



# The Beachcomber



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<http://www.herronisland.org>

## President's Message

I wish to express my thanks to all those who volunteered to be on the rules committee, the land use committee, to take over the job as webmaster for the Herron Island Web Site, and for the many other activities taking place on the Island. As usual, the Island could not operate as well as it does without all the work put in by those volunteers. Thanks also to Dick Mowry and Al Moren for their work on the new water tank. It looks like it will be on line by the end of the month. It has been a long haul and taken a lot of effort by Doug Allen and a host of others to complete. With the new hydrant we will at least have the capability of rapidly filling a fire truck. With the new tank we will have cleaner water and not have to chlorinate as often as we did with the leaky old tank. Now that the new water tank is coming on line, we still have to think about the water distribution system. We are in the planning stages and looking at options for ways to finance the needed upgrades.

The land use committee is about ready to make recommendations to the board. There will be an advisory ballot to get member feedback of HMC lots to be sold and the process we intend to follow. Remember that HMC obtained many of these lots through foreclosure due to lack of assessment payments. As such, they are not generally the most desirable lots on the Island. Where it makes sense to hold onto lots for greenbelt or other Island purposes, we can continue to hold and pay taxes on these lots. The lots we offer for sale may contribute to new assessable units and slow the decline of our assessable unit base. While this won't reduce the dreaded assessments, it will slow the growth in the rate and spread the costs over a larger base. Many thanks to Al Moren and those who have contributed to this effort.

The new fiscal year starts October 1<sup>st</sup>. It looks as if we will finish this year within our budget despite the

huge increase in ferry fuel costs. We overran the fuel budget this year but were under on several other areas (including administration) so we should come out ok overall. We did budget for a large increase next year but with the recent cost escalations, we still may be under budgeted. Since the budget is set for next year (the ballot was this summer during the annual meeting), we are looking for ways to offset these increases. We have adjusted fees for ferry use by realtors and services like septic tank pumping that used to travel free. In this high fuel cost environment, it didn't make financial sense to continue these practices. Hopefully, no one will suffer too much and the added revenue will cover the fuel cost increases. As long as we are dreaming a little, maybe the fuel costs will drop back to where they were last year. As I filled my car with gas in Boston last week at \$3.50 a gallon, I could only dream.

I am going to be out of the country for the next regular Board meeting so I will return for the November meeting. Bill Zazzo and the rest of the Board will carry on for the October meeting.

Fred Fath  
President





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## Important Phone Numbers

### Island Manager

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Fred Fath, President (206) 246-7016

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Clarrie E. Jones, Secretary

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### Additional Responsibilities

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

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

Scott Schultz, Water Field (253) 884-3196

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**Herron Island Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10am to 6pm. The office is CLOSED Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday.**

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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.)*



## Delinquency List as of September 2005

FLADAGER—KIRK, L.—KIRK, M (Estate of)—  
LAWRENCE—LEHMAN (DROUILLARD)—MARTIN, S.—  
NORMAN—O'NEILL—OVERLAND (Estate of)—RUCKS—  
TANNOCK/HARRELL—TCHOCHIEV—TITZLER—  
WAGEMANS, G.

## 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.**

**BOARD ELECTION RESULTS**

SAM ARGO	46
KATHY FENNELL	118
KEN HUGHES	33
CLARRIE E. JONES	92
AL MOREN	122
GERRY SMITH	40
R. KUSANDER	3
G. VETSCH	2
S. KRAMER	3
H. PROVENCAL	1
M. HOCHANADEL	1
TANNOCK-HARRELL	1
FLIPPER	1



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## Community Garden News:

Volunteers have continued to make huge improvements in preparing the garden for next years planting. (Kudos to those in parenthesis).

1. Greenhouse donation (Wilson Gay). Brought to the site upside down on a boat trailer (Donnie Surrat's) by (Denny and Tootsie Duback, David and Sina Clauson, Ralph Bravo, Jr., Scott Schultz, and Dana Gruber).
2. Partial tree clean-up (Ralph Bravo, Jr., Tootsie Duback, Dana Gruber).
3. Erection of all inside posts and bracing to the corner posts (Denny Duback, Carl Schafer).
4. Installation of both gates (Denny and Tootsie Duback).
5. Greenhouse foundation materials (donation) and leveling work (Tootsie Duback and Dana Gruber).
6. Shed leveling and pad foundation work (Ralph Bravo, Jr.).

Dear Herron Island Family,

We would like to express our gratitude for the lovely pancake breakfast you all threw for our family. The experience and life we had on the island will be forever cherished in our hearts as many of you hold a very special unique time as well.

As many of you know, we are very close and we'll see you quite often. May you all enjoy the island as much as we have and take care of it as it nurtures you.

Bless you all!

The Bill Jones Family



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**HERRON ISLAND  
INTERIOR PAINTING  
LINDA MOREN**




**SMALL BOAT DOCKS REMOVAL WORKING PARTY!**  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 7TH.  
CALL TRACY ANSPACH FOR DETAILS @ 253-588-1921



**HERRON ISLAND  
YARD MAINTENANCE**




**ALLEN MOREN**  
**253-884-2721**  
(Paid Advertisement)



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## NOTICE:

Two boats recently had gasoline siphoned from their fuel tanks while tied up at the small boat docks at North Beach.

## NOTICE:

The small boat docks will be removed from the water on Friday, October 7. A work party is being formed.

## NOTICE:

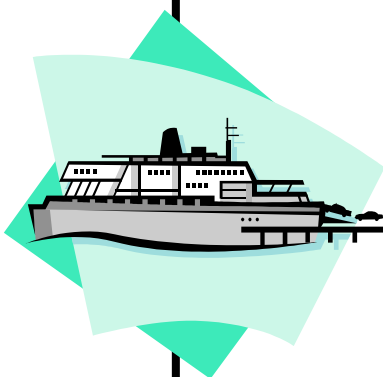
Recycling of certain materials (paper, cans, etc., but not glass) will soon be available on the island, according to American Disposal. Please call them at (253) 922-1774 to let them know whether you want a 64-gallon or 96-gallon recycle container.

## NOTICE:

HMC is looking for temporary quarters on the island for fill-in deckhands and captains.

## NOTICE:

When leaving the island for more than a couple of days, please **SHUT OFF WATER** to your house. This is accomplished by turning off the valve leading to your house from the street water main. The valves are usually found at the edge of the street. There may also be a shut-off valve on or near some houses. Shutting off your water helps prevent leaks that waste water at best and may cause serious damage to a home at worst.



## New Policy Related to Septic Pump-Out Trucks

For the last few years, septic pump-out trucks have been treated as "utilities" and have not been charged ferry fees. Because of rising fuel costs and the fact that the size of these trucks frequently leads to a shuttle run, pump-out trucks will now be charged like any other contractor. HMC members must provide a ferry pass, and the cost of the trip (\$36) will be charged to the member.



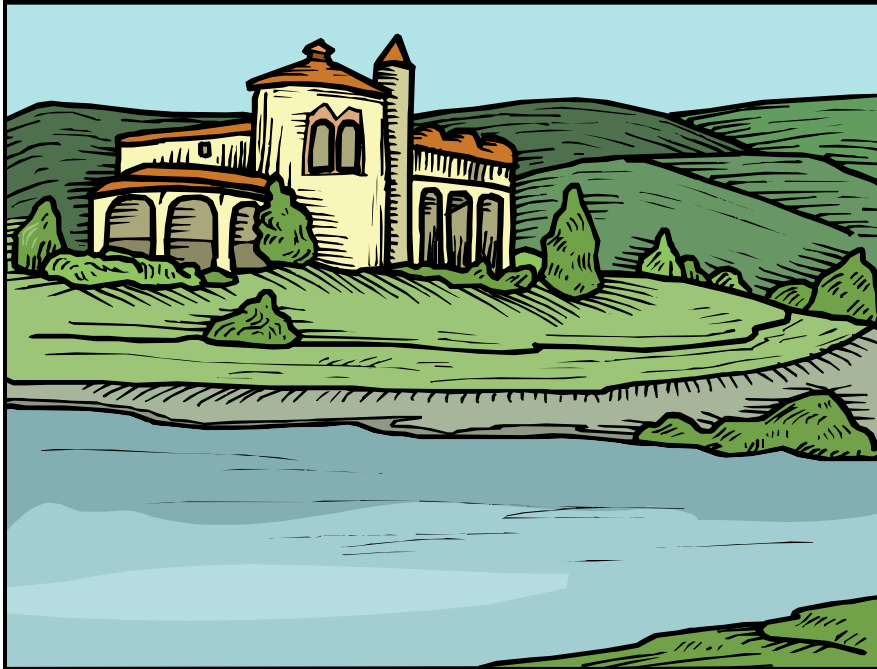


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## HOUSE FOR RENT

For details contact  
Jerry Palmer at 253-529-  
1378

*(Paid Advertisement)*

### MR. FIX IT!

- ▶ Concrete retaining walls
- ▶ Footings & driveways
- ▶ Pressure washing
- ▶ House painting
- ▶ Tree removal & trimming
- ▶ Roofs replacement & repair
- ▶ Track hoe & excavation work
- ▶ Drain line installation
- ▶ Stump removal
- ▶ Perk holes

*If it is not listed call to ask ...*

**DICK KUSANDER 253-691-0537**

### FOR SALE! FOR SALE! FOR SALE!



Cute & cozy waterfront log cabin—  
713 W. Herron Blvd—\$375,000



Grand & comfy view home—  
209 W. Herron Blvd—\$599,950

*For additional information call:*

**DALLAS AMIDON**, Resident Island Realtor

Cell: 253-606-0972~Home: 253-884-6166

Visit: [www.HerronIsland.com](http://www.HerronIsland.com)

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911

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

**PREPAREDNESS MEETING - 10:15 a.m. 4th Saturday of every month at the  
Fire Station/Community building**

As we head slowly into fall, I would like to remind everyone to please make sure they have their chimneys and heaters cleaned. Not doing so can result in a fire that could damage or even completely destroy your home.

I am pleased to announce that HIEPG has an emergency helicopter landing kit. Training in how to use this kit will begin at our next meeting. In October or early November at the latest, HIEPG will be inviting Airlift Northwest out to the island for a formal training session. As the number of residents increase, so does the possibility of needing EMS services such as the fire department and for a life-flight to the hospital. Please join us for these training sessions as it benefits every member here on the island.

On October 22nd, the Red Cross will be coming out to Herron Island to teach a "Disaster Response" class. The aim of this class is to teach members to survive for 72 hours without outside help both as individuals and as a community. The class is free to all HIEPG members and non-members may participate in the class by paying the class fee. Those who complete the class will be given a 72 hour backpack filled with necessary items to survive for that length of time. It's a great value and opportunity to train with professionals that requires only a few hours of your time.

HIEPG would like to encourage more of Herron Island to join us. To be a member, you need only contribute four hours per year. For those who are able to attend the monthly meetings, the advantages and bonuses speak for themselves so please do join us!

I would also like to thank Shanti Simpson for her wonderful donations! Donations like these help to improve our readiness for any kind of emergency. If you have any items that you could donate, please do so.

HIEPG currently has a Yahoo! Group website. For those who are unable to attend the meetings but want to contribute on an online status or keep up-to-date, the address is:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Herronislandep/>

Just type that name into your http address line. Make sure you write in the "Why you want to join box" who you are so that I can keep track of who joins.

Michael D. Jones  
Director/Chairman



WELCOME ALL NEWCOMERS!



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

# BOOSTERS

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