



# The Beachcomber

HMC Newsletter

AUGUST 2003



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## President's Message

Last month I discussed the frightening property fire that resulted from illegal burning of building materials, and how lucky we were that the fire department was able to suppress it before it spread to any structures. I think it would be useful to expand our understanding of the 911 system, including how it functions on the island and how we as HMC members can improve our involvement in certain areas. Because of our isolation, some of our members have developed a frontier mentality that advocates depending on each other in times of need rather than asking for outside help from the mainland. However well-intentioned, this kind of attitude can result in actions that are dangerous, illegal, and potentially deadly. I'd like to review the communication procedures that go into effect when emergency help is needed on the island, and some of the consequences of ignoring them.

When a 911 call requesting medical aid is made from the island, the county dispatch center in Lakewood issues pager alarms to fire stations on the Key Peninsula, to our ferry crew, and to our volunteer fire department EMT's who reside on the island. While the ferry crew takes the boat to the mainland to pick up the paramedic unit, our medical responders take the fire department ambulance from the island station to the scene. It is especially critical that this be achieved rapidly in the case of a possible heart attack. The medical responders will administer oxygen, and, if the patient should go into cardiac arrest, they would be able to apply defibrillation shocks from the Automated External Defibrillator (AED). For the defibrillation to have any chance of success, the shocks have to be delivered within a very few minutes of the onset of cardiac arrest. Some peo-

ple seem to think that they would save time by stuffing the patient into their personal vehicle and speeding to a hospital. Besides the possibility of condemning the patient to death from lack of the prompt medical attention that they would have received from the EMT's and paramedics, the public is put at risk as a result of such careless driving. This is the reason that state law prohibits speeding for all but official emergency vehicles equipped with proper lights and sirens. If a heart attack or other serious medical problem is even suspected, 911 should be called immediately. If it turns out to be nothing but a tummy ache, everybody is happy, including fire department personnel, so please don't hesitate to call.

The same 911 procedures apply for a fire call. The ferry crew will respond as rapidly as possible to transport the required firefighting equipment. When I first moved to the island, I would often hear stories about how the fire department would take excessive amounts of time in responding to emergencies and how they refused to train islanders in the use of department equipment. I later learned that these stories were total myths. For years, the department has offered to hold special firefighting classes on the island for qualified volunteers. The key word is "qualified," since state law dictates that all volunteer candidates meet the same physical and mental requirements as career firefighters. Regarding slow response times, department equipment arrives at the mainland dock within minutes of being dispatched. They must then wait for the Charlie

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Wells to arrive to transport them to the island. Because of the physical limitations of our ferry, this is a condition that we must live with and is out of our control and that of the department. Some HMC members feel that we, as taxpayers and owners of the fire department equipment, should be able to use department equipment in the absence of mainland firefighters. This would include moving the island fire engine to the scene of a fire. This is a bad idea for two reasons: First, it is strictly prohibited by national standards and state law for equipment to be placed at a fire scene except by certified personnel. Any unauthorized person doing so faces felony prosecution. Second, it would only get in the way of the equipment brought over by mainland personnel. The point that I am trying to make in the above discussion is that we all need to learn to work within the system and to avoid dangerous cowboy tactics.

Continuing on the subject of our health and safety, some HMC members have expressed concern about the possibility of West Nile Virus being transmitted by mosquitoes from our swamp. I think the statistics of the epidemic indicate that, while we need to be vigilant, there is no cause to be unduly alarmed at this point. In 2002, two birds and two horses were reported to be infected with the virus in the state of Washington. In 2003, no animal cases have been reported so far, but a Yakima County man was identified as "probably" being infected on August 4<sup>th</sup>. He is currently recovering. Nationally, there have been 536 humans infected and 11 deaths. By far the biggest outbreak has been in Colorado, which has had 257 human infections and 6 deaths. None of our neighboring states of Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, or California have had a human infection. Of these states, only Montana has had an animal infection this year. I don't mean to minimize the human deaths that have occurred, but the numbers pale in comparison with past flu epidemics. We may eventually treat the swamp for mosquito infestation, but we need to remem-

ber that it is a wetland and would require a permit from the state Department of Health before we would be allowed to pour any poison into it. This would only be a partial solution to any mosquito problem, since there are many other sources of standing water on the island. We should report any dead crows that we find to the Pierce County Health Department, after which they would decide whether the risk warrants examining the bird for cause of death. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you posted.

The amended bylaws proposal passed by a better than three-to-one margin. This means that the four-year phase-in period for the compromise multiple assessment plan will begin October 1<sup>st</sup>. For the assessment due this fall, all members will pay the same amount. Beginning in 2004, the multiple assessments will be phased in by thirds through 2006, when the new plan will be fully in place. During the next year, multiple-assessment owners will be notified of the number of assessable units recorded in their name and given a chance to contest any inaccuracies.

Enough members have expressed interest in lockable mailboxes at the mainland ferry dock to enable Max Hochanadel to order a 13-box unit. If you are interested in getting on the list, please email Max at [maxopal@centurytel.net](mailto:maxopal@centurytel.net) or call him at 253-884-6877.

Many of us, including me, have been on vacation during August. We will be back in business in September and will resume work on the water system upgrade, junk car removal, unlicensed drivers, rules revisions, and other topics. Please email your comments and questions to me at [President@herronisland.org](mailto:President@herronisland.org).

Ken Freeman





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**HMC**  
**Board Meeting Summary**  
**August 9, 2003**

Administration

- Fire District 16 has been requested to advise what they are doing about followup on the recent fire on the west side of the island but have not responded yet. HMC incurred costs related to the fire suppression and the I. M. is looking at methods of cost-recovery.
- A member has asked about the feasibility of having some type of notification system beyond what is currently available to the island (direct notice and signs at the ferry) for any future emergency, such as a brush fire. The concept may be worth exploring.

Transportation

- Update on hiring a new fill-in captain: One newly-hired individual is in training.

Finance

- The Cooper property sale is complete.

Roads

- There have been a number of complaints regarding children and teens of varying ages driving recklessly on island roads. A draft of revised rules to deal with this is available to the Board for discussion, per Board request last month.

Water

- The recent monthly coliform sample tested as "unsatisfactory." Per State Department of Health requirements we will take four additional samples next week. It is likely that the original sample was inadvertently contaminated during the bottle filling, and that the water itself meets requirements.
- The new, and better-sealing, lid for the reservoir needs a small work party to be installed.

**BALLOT RESULTS**

<b>Amending of the Bylaws:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>97</b>
	<b>No</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Sale of Property—22405 N. Fir:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>121</b>
	<b>No</b>	<b>4</b>



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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  
 Ferd Reichlin, Rules & Regs (206) 242-7847  
 Al Moren, Land Use & Roads (253) 884-2721

#### Additional Responsibilities

Nick Huff, Transportation (253) 884-4663  
 Dick Provencal, Water Repair (253) 884-2571  
 Dick Mowry, Field Ops (253) 884-7663  
 Tracy Anspach, Parks, (253) 588-1921  
 Patty Jones, Beachcomber

**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](mailto:Office@herronisland.org)

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 August 18, 2003

BAKER, Larry	MARTIN, Sarah
BOYAKINS, May	MATTICE, John
DICKINSON, Linda	OVERLAND ESTATES/ J. Holt
DROUILLARD, Joni	TITZLER, David
GUSE, Jim	Renter: CARLYLE, Tom
KIRK, LeeRoy	EUBANK, Lance

### 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.
- Walk-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 Office.



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HERRON ISLAND DIRECTORY:

A few years ago the Boosters produced a directory of members names, address and phone numbers. It was a big success and many of our copies are now dog-eared and doodled up and definitely outdated.

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 by September 15, 2003 to: Andy Thompson , PO Box 1080, 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:* \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Contact Andy at 884-2725





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## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS/FIRE DEPARTMENT

PC NET CRIME SEMINAR—(Tentative) Sept. 6th at the Fire Station/Community building

PC NET EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ORGANIZATION MEETING—August 23rd 11 AM at the Fire Station/Community Bldg

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New Island AA meetings on Sundays at 9.30 am in the Fire station/Community Building

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## BURN BAN IN EFFECT FIRE DANGER: HIGH

\*We are still working on evidence and information for the June 27th Brush Fire. Please trim **ANY roadside grass** that you can and **USE YOUR ASHTRAYS!**

Remarks: Effective 8.00 a.m., Thursday July 10, the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in co-operation with local fire departments/districts have restricted the size and location of recreational campfires in Pierce County and completely banned all forest debris/ silvicultural land clearing and yard debris burning. As a precautionary measure, effective 8 a.m., Thursday, July 10, the fire risk rating of Pierce County will be elevated to "High". For more information on local fire restrictions in Pierce County, call your local fire district, (253) 884-4222, the Fire Prevention Bureau at 253-798-7179 or 1-800-323-BURN or Herron Maintenance Co. Office at 253-884-9350.

**NO OPEN FLAME ANYWHERE OR ANYTIME ON HERRON ISLAND. THIS INCLUDES BEACH FIRES!** Please use common sense—have hoses ready even when using barbecues..





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**SPECTACULAR NW VIEWS.**

**Two bedroom waterfront chalet.  
Quiet cul-de-sac location. \$241,000**

Dallas Amidon, Associate Broker  
Pgr/Msg 800-786-3966  
Cell 253-606-0972; Home 253-884-6166  
Website: [www.herronisland.com](http://www.herronisland.com)  
Email: [herronisland@hotmail.com](mailto:herronisland@hotmail.com)  
Windermere Key Realty, Inc.

**Trophies**

George Newcomb is the Island trophy designer and builder. Do you have any old trophies you can denote? Please give them to Anita Bray, George, or drop them at the office. Thanks!

**WARNING****WARNING****WARNING**

There was a boat taken from the mainland last week during broad daylight—sometime between 8 and 11 a.m. It was stripped of the motor, oars, lifejackets, and cushions, then the plug was pulled in an attempt to sink it. The boat was recovered, but the rest is history. Please be aware and cautious of your belonging when left at the mainland.



Thanks to everyone for helping me celebrate my 50th birthday! It was fun!

~Capt. John



**Captain John says:**
























Herron Island has so many visitors on the holiday weekends of Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day that no vehicles with trailers, or vehicles measuring 25 feet or longer, will be loaded 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 August 28th.



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



**REMEMBER: NO DRINKING OR SMOKING IS ALLOWED ON THE FERRY.**



## IN MEMORIAM—ROSIE JACQUE



We are so sorry to have to report the passing away of a previous Herron Island resident last week. Rosie served several terms on the Board. Our sympathies are extended to her family.





























 I and my family wish to sincerely thank 



 all of our friends on Herron Island for 

 their kind words of sympathy and 

 contributions during the time of Vern's 

 passing. These tokens of yours will al- 

 ways be remembered 

 -Joann Frare & Family 

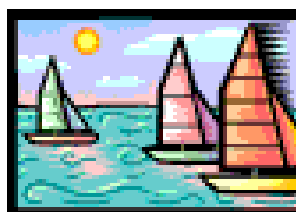
## WHALE SIGHTING!

Sunday, August 10th in the afternoon two orcas passed on the west side of the Island. They were going North towards Allyn. Curt Bray and Montana guests were boating when they caught sight of the beauty of these magnificent creatures.



I would like to express my utmost respect and regard to the all ladies crew for their show of skill against the other sailboats. I would also like to thank Captain Nancy for the fast training she gave and also express my relief at George Newcomb being safe and sound. To Nancy Wong, my utmost sincere apologies for the “dirty girl” remark. I hope that all of us on the Island will get to see you and your crew in action again soon!

-Dick Mowry







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# Boosters

## BOOSTERS LABOR DAY WEEKEND

### ACTIVITIES:

Presented by Herron Island Boosters

**Friday, 29 Mainland Concessions**

**12-7 AM** Raffle tickets, pop, water, candy, kettlecorn

**Saturday, 30**

**9-11 AM** Baseball sign up

Baseball games for all ages!

**Sunday, August 31**

**AT THE NORTH BEACH**

**9 AM** Cinnamon Rolls - Drinks

Herron Island Booster Booth - Shirts, aprons, totes, hats, license plates, membership, raffle tickets

Flea Market - Donations needed

(\$5.00 Rent a Table)

**11 AM** Kevin's Burgers & Brats, cold drinks

**12 Noon** Blind man's Dinghy Race

**1PM** Kids Games

**2:30 PM** Kayak Race - Two Classes

**5PM** Sailboat Race - Monohull - Multihull

**8-12** Dance at North Beach - Music by Tommy Boy - Raffle Drawing

Women's Bible Study starting 9/11/03 at 7p.m. This will be for six weeks. Interested? Call Linda Shettlesworth at 884-6919 for details before the end of August so materials can be ordered

### FREE Classifieds on the Web

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



**East Versus West  
Baseball Schedule  
Labor Day Weekend  
Saturday, August 30th**

<b>9 AM-11AM</b>	Sign up and register for your team
<b>11AM-1PM</b>	6-11 year olds
<b>1:15PM-3:15PM</b>	12-18 year olds
<b>3:30PM-5:30PM</b>	19-39 year olds
<b>5:45PM-7:45PM</b>	40and older

All games are five innings or no more than two hours.

All games are co-ed, all are welcome. Bring mitt and bat for a great day at the old ball field!

Sign up fee is \$5 for 19 year olds and older. Profits will go to enhance the ball field. Hats are an additional \$3 (limited amount available).

All games will have officials and coaches. We look forward to see you there!

-Dallas Amidon, BB Chairperson





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**WORK PARTY**  
**YOUR CHANCE AT VOLUNTEERING**  
**YOUR TIME AND MUSCLES TO IMPROVING**  
**ISLAND FACILITIES**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 27—SMALL BOAT LAUNCH DOCK REPAIR—AS TIME WILL PERMIT**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 18—SMALL DOCK REMOVAL**

**FOR SALE BY OWNER - \$170,000.00**

**HOME WITH A VIEW—3 BEDROOMS—1 3/4 BATHROOM—1645 SQ. FT. OF INCREDIBLE LIVING SPACE.** This home has only been occupied for 10 months and has every convenience you can imagine. You can view some pictures at [www.mls4owners.com](http://www.mls4owners.com) MLS#23032848. For more details or questions, please contact Rod or Michelle at 360-886-7848 or [house@grantshome.com](mailto:house@grantshome.com)

**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.
- Renters and bath are fully supplied.
- No TV or phone.

**Contact Jerry or Christine Palmer: 253-529-1378**

This darling 2 bedroom, 1 bath with a wrap around deck and easy ferry access, is also available for nightly rentals.



**Call Claudia at 884-2054.**

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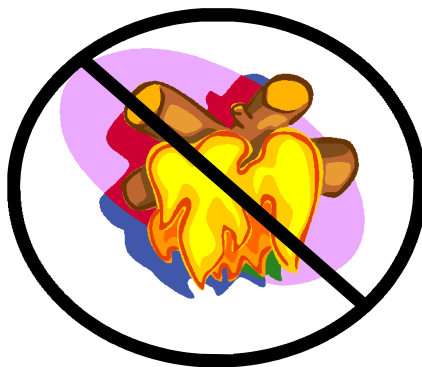
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>August</b>					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 <i>Board meeting 10AM</i>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 BOOSTER CONCESSION STAND	30 BASEBALL GAMES
31 BOOSTER EVENTS						

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 <i>Board meeting 10 AM</i>
14	15	16	17	18 <i>Transporta- tion meeting 7:30 PM</i>	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

A note to all islanders - There is a **BURN BAN**. Help keep Herron Island safe!



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

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