tend to be hurt by falling objects, not by collapsing structures. If you are on your feet trying to move, you are in danger from toppling bookcases, breaking windows, flying dishes, falling televisions, collapsing fireplaces, or shifting furniture. Safety comes from quickly getting ***under*** or ***beside*** something that is sturdy and taller than you are.



You and your loved ones can learn to resist the instinct to run by ***knowing*** where safe places are in every room and the garage of your home, and by ***practicing*** getting to them.

### **Practicing being safe**

Choose a safe place to go in ***every*** room and the garage and practice quickly moving to that safe place.

Safe places include:

- ***under*** a sturdy table or desk
- ***beside*** a sofa
- ***beside*** a bed
- ***under*** a work bench

### **Learn to resist the instinct to run. Regularly practice:**

- Drop – ***under*** or ***beside*** something sturdy and taller than you are
- Cover – the back of your head and neck with one arm
- Hold on – in case the thing you are under or beside moves
- Close your eyes – you'll do better psychologically if you don't watch and you will protect your eyes.

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