



The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

April 2003



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President's Message

I would like to take this particular opportunity to talk about the creation of our yearly budget and how we come up with the figures that you see on the final document. I am trying early out to help you understand and prepare for those figures. Some will view them and have a mild case of sticker shock thinking it's riddled with extras lovingly called "fluff"; but to the majority of members it simply reflects the honest cost of doing business.

The process usually begins in early January. At that time the various committees that represent the operational segment of the Herron Maintenance Co. are asked to begin looking for any areas that need or could need attention in the upcoming fiscal year. At the same time, and equally important, they're directed to look for areas that could be reduced or eliminated without causing undue hardship to members. While this work is being done, the Finance Committee is formulating a financial plan to bring all this information together. All the operational information is presented to the Budget Committee (which consists of the Board of Trustees, Committee Chairs, the Finance Committee, and the office staff) for what has now become a basic plan for the next fiscal year. This plan, however, must meet severe scrutiny. Yearly costs for the past three years are compared to judge expense increases for the various categories, other costs are averaged out, and potential in-

creases are all factored into the plan before arriving at a revised document. This new document will then be presented formally to the Board of Trustees where again it will be gone over carefully. Once the document has moved through all of the various areas and all involved are generally satisfied with its contents, the document is carefully prepared for presentation to the HMC members. The proposed budget is mailed out early to the members to allow them time to read and study its contents so we can discuss it at the Annual Membership Meeting in June. Keep in mind that every attempt to keep costs as low as possible without undermining the quality of service and facilities has been made. We all live and/or own property here which means we all have a direct interest in keeping the assessment as low as possible.

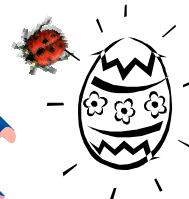
We cannot control the enormous rise in insurance premiums, or rising fuel and repair costs on the ferry; what we can help with is our continued volunteer help. It is the cornerstone of our success. Without our volunteers, costs would be considerably higher.

Think about this the next time someone asks you to consider being on the Board, on a committee, or participating at a work party. And speaking of considering the opportunity to serve on the Board, we need to fill four positions – are you available to take your turn at the helm? Application forms are included in this issue of the Beachcomber.

Nick Huff & Ken Freeman



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Important Phone Numbers

Island Manager

Doug Allen (253) 884-9350

HMC Board of Trustees

Nick Huff, President & Transportation (253) 884-4663

Ken Freeman, VP & Treasurer (253) 884-2749

Janet Podell, Secretary (253) 874-2452

Ferd Reichlin, Rules & Regulations (206) 242-7847

Al Moren, Land Use (253) 884-2721

Fred Fath, Asst. Finance (206) 242-7847

Bill Zazzo, Water (425) 823-1902

Additional Responsibilities

Dick Provencal, Water Repair (253) 884-2571

Al Moren, Roads; Tracy Anspach, Parks,
Phyllis Krueger & Patty Jones, Beachbomber

Herron Island Office Hours: Monday 9:30 as long as the necessary but at least until Noon; Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 to 4:30; Fridays as necessary. The office is CLOSED 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

Emergency 911

Ferry Cellphone (253) 691-1457

(Cellphone 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 21, 2003

BISENIUS, Holly	MARTIN, Sarah
BOYAKINS, May	OVERLAND ESTATES/ J. Holt
COOPER, Marc	TITZLER, David
DICKINSON, Linda	TREW, Terry
DROUILLARD, Joni	
KIRK, LeeRoy	Renter: CARLYLE, Tom

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 to 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 deliver people may charge wares.**

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 12th of each month. Items may be handwritten, 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



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HMC Board Meeting Summary

April 12, 2003

Administration

- The new Office Manager trainee has started working with Barbara Huff.
- A new Beachcomber editor has been named. Patricia Jones will work with Barbara Huff and current editor Phyllis Krueger, who is leaving the post this summer, to learn the duties of this volunteer position. Patty's offer to take on this job is greatly appreciated.

Transportation

- Mike Shettlesworth will start training shortly as a new fill-in deckhand. We are currently looking for a new fill-in captain.

Finance

- Marine insurance renewal has been accomplished.
- Per Board direction, deductibles on the main marine insurance policy have been raised 50% (liability) and 200% (hull and machinery). HMC therefore self-insures for a significantly greater amount, but saves over \$5000 in premium costs this year.
- Per Board request, a request to our broker was made for information on potential increases in medical insurance premiums. Their underwriter responded that group health policies such as HMC's are likely to see increases of 12 to 28%.

Legal Liaison

- The attorney has not yet sent the updated Articles of Incorporation.
- A confidential letter has been received concerning a problem between two neighbors that alleges that threats have been made.
- The Board decided to start foreclosure proceedings against Holly Bisenius.

Roads

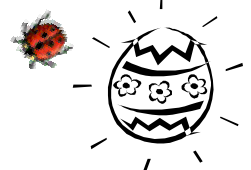
- The Board discussed keeping the roads at or about at their current condition, versus purchasing enough rock and contractor time to improve certain sections.

Water

Water project. The engineer has provided preliminary estimates of the cost of doing the entire project, as well as for putting in a "Phase 1." This initial phase is designed to provide a core distribution system sufficient for adequate fire fighting water supply running north from the well site on West Madrona to Maple, then east and west along Maple to E. and W. Herron. Five fire hydrants would be part of this section.



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Captain John says:

I would like to remind the members to be mindful of the many cancelled runs during May & June. Please check this Beachcomber, the webpage, and the ferry handouts to make sure you're up-to-date on this information.

Herron Island has so many visitors on the holiday weekends of Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day that vehicles over 25 feet in length, or any combination of vehicle with trailer over 25 feet, are not transported on the ferry after the noon run on the Thursday before the holiday weekend. So plan for your trailers and boats to get on by the noon run or shuttle on May 22nd.

Members can help by having correct change, no twenties, please, and by making sure that guest passes are filled out and ready.

Expect heavy Ferry usage for the Memorial Day Weekend and plan accordingly. There will be long lines and delays.

FERRY RESTRICTIONS FOR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND WILL BE IN EFFECT.

Plan to bring your boats and trailers over early in the week. **No vehicles with trailers, or vehicles measuring 25 feet or longer, will be loaded on the ferry after the noon run on Thursday, May 22nd.**

WORK PARTIES

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY—APRIL 26 & 27,
SATURDAY—MAY 17**

On April 26th & 27th (if necessary), we will be pouring a cement patio behind the Community Building. Please come early, prepared to put in a long hard day. Lunch provided by the Boosters.

On May 17th, the Big North Beach Community Burn & tree trimming along island roadways. Everyone is welcome to bring their island yard debris to the North beach to be consumed along with everyone else's beginning at 8 a.m.

Boosters

BOOSTER EVENTS

The next potluck/meeting is on Saturday, May 10th, 6P.M. at the Community Building.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY, MAY 24TH

The location depends upon the weather—if it's fair, we'll meet at the North Beach Pavilion; if it's foul, we'll meet at the Community Building at Goodpastor Park. You are all invited to a :

WINE & CHEESE TASTING

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE PARTY

7-10 P.M.

Bring a bottle of your favorite wine
(non-alcoholic is fine)

And a plate of cheese.

Annual Booster Membership dues are
\$2.50/person or \$5.00 a family

SUNDAY, MAY 25TH

Again the location will depend upon the weather—same as Saturday.

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|---------|--------------------------|
| 9 AM | Cinnamon Rolls & Coffee |
| | Flea Market |
| | Merchandise & Membership |
| 9:30 AM | Sailboat Race |
| 10 AM | Blind-man Dingy Race |
| 11 AM | Burger & Brats |

DONATIONS TO THE BOOSTERS FOR THE FLEA MARKET CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING THE WEEK PRIOR TO THE EVENT OR AT THE LOCATION THE MORNING OF THE EVENT.

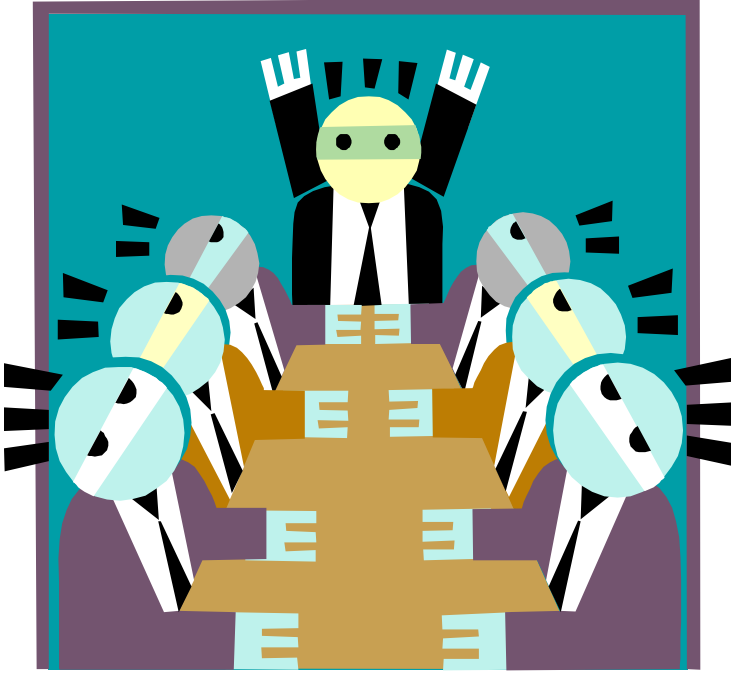


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HMC BOARD POSITIONS OPEN

There are four Board positions open this year. A member is elected to the Board for a two year term. Any interested member may submit a resume in order to be placed on the ballot and considered for election.

Fax # (253)884-5047

Mailing address: P.O. Box 119, Lakebay,
WA 98349

Email Address: Office@herronisland.org

Or just drop it off at the office or through
the slot by the door.

HMC has a Board of Trustees elected by the general membership. This Board oversees in an advisory capacity the Parks, Water, Transportation, Land Use, Finances, Roads, Rules, and Emergency Issues on the Island. The Island Manager takes care of most of the day to day business. In a community this size it is hoped that each and every member will serve on the Board, a committee, or on work parties.

COMING EVENTS:

Saturday, June 14th, the Annual Members Meeting, Noon, at the Community Building. Lunch is provided by the Boosters.

Saturday, June 14th, 6p.m. Booster's Meeting. Pizza provided at \$5.00 per person. The Election of new Booster's officers will be held.

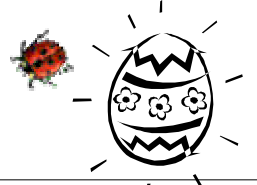
Friday, July 4th, Noon, Kid's Parade (a not to be missed event!). The date for the rest of the Fourth of July activities has yet to be determined.

**THANKS A MILLION
FOR YOUR HELP**

To all the wonderful workers who showed up for the North Beach work party on Saturday, March 29th. The small boat docks were power washed and made ready for placement the following week; and the new fire pit was put in place and the cement lip was poured. It was a busy and sweaty occasion made easier by the numbers that showed to help. Thanks Boosters for the great tuna sandwiches and trimmings.



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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: _____

Most Recent Employer

Position

Employment Dates

PROFESSIONAL OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE: *Please list three professional or volunteer experiences (other than HMC experience) which you feel qualify you for a position on the Board.*

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: *Please list your involvement with HMC, including Board experience, Committee experience and volunteer activities.*

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

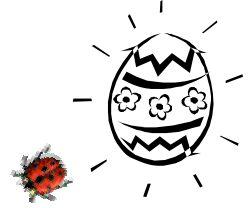
CANDIDATE STATEMENT: *Because space is limited, please make your remarks in 300 words or less.*

Candidate's Signature: _____

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For Rent: \$100/day \$500/week

This waterfront cabin on Herron Island offers:

- Large deck, one bedroom with double bed in loft.
- Kitchen and bath are fully supplied
- No TV or phone.
- Non smokers only.

Contact Jerry or Christine Palmer: 253-529-1378

For Sale or Trade—Cabin on 22415 S. Herron Blvd (green). You will need to move it all off of my lot. I am going to build a house where my cabin is now located. I will consider all offers and make a decision on Jun30, 2003. I will be removing some of the fixtures and cabinets before I get rid of it, but otherwise plan to leave it intact. Please contact me at (360)456-4567 (Lacey) or mkogut7007@juno.com. Thanks, Merry Kogut.

Family of five looking to purchase or lease Herron Island waterfront home.

Please contact
Jayne and Doug Nilsen

at **480-837-3332**
or email at
dnilsen152@yahoo.com.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS



Note: There will be no April meeting!

The Garden Club will be a **meeting on May 12 at 10 a.m.** Contact Carol McNair at 884-4467 for additional information. Bring ideas for new and interesting plants to share with everyone! Coffee and donuts will be provided. Gentleman, please remember you are all welcome to attend, this is not just for Ladies!

GARDENING TIP OF THE MONTH!

"Check out the following book at Key Center Library!
Gardening in Deer Country by Vincent Drzewucki jr.—VERY INFORMATIVE!" *Reminder: Earth Day is April 22nd!*

Real Estate offered by resident Island realtor
Dallas Amidon

Windermere Key Realty Inc.
(253) 884-3304

Million Dollar view for only \$127,500!!

2 + bedrooms, 1.5 baths—Across from the North Beach with 1220 sq. ft. of living space. Spacious Deck for spectacular sunset viewing. Bank Terms only.

Last waterfront lot left to sell! Located on the one-way road and only \$62,000! Steps to the beach, water on property, great view and 60 ft. of waterfront. Owner terms.

Viewer lot that perks! Overlooking the South beach and ready for that certain buyer. Listed at \$55,900. Owner terms.

2 \$10,000 lots on Yew Blvd! One is flat, the other has a small slope. Both need perk tests. Owner terms and cash or make an offer.



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In Memoriam

Recently we were notified that long-time Captain/Deckhand Ross McMenamin died on July 30, 2001, from prostate cancer. Ross retired in May of 1991, and he and his wife Ruth moved to Yuma, AZ shortly after that. Although they've been gone a long time, there are many of us who remember them fondly and our sympathies are with Ruth.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS/FIRE

On March 24th I attended a High Incident Response Level (HIRL) meeting at Station 2 for the Emergency Responders of Key Peninsula. In reaction to that information, I decided Herron Island better review resources involved for any situation we may have for long or short-term isolation.

Bronson Jones & Nick Huff notified Pierce County Net. This is a county organization set up to organize neighborhoods for any disasters, such as earthquake, windstorms, etc.

HIRL did a presentation on April 15th at our Community Building, and everyone present felt they have the perfect program to set us up for just about anything. So on Saturday, May 31st at 9:30 a.m. we'll have them come and start organizing our resources and talents. **WE NEED RECRUITS.** It takes about four sessions over the summer and then we'll have reviews or renewals every quarter. **NO REGULAR MEETINGS REQUIRED.** Just reviews of 1-2 hours each.

We are compiling a phone and resource list. If you have a generator, easy access to a boat, first aid or emergency certification, CB, cell phone or spare room, please call: The Jones' @ 884-2054; the Crowley's @ 884-5288; the Shettlesworth's # 884-6919; and the other Jones' @ 884-7642.

FREE Classifieds on the Web

HMC web site (www.herronisland.org) now has a classifieds section for members. Just send an email to you webmaster@herronisland.org with the text of your ad.

Have you seen the lovely improvements and her group of merry children and a few bus shelter as well as building a platform still have a few added touches to make; but Thank you to each and everyone of you that for thinking of it in the first place and mak-



made at the mainland parking lot? Sue Surratt other adult supervisors rebuilt and upgraded the for the sanican to get it out of the mud. They boy oh boy does it look sooooo much better!!! worked on this project and particularly to Susie ing it happen. This was Susie's Americorps pro-

THE SECOND HALF OF THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT WILL BE DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID BY THE END OF THIS MONTH.



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CANCELLED FERRY RUNS DUE TO LOW TIDES FOR MAY 2003

Thursday, 15th -----Noon & 12:30
 Friday, 16th -----Noon & 12:30
 Saturday, 17th -----11:30 & Noon, 2:30-3
 Sunday, 18th -----Noon no shuttle, 1:30-2, 2:30-3, 3:30
 leaves late
 Monday, 19th -----2:30-3, 3:30-4, 4:30 may be late
 Tuesday, 20th -----3:30-4, 4:30-5
 Friday, 30th -----Noon & 12:30
 Saturday, 31st -----Noon leaves early-no shuttle

FOR JUNE 2003

Sunday, 1st -----Noon no shuttle, 1:30-2
 Monday, 2nd -----2:30-3
 Tuesday, 3rd -----3:30 may be late
 Wednesday, 4th -----3:30-4
 Thursday, 12th -----Noon may be late
 Friday, 13th -----Noon & 12:30
 Saturday, 14th -----10:30-11, 11:30-Noon
 Sunday, 15th -----11 no shuttle, 11:30-Noon, 1:30-2,
 2:30-3
 Monday, 16th -----Noon-12:30, 2:30-3, 3:30 may be late
 Tuesday, 17th -----3:30-4
 Wednesday, 18th -----3:30-4
 Saturday, 28th -----11 leaves early, 11:30-Noon
 Sunday, 29th -----11:30-Noon, 1:30 may be late
 Monday, 30th -----Noon-12:30



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
APRIL		1	2	3	4	5
6			8	9	10	11
12			13	14	15	16
18			19	20	21	22
23			24	25	26	27
28			29	30		

Second half of HMC dues are due April 1. Accounts will be considered delinquent if not paid by April 30th.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MAY				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 <i>Board Meeting, 10 Booster's Potluck, 6 p.m.</i>
11	12	13	14	15 <i>The Noon-12:30 runs are can- celled. Transportation Meeting, 7:30</i>	16 <i>The Noon-12:30 runs are can- celled.</i>	17 <i>The 11:30, Noon, 2:30-3 are cancelled. NO. BEACH WORK PARTY</i>
18 <i>No Noon shuttle; 1:30-2 run; 2:30-3, runs are cancelled; 3:30 late</i>	19 <i>The 1:30-3, 3:30-4 runs are can- celled; the 4:30 may be late.</i>	20 <i>The 3:30-4, 4:30-5 runs are cancelled.</i>	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 <i>The Noon-12:30 runs are can- celled.</i>	31 <i>Noon leaves early-no shuttle.</i>

TO BE ANNOUNCED: Date for the Steak/Chicken Dinner & Auction.

Keep a surprise or two up our sleeves.

Be sure to read future issues of the Beachcomber for any additional events taking place on these holidays. We always

Sail Boat & Blind Man Dinghy Races

Cinnamon Rolls & Coffee

Runaway Sale

Labor Day:

Fourth of July and

Memorial Day

Holiday Activities:

Booster Potluck/Meetings, 6 p.m. Community Building

North Beach Clean up Day, May 17

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

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