



# The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

April 2005



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## President's Message

Inside this issue you will find a ballot asking for your approval of a \$200 per assessable unit special assessment to cover cost increases for construction of the new water reservoir. Details are given in the ballot explanation, but complexities in plumbing installation as well as unanticipated requirements for permits, studies, and tests by government and private agencies have caused our initial \$80,000 estimate to increase by approximately 75%. The \$200 assessment should cover these increases and also provide a safety margin of 10 to 15 thousand dollars, with all excess funds to be deposited in the water reserve account.

While such a large cost increase is regrettable, our current reservoir continues to be undersized, leaky, and contaminated. The leaks are expanding and the approaching warmer weather will require more frequent chlorination to control the contamination. Upgrading our water system is new territory for all of us, but has to be addressed. In addition to the need for a new storage tank, our two usable fire hydrants are well below minimum acceptable pressure and our three electric pump motors are running continuously. This indicates widespread leakage in the distribution system, some of which becomes visible at the surface while most of it silently leaks into the ground. Al Moren is investigating the possibility of our being eligible for financial assistance from the U. S. Department of Agriculture and will report his findings in future weeks. It will take years to bring our water system up to date, but we need to be taking action now.

In last month's Beachcomber I announced that our annual burn had been scheduled for April instead of May because of fears of an early burn ban due to

the historically dry winter. With the fortunate return of the rain, we have rescheduled the burn for May 21st from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This will give us more time, and, hopefully better weather, to clean up our yard waste. Since the fire has to burn down and be extinguished by early evening, please do not bring stumps or heavy tree trunk sections.

This Beachcomber contains an application for Board of Directors candidates. Please consider running and volunteering some of your time to help out in the administration of our island. There is also an application for a free Red Cross CPR class to be given on the island on Saturday, May 7th. A first aid class will be given this summer. Because of our isolated location, it is vital that as many of us as possible be qualified to provide emergency assistance before help can be obtained from the mainland. Please consider taking these classes.

Finally, I'm sad to report that Bill and Claudia Jones will be leaving the island to move to Vaughn. Claudia and Bill have volunteered their time tirelessly over the years, most notably as EMTs with the fire department. In this capacity, they have provided emergency help to island residents at all hours of the day. While we can be happy that Bill will no longer have to commute by treacherous small boat crossings at 3:30 AM, we'll miss them all. We wish all the best to Bill, Claudia, Bronson, and Julia, and hope that they will be frequent guests to the island in the future.

Email me at [President@herronisland.org](mailto:President@herronisland.org) with any questions or comments.

**Ken Freeman**





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## Important Phone Numbers

### Island Manager

Doug Allen (253) 884-9350

### HMC Board of Trustees

Ken Freeman, President (253) 884-2749

Bill Zazzo, VP & Water (425) 823-1902

Fred Fath, Secretary/Treasurer (206) 246-7016

Al Moren, Land Use & Roads (253) 884-2721

Clarrie E. Jones

### Additional Responsibilities

Nick Huff, Transportation (253) 884-4663

Dick Mowry, Water Field Examiner (253) 884-7663

Dick Zottman, Water Field Examiner (253) 884-9920

Mary Turpin, Rules & Regulation (253) 884-3089

Tracy Anspach, Parks (253) 588-1921

Patty Haenen Jones, Office Manager (253) 884-9350

**Herron Island Office Hours: Monday 9:30-12:30;  
Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 to 4:30. The office is  
CLOSED Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.**

Office Phone: (253) 884-9350

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

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Manager email: [HMCManager@herronisland.org](mailto:HMCManager@herronisland.org)

Beachcomber: [hjonesp@yahoo.com](mailto:hjonesp@yahoo.com)

**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.)*



## Delinquency List as of April 2005

COPELAND—KIRK, L.—KIRK, M (Estate of)—LEHMAN  
(DROUILLARD)—MARTIN, S.—MCRAE FAMILY—  
O'NEILL—OVERLAND (Estate of)—RUCKS.—  
TCHOCHIEV—TITZLER—WAGEMANS.

## 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.

LATELY 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. PROVIDING GUEST PASSES IS NOT PART OF THE DECKHAND'S JOB.

**Beachcomber News Items need to be submitted to the HMC Office by the Friday after the Monthly Meeting. Items MUST be typed or emailed. Your name and phone number is to be included in case there are any questions. Paid advertisements are to be arranged through HMC Office PRIOR TO PUBLICATION.**



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## HMC Management Board Meeting Summary April 9, 2005

### Administration

- The Board agreed to purchase a Community Building fire alarm system, as required by Pierce County, provided the Boosters agree to provide certain building improvements.
- The Board approved a merit step salary increase for ferry deckhand Kevin Kircher.
- Applications for Board vacancies will be in the April Beachcomber.

### Information items

- The water department pickup truck has been sold.

### Emergency Preparedness/Fire Department

- A report to the Board was prepared by FD volunteer Firefighter/EMT Michael Jones.

### Land Use

- Two properties that HMC owns were sold to an HMC member for \$5500 each.

### Legal

- The attorney's office has been very successful in getting delinquent accounts paid up.

### Transportation

- An engineering firm has been hired to perform the County-required inspection of mainland ferry terminal.
- The Board will study an Island Manager recommendation that HMC develop a pre-employment physical examination (based on U.S. Coast Guard exams) for all potential new ferry employees who do not possess a Merchant Mariners license.



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### Roads

- Gravel delivery by barge finally occurred and gravel is being placed on portions of the road network that are most in need of it.
- Bill Jones is moving off-island so a new instructor for driving the water truck needs be found. Ideally the instructor will have at least a Class B commercial drivers license.

### Water

- Due to increases in budgeted costs and to additional costs having arisen, the budget for the new reservoir will require a substantial increase and a special assessment. The Board approved the assessment in the amount of \$200.
- Work has started preparing the site for the reservoir foundation. Aggregate and sand to be used in building the concrete tank structure have arrived on the island.

## **Notice of Special Membership Meeting of HMC Management**

**Notice is hereby given pursuant to Article 4 of the Bylaws of HMC Management that a special meeting of the membership will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2005 at the hour of 12:00 Noon at the HMC Community Building. At the meeting, one (1) ballot proposal described below which has been set before the members by action of the Board of Directors will be voted on.**

**Members may vote in person at the meeting or by mailing or delivering the enclosed absentee ballot to the HMC Office so that it is received prior to the time of the meeting. *Ballots will not be counted unless your name and signature appear on the large envelope.***

**1. Pursuant to Paragraph 2.1.3 of the Bylaws of HMC Management, the Board of Directors has proposed that a special assessment of \$200 per assessable unit, due and payable July 1, 2005 and to be applied to the cost of a new community water storage tank with any excess to be applied to the water reserve account, be ratified by the membership.**

## **Ballot Explanation**

The initial cost estimate for replacement of the Herron Island water reservoir was \$80,000. Expenditure of the existing \$59,000 water reserve account and a special assessment of \$60 per assessable unit to provide the remaining \$21,000 was approved by the membership on a ballot in the June 2004 Beachcomber. Since then, major unanticipated expenses have necessitated a request to the membership for an additional \$200 per assessable unit special assessment.

The largest of these new expenses is the cost of the plumbing required to integrate the new tank into the existing distribution system. The original intent was to use on-island labor and equipment and spend \$3,000 to buy the required pipes, dig the trenches, and make the connections. Instead, HMC is required to hire a contractor who will import equipment and labor at an estimated cost of \$29,000. Another \$12,000 in unanticipated expenses results from requirements for a geologic study, a topographic survey, testing of the concrete as it is being poured by an independent laboratory, and state and county permits. Additional sand and aggregate required for the concrete will cost \$12,000 more than expected.

An additional expense that is not required, but is strongly recommended by the HMC Board, is \$10,000 for a Tideflex water circulation system. Reservoirs without such a system have zones of stagnant water where debris and bacteria build up over time. The Tideflex system will force all incoming water to be output in minimum time, thus negating any requirement for chlorination.

Adding another \$12,000 as a contingency for further unanticipated expenses, the additional requirement totals \$72,000, which would be covered by the special assessment of \$200 per assessable unit. Any funds in excess of actual costs will be returned to the water reserve account.

Despite the considerable increase in estimated cost, the urgent need to replace the undersized, leaking, and contaminated current reservoir remains. The HMC Board of Directors requests and recommends a “yes” vote on this ballot.

# Official Ballot and Voting Instructions

1. Vote yes to accept the proposal set forth below. Vote no to reject it.
2. Insert your ballot in the envelope marked "Official Ballot" and seal the envelope. Do not put your name on this envelope. Do not place anything other than one Ballot in this envelope.
3. Place the small envelope marked "Official Ballot" in the large envelope. **You must sign the large envelope and make sure that your name and address appear on the large envelope. *If your name and signature do not appear on the outside of the large envelope, your vote will not be counted.***
4. To be considered a member in good standing and have your vote counted, all delinquent charges and assessments must be paid in full before the Ballots are counted.
5. Please make sure that your name is legible on the large envelope. If your name cannot be read, the ballot will not be counted.
6. Your absentee Ballot must be received in the HMC Office by 12:00 Noon, Saturday, May 14, 2005 to be counted. If you prefer to vote in person, please attend the meeting. The Ballots will be counted at that time.

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## Proposition No. 1

### (Ratification of Special Assessment)

Shall a special assessment of \$200 per assessable unit, to be applied to the cost of the construction and installation of a new community water storage tank with any excess funds to be applied to the water reserve account, and due and payable by July 1, 2005, be ratified by the membership?

☐ **YES** (For Proposition)

☐ **NO** (Against Proposition)

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## CANDIDATE NOMINATING FORM AND QUESTIONNAIRE

**NAME** (as you would like to have it listed on the ballot): \_\_\_\_\_

**YEARS AS A MEMBER OF HMC:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OCCUPATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROFESSIONAL OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:**

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**EDUCATION OR TRAINING (after high school):** *Please list up to three degrees, certificates, or other educational achievement.*

School/College	Major	Years Attended
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**HMC EXPERIENCE ON THE BOARD, COMMITTEES OR OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

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*Please see other side —>*

**GOALS:** *Please list goals you would have for HMC and Herron Island during your term on the Board.*

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT:**

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*Candidate's Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_



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## HERRON ISLAND DIRECTORY:

A year ago the Boosters produced a directory of members names, address and phone numbers. It was a big success and we are now updating.

We've decided to do it again. **Your name will be included *only* if you fill out and sign the form below.** Even those members who already signed for the old directory must complete this form.

Mail in the form to: Linda VanRavenswaay 724 W. Herron Blvd. KP N Lakebay, WA 98349

I WISH TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PRINTED IN THE  
HERRON ISLAND DIRECTORY:

*(please type or print clearly)*

Names of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

Island Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Island Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mainland Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_



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**PIANO FREE FOR HAULING**

NEEDS TUNING

IF INTERESTED, EMAIL @  
SOPHIELOU@CENTURYTEL.NET

## Garden Club News



**April:** On April 18 there will be a meeting at 10 a.m. at Carol McNairs at 22712 Herron Lane. There is a potluck and speaker from the Fuschia society. Also bring any plant divisions you wish to exchange. It is a good chance to get new things and divide overgrown old ones. You are welcome new people if you would like to learn more about gardening on the island and its special challenges!

**May:** The club is revisiting Vasey Nursery in Puyallup on May 9th. Transportation is through the donation of Dana Gruber and Kathy Deuster's vehicles. Meet at the firehall at 5 min. to 9: the transportation leaves at 9 for the ferry line. After Vaseys, there will be lunch out and possibly a stop at Watsons Nursery. You would not get home before 4 p.m. ferry.

There will not be a plant sale this year but the club hopes to have a green house to start plants of its own next year. Hope you can make it.

Carol McNair 884-4467



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**For Sale! SOLD! For Sale! SOLD! For Sale! SOLD!**

**PROPERTIES FOR SALE!**

- Building lot w/view; 22405 N Fir St; \$25,000
- Sloped building lot w/Western view;  
22511 Maple Dr KPN; Now \$45,000!!
- Your address could be here!  
*Welcome to our new members!*

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Upcoming Bible Study for Women entitled "The Life  
You've Always Wanted." This is a six week study.

Please come for a preview of the material and sign upon Monday  
night May 9th at 7:00 pm at the Shettlesworth's or call 884-6919 or  
576-7628.



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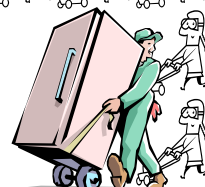
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## TRASH DISPOSAL

Please be aware of island rule G-4, which states that trash must be picked up commercially or removed from the island by the member. Persons caught dumping their trash on common property or the private property of others are subject to a \$100 HMC fine plus penalties from county law enforcement.

## ANNUAL BURN - MAY 21st

Our annual burn will be held in the North Beach parking lot on Saturday, May 21st, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Natural vegetation only.** Because the material must be consumed by early evening, stumps and large tree trunk sections cannot be accepted. *No scrap lumber, building materials, or trash!*

## SMALL BOAT STORAGE

If your small boat is stored at the North Beach on the beach side of the bulkhead southward of the sandbar, please be sure that it has an HMC identification sticker, available at the office. Boats without stickers after May 14th will be considered abandoned and will be removed.. Also remember that boat trailers may not be parked at the North Beach for more than 24 hours.

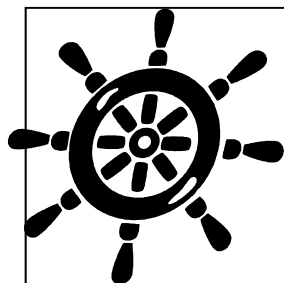


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## CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

### CANCELLATIONS

#### APRIL LOW TIDES

Mon	4-25 12-12:30 NO SHUTTLES
Tues	4-26 12-12:30 NO SHUTTLES
Wed	4-27 3:30 LEAVES LATE
Thurs	4-28 3:30-4, 4:30 LEAVES LATE
Fri	4-29 3 NO SHUTTLE, 3:30-4. 4:30-5

#### MAY LOW TIDES

Sun	5-8 11:30 NO SHUTTLE—12 LEAVES EARLY
Mon	5-9 12-12:30
Sun	5-22 11:30-12
Mon	5-23 12-12:30
Tues	5-24 12-12:30
Wed	5-25 12-12:30
Thurs	5-26 12-12:30 NO SHUTTLES, 3:30-4
Fri	5-27 2:30-3, 3:30-4, 4:30 LEAVES LATE
Sat	5-28 2:30-3, 3:30-4, 4:30-5



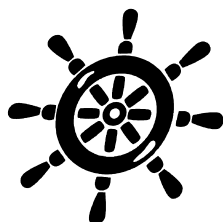


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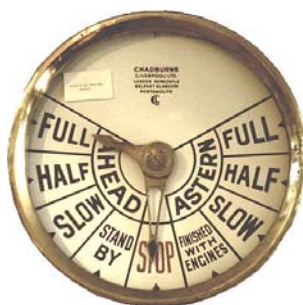
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## CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

### JUNE LOW TIDES

Sat	6-4	10:30-11, 11:30 MAY BE LATE
Sun	6-5	10:30-11, 11:30-12
Mon	6-6	12 - 12:30
Tues	6-8	12-12:30
Wed	6-8	12-12:30 NO SHUTTLES
Fri	6-10	2:30-3
Sun	6-19	10 LEAVES EARLY 10:30-11
Mon	6-20	12:00 LEAVES LATE
Tues	6-21	12-12:30
Wed	6-22	12-12:30
Thurs	6-23	12-12:30
Fri	6-24	12:30 LEAVES EARLY NO SHUTTLE, 2:30-3, 3:30 LEAVES LATE
Sat	6-25	2:30-3, 3:30-4
Sun	6-26	3:30-4





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## Herron Island Emergency Preparedness Group (Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Teams)

### **PREPAREDNESS MEETING - 10:30 a.m. 4th Saturday of every month at the Fire Station/Community building**

A big hello to all Herron Island members! Talk about a great response! I have received a wonderful number of surveys! Please keep them coming so that the Emergency Preparedness Committee can learn how to best serve YOU!

April is our island *Wildland Fire Awareness Month*. Yes, that's right, that time of the year has once again come when each member needs to take precautions and be on guard for the hot and dry summers that are becoming the norm more and more each year. Remember to trim your trees at least three feet off the ground and to clear the ground of all piles of wood, shrubbery, etc. I want to encourage all members to take an active role in keeping their grass and bushes trimmed. This is very important in the summer months and the sooner we get started, the better for everyone. Make certain you do not leave any outside extension cords unattended and PLEASE do not throw your cigarette butts out of your car window. You have an ash tray, please use it. Nearly all wildland fires are started because of human carelessness. There is a hefty fine if you are caught throwing a lit (by that it means still smoking and can burn at the touch) cigarette butt onto the ground. Please help protect our beautiful island.

In addition, HIEPG is asking for any and all possible donations. We are looking for tarps, good back-packs, plastic canteens, small tents, pocket knives, flashlights, emergency ponchos, work lights, or any offered items that are good for emergency preparedness for our team to use to help you when a disaster strikes. Items should be new or like new condition.

On one final note, there is a CPR class coming up on **May 7th at 10 a.m.** and there will be a First Aid and Disaster Response class a few months afterwards here on the island. Classes are sponsored by PC-NET and taught by the American Red Cross. These classes are FREE. Please come join us and make the most of them. Anyone interested needs to be a part of PC-NET to take advantage of it, so please contact me before May 1st or pick up a volunteer application form at the main office here on the island. Remember, to be a part of PC-NET you must be attending a minimum of four meetings a year. Be safe!

Michael D. Jones  
Director/Chairman





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## April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Daylight Savings time Begins	4	5	6	7	8	9 Board Meeting 10am Booster 6pm (See Boosters Info)
10	11	12	13 Anniversary of 1949 Olympia Quake	14	15	16
17	18	19 Anniversary of Seattle-Tacoma Quake	20	21 Earth Day State-Wide Quake Drill	22	23 HIEPG (PC-NET) 10:30am
24 Passover	25	26 Administrative Professionals Day	27	28	29	30

## May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 !!CPR Class!! 10am Make sure you sign up!
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14 Board Meeting 10am Booster 6pm
15	16	17	18 Anniversary 1980 Mt. St. Helens Eruption	19	20	21 Armed Forces Day
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 HIEPG (PC-NET) 10:30am
29	30 Memorial Day	31				

WELCOME ALL NEWCOMERS!



Get involved! We need you! It's fun!

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