



The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

January-February 2006



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

Thanks to the efforts of our Island Manager, Island employees, and the numerous volunteers, the Island seems to be operating very effectively. The new water tank is fully operational and water tests are excellent. It shows that the problems of the past were due to the old tank and not the source wells. We now have one hydrant capable of the required flow for fire requirements but will need to upgrade our water distribution system in the near future to meet flow requirements at other points on the Island. We are restarting the water system planning required by the State and will use the reports to look at funding alternatives for the distribution upgrade.

In December, the Board agreed to some easements and property line adjustments on the HMC lot that is home to the trail to the South Beach. Due to the topography of the area, the actual trail went onto the two adjacent lots. The lot to the North also encroached onto the HMC lot when a drain field was installed many years ago. The lot to the South needed a portion of the HMC lot to improve access to that piece of property. Since neither adjustment impacted the member's use of the trail or any use of the HMC lot, and since the adjustments removed any legal and trespass issues with the member's use of the trail to the South Beach, the Board agreed to the adjustments.

It is getting to that time of the year when the budgeting process starts for our next fiscal year. The budget must be approved at the annual meeting in June so the planning starts next month. Thanks are extended to Kathy Fennell (HMC Treasurer), the finance committee, the Island office personnel, and the various committee chairpersons for all their efforts to make this process work. Everyone is working to minimize the expenses while keeping the Island assets and operations in good working order.

It is also time for members interested in devoting some of their time to the ongoing operation of the Island to consider running for positions on the Board. Bill Zazzo

and myself are coming to the end of our two terms on the Board in June so two positions will be open and need candidates to fill them. The existing Board has been a delight to work with but we need new members that will step up to the task. The efforts required are not overly time consuming due to most activities taken care of by the office staff and Island Manager. Members with good judgment, a desire to maintain the Island resources for all the members, and a desire to work for the common good are needed. You can contact any Board member for information or to indicate your desire to run for the Board positions.

Fred Fath
President

Semiannual Assessment

Invoices for our spring semiannual assessment will be mailed March 1st. Payment is due April 1st and will be delinquent if not postmarked by April 30th. Members are reminded that our bylaws require that each member provide HMC with a valid current mailing address, and that failure to receive an invoice does not remove the obligation to pay.

HMC Activities Calendar

Saturday, January 28th
9:30 am, Emergency Preparedness Training

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10:00 am, Monthly Board Meeting
1:00 pm, Finance Committee Meeting
6:00 pm, Boosters potluck

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Delinquency List as of January 2006
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Important Phone Numbers**Island Manager**

Doug Allen (253) 884-9350

HMC Board of Trustees

Fred Fath, President (206) 246-7016

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

Kathy Fennell, Treasurer (206) 987-5737

Clarrie E. Jones, Secretary

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

Additional Responsibilities

Nick Huff, Transportation (253) 884-4663

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

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

Scott Schultz, Water Field (253) 884-3196

Bill Zazzo, Acting Chair Rules See Above

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: beachcomber@herronisland.org

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.)

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

**HMC Management
Board Meeting Summary
January 14, 2006**

Administration

- The Board decided not to incorporate a wireless internet connection at the office.
- The Board discussed imposing a fee for any vehicle, such as motorcycles and ATV's (typically brought over by guests) or vehicles not capable of operating under their own power (i.e., junk vehicles), carried or towed onto Herron Island and that do not have a current HMC sticker of the appropriate type. No action was taken at this point.
- The Board agreed to the attorney's request to "stake out" the residence of a seriously delinquent member in order to serve legal papers. This will be done on a case-by-case basis if the situation warrants it.

Information items

- On both Worker's Compensation and Unemployment Insurance (FUTA-SUTA) HMC's rates have dropped to the absolute minimum that is charged. This is due to excellent claims records over the past four years.
- We will shortly be requesting Pierce County to release the set-aside funds (\$1500.00) they required for the new water reservoir permit.
- Because of the need to maintain privacy of individual's records in the office, a small swinging gate has been installed to help insure that visitors remain in the front desk area.

Emergency Preparedness/Fire Department

- A report to the Board was prepared by Carole Crowley.

Land Use

- A serious landslide has occurred at the rear of a lot overlooking South Beach. Property stakes at the top of the cliff there indicate that the material that broke away was on HMC property. The Board decided to request information from an attorney regarding the various legal issues that may be associated with landslides.

Legal

- One of the principals in our attorney's firm is leaving.
- The attorney's office will soon require that each client have a written policy on collection of debts. The Board agreed to establish one.

Transportation

- The cost of using a locally-available landing craft while the ferry is in dry-dock has been determined to be \$150.00 per hour. This does not include crew costs, fuel costs or special (temporary) insurance costs.

Water

- Recent special testing required by law of copper and lead content have found that both were non-detectable (neither were found in tests several years ago, either). Since the new reservoir went in service there have been no bacteria detected in the monthly testing.
- The Montgomery Water Group sent a new agreement (signed during the meeting today) to move ahead with the Small Water System Management Program that will, among other things required in it, detail how to plan for, purchase materials for and install a new water distribution system.

Herron Island Feels the Habitat Spirit

By Judy Greinke

Herron Island, a small private island nestled in Puget Sound waters decided to do something to aid the hurricane victims. The Herron Island Boosters club, a small group of volunteers, usually raises money for island improvements, but this time they decided to have a car wash with all proceeds going to Hurricane Relief efforts.

It had been pouring rain for three days but the thought was that cars would not need to be dried if it was raining, so the car wash was going on—rain or shine. As in most volunteer organizations the same few workers showed up for the event.

People, mostly seniors, arrived with their hoses, buckets, squeegees, towels and soap early that Saturday morning. Some brought coffee and cookies. One person cooked hot dogs for everyone. When the towels were all wet someone went and got their leaf blower to help dry the cars. Others gave window wash, plastic cleaners, Armor All, and food old-fashioned elbow grease, and all gave from their hearts.

Before the first car was finished the sun started breaking through the clouds, and the unending stream of cars started. Spirits were high, everyone was laughing and having fun, and even the sun smiled of the group all day. Now you need to know that Herron Island has dirt roads, so vehicles are always dirty, yet folks were willing to have their cars, trucks, and even golf carts washed. What they wanted even more was to give to those in need, and when they heard that the money would go to Habitat for Humanity, they were inspired to give. The donations started growing right along with the high spirits and positive feeling of everyone involved.

\$800 was collected during the one day car wash. Thank you, Herron Island Boosters Club!

UPS DELIVERIES

Effective immediately please do not have your UPS packages sent to Jerry Hansen's Shop. After 25 years of providing this voluntary service to island residents Jerry is retiring. His service was appreciated and will be missed. We are working with UPS to create an alternative. In the meantime you may ship your packages direct to the Tacoma UPS office, or, for a \$5.00 surcharge, to The UPS Store in Gig Harbor.

Address your packages to:

Your Name & Phone Number
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5001 20th Street E
Tacoma, WA 98424-1911

or

Your Name & Phone Number
HOLD FOR PICKUP
5114 PT FOSDICK DRIVE NW, STE E
GIG HARBOR, WA 98335-1733

Note: The name of the person who is going to pick up the package must be on the address label with the phone number. The person must be prepared to show photo ID at time of pick-up. (Usually a valid driver's license).

Winter Burn Bans

With the approach of cold weather, we can expect occasional periods of stagnant air and temperature inversions. These conditions tend to trap pollutants and result in the imposition of burn bans by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. A Stage I burn ban means that no burning is allowed in fireplaces and uncertified wood stoves, unless it is your only adequate source of heat. A Stage II ban prohibits burning in any fireplaces or wood stoves (certified or not), unless it is your only adequate source of heat. When a ban is called, all outdoor burning is prohibited. To find out if a burn ban is in effect, you can call the agency's toll-free information line at 1-800-595-4341 or check their web site at www.pscleanair.org. HMC will attempt to keep members informed with a notice on the home page of our web site and a sign at the top of Ferry Street.

got milk?

After the Nisqually earthquake in Feb.1997, Claudia Jones, who was the Chairperson for Emergency Pre-O'Connor, Chairperson Team. She stated what Chains were put on the milk run was completed.



paredness, reported by telephone to Gretchen for Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency procedures had been followed after the quake. ambulance, people were checked for needs and a

Gretchen called Claudia about the milk run. **A milk run?** Not in our training manual! Claudia explained that as she asked people if they were okay, she also asked if they were in need of anything. The majority of the need was MILK, so she made a milk run to the store in Key Center. Simple as that, people taking care of people and we on Herron Island can count on being taken care of, especially in an emergency!!

Emergency Preparedness Schedule

January 20 at 9:30am Community Building

Communications Training will be taught to the members of the Emergency Preparedness Committee.

January 28th at 9:30am Community Building

Disaster Response course will be taught to the members of the Emergency Preparedness Committee.

February 28th at 9:30am Community Building

Gretchen O'Connor from Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Team will update us on available classes and show a new video on PCNET.

If anyone is interested in learning more about a committee that prepares you to take care of yourself, family and other islanders please call one of the members listed below.

Carole Crowley 253.884.5288, Kathy Deuster or Dana Gruber 253.884.6898, Mary Turpin 253.884.3089, Jack or Nancy Wells 884-0850, or Mike Shettlesworth 253.884.6919.

In the near future we will be updating our **“Who has what”** list. This list includes such items as stationary or portable generators, spare bedrooms, special need persons, CB radios, boats (in or out of water) and land/cell phone numbers for use with your permission in case of an emergency. A form is included below to fill out and return to the office. All information will be kept by the Herron Island Emergency Committee only and will not be shared.

Name					Phone	CB	Special Needs
Boat water	Boat Land	Port. Gen.	Stat. Gen.	Spare Bed	Remarks or additional items:		

Thank you for caring and sharing. That's what it's all about.

Carole Crowley

BLACK-TAILED DEER

Deer are the most watchable wildlife we encounter on Herron Island. Wild deer in western Washington are considered a subspecies of the Mule Deer. *"Some recent genetic investigations have found that our western Washington Black-Tailed Deer are very different from Mule Deer. So, it is likely that we will see a revision of the taxonomy which separates black-tailed deer as a separate species from Mule Deer."* **Kelly McAllister**-District Wildlife Biologist, Thurston and Pierce Counties

Upcoming Event: Booster Potluck

Black-Tailed Deer Series

February 11, 2006 Saturday @ 6 p.m.

At the Fire Station

VITAL STATS

Weight:

160 – 180 (Mature Bucks)

90 – 130 (Mature Does)

Length with tail: 6 – 7"

Shoulder Height: 3-4"

Sexual Maturity: 2 years

Mating Season: Oct.- Nov.

Gestation Period: 195-212 days

No. of Young: 1-4, 2 avg.

Birth Interval: 1 year

Lifespan: 8 – 15 years

Typical diet: various vegetation

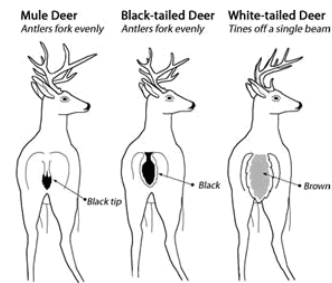
Ears: Large ears that move constantly and independently.

Legs: Stocky with sturdy legs: 4 to 6-1/2 feet in length and 3 to 3-1/2 feet high at the shoulder.

Coat/Markings: Dark-gray-brown coat with a white throat patch, rump patch and inside ears and legs with lower portions running cream to tan. Deer have long, closely packed hair shafts with coarse guard hair.

Vision: Vision and hearing are acute, but rely largely upon the sense of smell. However, they can easily overlook stationary objects.

What to look for...



<http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/living/deer.htm>

Eating Habits: Deer are *browsers*. They press foods between their hard upper palates and their bottom teeth, and jerk their heads up to tear it free. Deer are *ruminants*. Deer eat rapidly, initially chewing their food only enough to swallow it. This food is stored in a stomach called the "rumen." From there it is regurgitated, then re-chewed before being swallowed again, entering a second stomach where digestion begins. From there it is passed into a third and then a fourth stomach, finally entering the intestine.

FAMILY GROUPS

Deer family groups consist of a doe and her fawns and sometimes her fawns from the previous year. Groups of several does may be seen together. Adult bucks take no part in raising fawns and generally remain solitary or form bachelor groups throughout the summer months as antlers grow.

BUCKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May or may not be allowed to participate in rut at the age of 3-4 years. Antlers develop fully in about 150 days.
DOES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will usually produce a single fawn the first year she gives birth and then produce twins in following years. Reproductive rate is 94 fawns per 100 does. Only 68% of yearlings become pregnant.
FAWNS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> White spots on the back and sides that gradually disappear within 3-4 months - when they begin growing their winter coats. Weighs about 6 pounds at birth. It must nurse within the first hour and stand within the first 12 hours. Usually stays with the doe for the first full year. Fawns thrive on milk, which is more than twice as rich in total solids as the best cow milk.

Behaviors to look for in January and February

- The rut ends in February. A buck will find a suitable doe and they will often play chase games at breakneck speeds before mating. They will remain together for several days. Unlike elk, deer bucks do not herd groups of females; however, a single mature buck may breed with several females.
- In late winter the antlers are shed. This process of antler growth continues throughout the buck's life.
- In winter, when food is difficult to obtain, deer feed at all times of the day and night.
- Bucks carry their antlers through the fall, dropping them around late January and early February. Hormonal changes cause a weakening of the bone at the tip of the pedicel, where the antler-growing center is located, and the pedicel/antler connection eventually becomes so weak that the antler separates.



Did you know...

Sparring should not be confused with fighting. Sparring can last more than an hour. Occur primarily before and after the peak of the rut. There are no "winners" or "losers."

Dominance fighting occur among matched bucks. They are rare and usually very short in duration and are most common during peak of the rut. Dominance fights tend to be violent and fast. In dominance fights there is a winner and a loser. The fight is over when one of the bucks suddenly turns and bolts.



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2005 was an exciting year! I was given the opportunity to list and/or sell 25 properties on Herron Island. Many thanks to all who helped make that possible and WELCOME to all our new members. May your time on Herron Island be all that you wish for. February 16th we will be having three homes open for interested buyers.
One waterfront cabin ~
Two western view homes~
All are "turn key" ready!
Viewing hours: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Food will be served.
Watch my website or give me a call for further details!

If you plan to buy or sell this year
let me hear from you!

I wish each of you a wonderful 2006!

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MONTH-LONG MOVING SALE

I'm moving back east this spring and need to get rid of many years' worth of no longer needed possessions. Included are a 35" TV with separate solid oak cabinet, sleeper sofa, twin beds, recliner chair, luggage, power and garden tools, plastic deck chairs, propane BBQ (free), and much more. Anything that can't be sold or donated will go into the dumpster, so no reasonable offer will be refused. Cash only, please. Call Ken at 884-2749 to arrange an island visit.

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FREE CLASSIFIED ADS

To give away to first person to come and haul away, a nice full size wooden futon with mattress. Please call 884-2179.

Babysitter needed for 2 children preschool age on the island. Please call (253) 381-6072.

1/3 level acre on Herron Island on the south side of the island. Use as vacation getaway using 19 foot travel trailer on property or build your own cabin. Surrounding parcels have vacation homes on them so lot should be buildable in the future. \$45,000. Address: 118 E. Madrona Blvd. Call (253) 852-5952.

'73 Ford 3/4 ton pickup Camper Special. \$1,850. (253) 884-2721

Non-commercial ads of 50 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 printed.

Have You Checked Out Our Web Site?

The site (www.herronisland.org) has the most up-to-date information on island events, documents, and history available in one source. You can check the tides for your July 4th weekend, print out island maps and passes for your guests, check the activities calendar, and see what's for sale in the free classifieds. It has photos of our past Independence Day parades and other events as well as history dating back to Lieutenant Puget's visit in 1792. You can browse several years' worth of Beachcombers, as well as our bylaws, rules, and other legal documents. If our ferry is in its biannual dry dock, you can get the most recent estimate of the back-in-service date. In an emergency, it will be the main source of providing information to off-island members. HMC pays a modest \$3.98 per month for this service, and it would be a shame to waste it.

HMC MANAGEMENT FEE SCHEDULE 2005-2006

(Revised 10-08-2005)

HANDLING FEE MONTHLY FOR DEL. ACCTS	\$ 4.00
INTEREST 1% MONTHLY OR 12 % PER ANNUM	
NSF CHECK	\$ 35.00
FILE RESEARCH PER HOUR	\$ 20.00
NOTICE OF LIEN—NOTARIZED	\$ 50.00
SATISFACTION OF LIEN—NOTARIZED	\$ 50.00
STICKER REPLACEMENT	\$ 5.00
SPECIAL FERRY RUN (PER RUN)	\$ 125.00
WATER HOOK UP	\$ 220.00
WATER SHUT OFFF—LEAKS	\$ 25.00
WAL (WATER AVAILABILITY LETTER)	\$ 10.00
COPIES—EACH	\$ 0.15
FAX—LOCAL INCOMING	\$ 1.00
LOCAL OUTGOING	\$ 1.00
LONG DISTANCE—FIRST PAGE OUTGOING	\$ 2.00
LONG DISTANCE EACH ADDITIONAL PAGE	
OUTGOING	\$ 1.00
LOCAL AND LONG DISTANCE INCOMING	
PER PAGE	\$ 1.00
ISLANDS MAPS—MEDIUM	\$ 4.00
LARGE	\$ 7.50
PROPERTY TRANSFER ADMIN. FEE	\$ 100.00
BEACHCOMBER ADS	
-PERSONAL—PER QUARTER PAGE	\$ 10.00
-COMMERCIAL—PER QUARTER PAGE	\$ 20.00
-PHOTO—ADD \$10.00	
RETURNED MAIL	POST OFFICE RATE

WELCOME ALL NEWCOMERS!



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