



HMC Newsletter August 2006



http:/www.herronisland.org President's Message

The August regular board meeting produced some great results. First, the Land Use Committee submitted their proposals for dealing with future requests that ask HMC to sell a piece of property owned by the association members. The proposals generated a lot of positive input from the members present and the board approved the policy as amended. A lot of effort by the committee went into the creating of a new policy to avoid the controversy that happened last year and I think all HMC members should thank the committee for establishing that no real estate owned in common by the members can be sold without the approval of the membership.

Secondly, the newly expanded boat docks have been well received and a special thanks should go to Tracy Anspach, Terrill Chilson, and John Farris for their efforts in getting the job defined and installed. The problems created by using the docks by some who either ignore the rules (written to be fair to all members) or who don't understand them are being worked on by the Parks committee. I am sure that appropriate solutions can be found so that a sense of equity for all who wish to use the docks can be established. Input from all members is solicited so that the rules of use can either be properly enforced or revised to make that happen. It is best to offer your suggestions in writing, addressed to the Island manager for dissemination to the Parks committee and board.

Additionally, work proceeds on the upgrade of the community building with funds and volunteer labor provided by the Boosters. The Boosters have also sponsored the painting of the North beach pavilion which is looking great with its new color. A special thanks to Sam Argo for allowing the use of his equipment by Dick and Steve Kusander to get the job done. Mark Renner has volunteered to paint the trim to complete the job. Also a 45' telephone pole has been laid on the beach to enable small boats to be attached to the cable that runs full length. All boats and other craft should be relocated there (south of the last bench) to enable use of the benches for people who want to sit and enjoy that area.

Improvements to the road watering system are in the works and once the new pump and suction line are installed, our volunteer drivers should be able to do more dust control in less time. Thanks to those who have taken their time and energy to improve the system for all of us.

Allen Moren President

Holiday Ferry Restrictions

Labor Day weekend schedule: combinations of any length and single vehicles longer than 25 feet will not be transported after noon Thursday, August 31st through Monday, September 4th. Call ahead to schedule 253-691-1457. Monday, September 4th the ferry will operate on holiday schedule (same as Sunday).

Dry Dock

The ferry will begin dry dock on Monday, September 11th. The last run on Sunday, September 10th, will be at 5:00 pm. This is necessary to facilitate the crossing through the Narrows. Completion is expected to take 10 to 12 days.

Important Phone Numbers

Island Manager

Doug Allen (253) 884-9350

HMC Board of Trustees

Al Moren, President (253) 884-2721
Kathy Deuster, Vice-President (253) 884-6898
Kathy Fennell, Secretary/Treasurer (206) 987-5737
Beth Owen, Board Member
Mike Shettlesworth, Board Member (253) 884-6919

Additional Responsibilities

Nick Huff, Transportation (253) 884-4663
Dick Mowry, Water Field Examiner (253) 884-7663
Dick Zottman, Water Field Examiner (253) 884-9071
Scott Schultz, Water Field (253) 884-3196
Merry Kogut, Rules
Tracy Anspach, Parks (253) 588-1921
Patty Haenen Jones, Office Manager (253) 884-9350

Herron Island Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 am to 5:30 pm. The office is CLOSED Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Office Phone: (253) 884-9350 Office Fax: (253) 884-5047

Website: http://www.herronisland.org

Office Email: Office@herronisland.org

 $Manager\ email:\ HMCManager\ @\ herronisland.org$

Beachcomber: kenfreeman@isp.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 July 13, 2006

ISENHART - KIRK, L. - KIRK, M. Estate of - LAW-RENCE - LEHMAN-DROUILLARD - O'NEILL - OVER-LAND, Estate of - RUCKS - TITZLER - TCHOCHIEV - VOGEL, T.

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

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 both office@herronisland.org and kenfreeman@isp.com. Include your name and phone number in case any questions arise. Paid advertisements are to be arranged with the HMC office PRIOR TO PUBLICATION.

Online Beachcomber

If you wish to read your Beachcomber online at www.herronisland.org and save HMC the price of paper and postage, please notify the office.

HMC Management Island Manager Report Board Meeting August 12, 2006

Administration

- For Board discussion: proposed geoduck farming planned on the Key Peninsula.
- For Board discussion: island security generally; problems with noise, guests and rudeness and hostility directed at the ferry crew, especially on weekends.

Information items

- The new ferry storage building is completed and oil, filters, etc. have been stocked.
- Bay Marine has finished work on the island ferry terminal bulkhead replacement.

Land Use

- The proposed plat changes with Mark Anderson at the south end are ready for Board approval.
- For Board discussion: recommendations from the Land Use Committee.

Legal

- The easement for Heather Hubbell to work on the south bluff is ready for signing.
- Assessment to an owner for an early-morning "special" ferry run.
- Recommendation regarding suspending an individual's driving on the ferry and island.

Parks

The contractor may have, as of Thursday, finally completed the new small boat docks.

Roads

There have been sufficient water truck drivers to get the roads watered; the spray system has been modified for better coverage.

Transportation

- There is a chance the ferry will fall under new Federal ADA regulations at some point.
- The ferry ramp cables will need to be inspected next year and the lift cables, at least, will possibly need replacing.
- The KPFF engineering report required by the County recommends certain maintenance to be performed on the ferry ramp structures.
- Crew recommendation: that on busy Sundays, in order to balance ferry loads and give the crew some time off for a mid-day meal, either not shuttle the 1130-Noon run, or cancel the lightly-used 1:30-2:00 PM run.

Water

- Current status of the distribution system upgrade; MWG's "Scope of Work" and anticipated cost has been received.
- No response yet from the two water companies who were contacted regarding possible interest in either purchasing or managing the island water system.
- Publish in the Beachcomber a "Public Notice" that HMC intends to upgrade the water system using a loan from the USDA Rural Development program.

Booster Labor Day Weekend



Saturday, September 2nd Goodpastor Park

12:00 - 12:30 pm Registration for all baseball players

12:30 - 1:00 pm Adult baseball warm-up/practice

1:00 - 2:30 pm Adult Baseball game East vs. West

3:00 - 4:00 pm Kids Baseball game

Hot dogs, chips, soda, bottled water and bagged ice for sale during games





Saturday, September 2nd North Beach

12:00 - noon Sailboat Race Around Island

Monohull/Multihull trophies to 1st place winners following race



7:00 - 11:00 pm Dance (live band)



Sunday, September 3rd North Beach

9:00 am Cinnamon Rolls (we ordered more this time) and coffee sales

Booster ceramic pots (1/2 price clearance), paper back books and Mt St Helens Ash Figurine sales

Individual Flea Market (\$5 ~use table or your tailgate)

Membership Drive (\$2.50 per person)
Booster island apparel, novelties and

NEW HI directory sales

10:00 am Children's games

11:30 am Milt & Mr. P's Burgers

(Kevin's out of country)

1:00 pm Blind man Dinghy Race

2:00 pm Kayak Race Around Island (12'6" & under/12'7" & over)

Trophies/ribbons for Blind man Dinghy Race and Kayak Race





Did you know?

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- Did you know? The small boat docks have a 24 hour mooring limit? This means if you tie your boat to the dock you need to use it at least once every 24 hours or remove it from the dock. See HMC Rules E-9-10.
- Did you know? Your vehicle is like a large fan that moves hot air out the front? (not to mention the stinky exhaust from the other end). So... remember depending on the season you may be cooking our ferry crew or heating them. Either way... turn off your vehicles as soon as you are parked on the ferry.
- Did you know...unlicensed drivers are not to drive licensed vehicles on our private island roads? Doing so is a violation of our rules. Driving of a golf cart, off-road vehicle or non-highway vehicles is permitted on our roads without a license; however, reckless driving or speeding is never permitted. Owners are liable for road damage caused by reckless use. See HMC Rules C-1 and C-4.

This column brought to you as a way to keep you informed. If you have a question of comment please e-mail: The Herron Islander at:

TheHerronIslander@yahoo.com

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AROUND THE ISLAND

In the past month much has happened around the island...

Upon first arriving by ferry you can see our new bulkhead with steps to the beach off the south side creating new safe access to the beach for all... next off to the left you will spot a new shed for the ferry crew to store supplies for doing ferry oil changes saving money for you. Take a trip to N. Beach to discover the Rose Pavilion recently painted and a new rules signs to keep you informed... now take a walk out onto the small boat docks and see your special assessment dollars at work. The added deep water moorage has increased the use of this valued asset.

Take a few minutes to check-out the changes at the community center. Much has changed and more improvements are coming thanks to the Boosters Enhancement Project... plus in the past month several no longer used vehicles were removed and countless loads of debris and garbage have been hauled off for disposal. Things happen around Herron Island... thanks to all who have made it possible and happen.

(this column is brought to you by:
 "The Herron Islander".

If you see or know of something happening around the island, e-mail The Herron Islander at: TheHerronIslander@yahoo.com)

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

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

Geoduck Farming in Case Inlet

Geoduck issues are stirring up more than just the beaches on the Key Peninsula. Residents are banding together to fight proposed geoduck operations, citing a litany of environmental, safety and aesthetic issues - all valid points. "Slow down until study can be done" says this week's Gateway newspaper.

Rep. Pat Lantz (26th District) has called for an Environmental Impact Statement on geoduck aquaculture and recently asked state officials to postpone solicitation for bids until an analysis of the relatively young industry can be completed.

The July 16, 2006 edition of The News Tribune has a very informative article "Big Clams, Bigger Questions" by Stan Cummings. Also, www.nogeoduckfarm.com has some very interesting stats and pictures and www.dnr.com has information.

Concerns over ecological damage must remain paramount. Please contact your legislators regarding our waters.

Your Herron Island Neighbor, Carole Crowley

Tides:McMicken Island, Case Inlet based on Seattle (Madison St), Elliott Bay Washington (NOAA) 47° 14 48 N 122° 51 42 W

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REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

Some long-time members have claimed to be unaware of various island rules and policies. All members should have been given the following items. If you are missing any, please contact the office to make arrangements to have them provided to you.

New owners packets – detail

- 1. Welcome letter
- 2. Island map (street and topographic)
- 3. Articles of Incorporation
- 4. Articles of Amendment
- 5. Bylaws
- 6. Herron Island Rules & Regulations
- 7. Island rules for Members and Guests
- 8. Ferry Access Policy
- 9. Ferry Schedules (Summer and Winter)
- 10. HMC Management Fee Schedule
- 11. Island Encroachment Policy
- 12. Small Boat Docks Rules & Regulations
- 13. Rules governing the Senior/Disabled discounts
- 14. Herron Island alleged violation report
- 15. Join the Herron Island Boosters!
- 16. Vital sign order form
- 17. Information regarding the area (utilities, etc..)
- 18. 2 Beachcombers issues i.e. May and June
- 19. Guest Passes (10)
- 20. Tide Charts for current year

HMC MANAGEMENT

TIMELINE FOR COLLECTIONS OF DELINQUENT SEMI-ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS

March, 2006

October 1 and April 1

Billing dates. Assessment is due and payable. Statement shows "Current Amount". Accompanying letter states that full amount is due by end of the month.

October 31 and April 30

Final date for on-time payment. Delinquent if not post-marked by October 31 or April 30.

November 1 and May 1

"Past due 1 to 30 days" Statement.

December 1 and June 1

"Past due 31 to 60 days" Statement and First Letter.

January 1 and July 1

"Past due 61 to 90 days" Statement and Second letter.

February 1 and August 1

"Over 90 days past due" Statement and letter stating, "Your account is being sent to our attorney".

February 15 and August 15

105 days past due. Send account to the attorney.

Note:

Late-fee collection begins with the Past Due Statement. Interest does not begin to accrue until the account has been delinquent for over 30 days.

Interest collection begins with the First Letter.

Thanks, Watering Truck Volunteers!

We really appreciate the efforts of our volunteer water truck drivers over this hot and dry summer. Thank you's to Sam Argo, Dennis Duback, John Farris, Ed Hovde, Nick Huff, Kevin Kircher, Dick Mowry, Marcus Renner, Mike Shettlesworth, Scott Sloan, Jack Wells and Dick Zottman for helping to keep road dust under control.

SMALL BOAT DOCKS RULES & REGULATIONS

Effective June 8, 1996

- 1. Purpose The Herron Island Small Boat Dock is a private facility for the exclusive use and benefit of Members and their guest. The privilege of using the small boat dock and the immediate HMC facilities is conditional upon compliance with the terms of these rules and regulations, and any instructions posted by HMC at the facility.
- 2. Enforcement Any activity which does not comply with these rules, and any use or activity which, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, jeopardizes health, safety or welfare, is prohibited and HMC many deny moorage to, or expel, the offending person(s). Further, the Board of Directors may establish monetary penalties for willful or repeated violations, which penalty will be added to the offending member's assessment as provided VI, Sec. 3 and Article VIII, Sec. 4 of the Bylaws. The imposition of such denial or penalty is subject to the right of the Member to due process appeal as defined in HMC R & R.
- 3. Member boats No more than ONE BOAT PER MEMBER or GUEST shall be allowed use of the Small Boat Dock at any one time. All member boats must have a valid HMC decal prominently posted near the operator's station or the bow.
- 4. Guest Boats Members are limited to one guest boat per membership. Prior arrangements for Guest Boats must be made at the HMC office and requires a guest pass posted on the boat which is visible from the dock. Because of limited space be sure to register ahead with the office.
 - a. Guest boat moorage is not allowed unless the host member is on the island.
 - b. The host member will be held responsible for the compliance of their guest with these and other HMC rules and regulations. The host member is also responsible for any damage or fines resulting from any such guest's non compliance.
- 5. Use The following restrictions apply:
 - a. The small boat dock is intended for recreational use only; daily commuting between the dock and the mainland is prohibited. Moorage for such commuting is available from the beach area south of the spit.
 - b. The small boat dock is for short term boat use only. Small watercraft such as canoes, kayaks and jet skis may use the facility for loading and unloading only and should not be moored.
 - c. Moorage is made on a first come first served basis. Moorage locations cannot be reserved.

- d. Boats must be securely moored to the dock and shall not be tied to dock pilings.
- e. The top of the T-portion of the dock, the outboard portion and the ends are reserved for loading and unloading purposes only.
- 6. Moorage periods are as follows:

Loading and unloading area: 1 hour, maximum

Short term moorage areas: 24 hours, maximum, May 1 thru Sept. 30

48 hours, maximum, Oct. 1 thru April 30

- 7. Storm threat Under storm warning or weather alert conditions boats must be immediately removed from moorage and the vicinity of the small boat dock. Boats should not be moored overnight in winter during bad weather.
- 8. Damage each Member is responsible for any damage to the docks caused by that member, family member or guest. Such damage, whether intentional, accidental or caused through negligence, will be assessed at the cost necessary to fully repair the damage and may be further subject to a fine.
- 9. Garbage All garbage, trash, oil, fuel and other material must be removed from Herron Island. No dumping of garbage or other waste is allowed in the water, nor on the Island, including dumping of waste in Island Parks or private property.
- 10. Owner's responsibility All boats moored at the small boat dock are the responsibility of their respective owners. Make sure all boats are securely moored and properly protected from leaks or excessive rain water.
- 11. Courtesy and Safety Rules The following rules are established to ensure a pleasant and safe operating environment so that members and their guest can fully enjoy the small boat dock facility:
 - a. There is a 10:00pm Noise curfew. No loud noises, engines, generators, or other loud noises are allowed.
 - b. Harbor speed 5MPH No wake.
 - c. No running, no bicycle, nor motorcycles allowed on the dock.
 - d. No barbecuing or cooking on the dock. Please use park facilities.
 - e. Swimming in the dock or boat ramp vicinity is forbidden. Use the marked beach swim area.
 - f. Dogs must be kept on a leash. All droppings must be immediately removed.
 - g. Clear passage must be maintained on all docks areas.
 - h. No person shall cause a public disturbance at the dock or nearby park or engage in disorderly conduct or other offensive or discourteous

- behavior that interferes with the peace, privacy or property rights of other persons.
- i. Emergency equipment- Life Rings and Fire Extinguishers are provided for emergency use only. Any tampering or other use is prohibited.
- j. Fishing is allowed from the dock, but is not permitted from the load/unload area. Persons fishing are requested to be observant of other dock users and to clean up any mess when finished. No fishing from other member's moored boats without their permission.
- 12. Buoys Privately owned moorage buoys are not permitted at the North or South Beach Park areas.
- 13. Amendments these Rules may be amended at any time by a majority vote of the HMC Board of Directors at any duly constituted or special meeting of the Board.
- 14. Jet Skis water skiing or jet skiing is prohibited in the vicinity of the swim area at the North Beach Park. These activities may use the beach area extending southward from the sand bar. This is a Class B violation subject to a \$100 fine for the first offense.

Boats and jet skis shall maintain low speeds not exceeding 5 MPH (no wake) until at least 300 feet away from beach areas, small boat docks, and launch ramp area. This is a Class C violation subject to a \$25 fine for the first offense.

Work Party

Volunteers are needed to remove the small boat docks for the winter on Friday, October 20th, at 10:00 AM. Please call Tracy Anspach at 253-588-1921 if you have any questions.

PARKS COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

Our first meeting will be Saturday, October 21st, at 11:30 a.m. at the Community Center. Please take time to join us! All are welcome!

Burn Ban

A county-wide burn ban was declared July 20th. The ban will stay in effect until the fall rains return.

Missing items!

Members on the north end have reported items missing from their sheds. Other members have reported things taken from their boats while moored at the small boat docks. Still more items were taken from the swimming beach. Please report any such incidents to the island manager. Any positive leads will be supplied to the Key Peninsula Sheriff's detachment.

ABANDONED BOATS???

Do you have your small boat stored in front of the benches along the east side of N. Beach? If so, please move them to the new designated area, which is south of the benches along the bulkhead across from the horseshoe pit, by September 10th.

Boats not moved will be considered abandoned.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Herron Island Emergency Committee

The next meeting will be Sept 6, 2006 at 10AM at the Community Building. We will make plans for any emergency that may occur during the two week dry dock. Come join us. Share any ideas or concerns you may have.

Carole Crowley

FREE CLASSIFIED ADS 1991 Ford Taurus 4 door Sedan for sale, \$1300

Non-commercial ads of 100 words or less will be accepted for inclusion in this section free of charge. Please email your ad to beachcomber@herronisland.org, Subject: Beachcomber Ad. The ad must be resubmitted for each issue in which it is to be

A REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS

LATE CHARGES AND INTEREST ON DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

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Per the HMC Management Amended and Restated Bylaws (9.12): "..., the late fee on delinquent assessments shall be (\$4.00) which shall be added on the first day of the month to any account which is not paid in full on the last day of the prior month and the interest rate applicable to any account which is delinquent for more than thirty (30) days shall be twelve percent (12%)per annum, imposed on the entire delinquent balance, compounded monthly."

If you bring a trailer to the island...

Members are reminded of the following sections of the Herron Island Rules.

- E-9. No more than one boat per member or guest will be allowed use of the North Beach Small Boat Dock at any one time. All member boats must have a valid HMC decal prominently posted near the operator's station or the bow. Member boat trailers must also display a valid decal in a prominent location near the trailer's tongue. Members are limited to one guest boat per membership. A guest pass must be posted so that it is visible from the dock. (Class C)
- I-2. Pierce County sanitary code applies to all property on the island. Travel trailers and RV's must be completely self-contained or be connected to a previously approved and installed septic system. Approval to bring trailers and RV's to Herron Island, and use of them while on the island, is granted by a signed and currently valid 'Recreational Vehicle Certification,' HMC Form 13. Any trailer or RV not complying with the provisions contained in HMC Form 13 is in violation of this section. (Class A)

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