



# The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

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<http://www.herronisland.org>

## President's Message

With our annual meeting and board election coming up in a few months, I'd like to discuss the perpetual problem of convincing members to devote some of their time to the administration of our island. Among our members, we have business executives, skilled craftspeople, teachers, doctors, nurses, attorneys, engineers, and representatives of many other vocations and professions. We need to find a way to make use of this wealth of talent and hopefully avoid a repeat of the sad and disappointing situation of last spring, when we could find only two candidates to run for the four available board seats. I think that many members are put off from serving on the board because of certain myths, and I'd like to attempt to clear the air on the subject.

One of the most common excuses that we hear from members for not serving on the board is that they have no experience in running an island. Well, who does? One of the wiser choices made by the membership in recent years was the decision to hire an island manager. In addition to supervising HMC employees, Doug acts as liaison to all outside companies and government agencies in conducting the day-to-day business of the island. To maintain our records, we also have an office manager. Patty is proficient in the use of QuickBooks and other computer software, which she uses to keep track of the enormous amount of data that is required in running our small island. On an as-needed basis, we have the services of our attorney, CPA, payroll service company, and professional water system manager. Board members aren't expected to be experts in any of these areas. We just need people with common sense to

represent the membership in determining the overall direction and policies that we wish for HMC.

Another myth is that serving on the board would take too much time. In general, a board member is expected to attend the monthly board meeting on the first Saturday of the month and to maintain communication with other members between meetings. Most of the time-consuming work is done by committees, which board members may also join. If you don't have a lot of time to spend, we'll gratefully take what you can spare.

Some people are put off by the anticipated hostility that they would expect to receive from chronically complaining members if they joined the board. As in any owners' association, we have a few members who are less than pleasant and seem to feel that the rest of us were put on Earth to serve them. Such individuals are a tiny minority of our population, and the burden of dealing with them falls mostly on our ferry crew, office staff, and board president. New board members need have little or nothing to do with them.

The final myth that I want to address is the mistaken belief that board members tend to be full-time residents who belong to some inner circle or clique. Three of our five current board members live off-island. We come from divergent backgrounds, but are united in a desire to serve. In the computer age that we live in, we are able to maintain regular communication by email and do not need to meet face-to-face except for our monthly meeting.

When I was asked to fill a board vacancy a few years ago, I admit that I quickly ran through the above list of excuses in an effort to evade service. I was unsuccessful and I'm glad. I've found



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the experience to be rewarding and fulfilling, with the main disappointment being the lack of interest among HMC members in serving on the board. When the call for candidates is published in April, please consider serving a two-year term.

On the subject of volunteerism, we're trying to form a committee to decide on future improvements to our water system. The first project would be to install lines along a section of Maple Drive to service several fire hydrants. The flow rate of our current hydrants is woefully inadequate and would hinder the fighting of a spreading fire. We need people who are willing to define specifications and evaluate bids. Before construction would begin, a membership vote will be taken to approve a special assessment. We also need to evaluate our total water system and make long-term plans on upgrading and funding. Please email me at [President@herronisland.org](mailto:President@herronisland.org) if you are willing to participate in this important task.

In March you will be receiving a letter informing you of the number of assessable units (not dollars) recorded in your name as defined by Paragraph 1.6.4 and Article 7 of the revised by-laws. If you feel an error has been made, please contact the island manager and the case will be reviewed.

Of the few remaining items this month, the first concerns installation of new mail boxes at the mainland ferry dock. If you wish to get on the waiting list, please call Patty at the office. Also, the Boosters will be publishing a new island phone book this month. If you want your name included, please call Al Moren at 884-2721.

The final item concerns DSL. The last information that I received was that it would be

installed on the island by last December 12th. If anyone has updated information, please email me at [President@herronisland.org](mailto:President@herronisland.org) and I'll pass it on.

**Ken Freeman**



## ISLAND PHONE BOOK

If you want your name included, please call Al Moren at 884-2721 by January 31st.

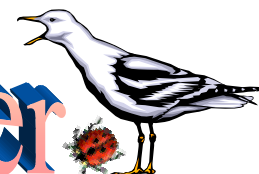
## MAINLAND MAIL BOXES

A second unit of 13 lockable mail boxes is planned for the mainland parking lot. If you want to be put on the waiting list, please call HMC Office at 884-9350.

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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, Board Member (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, Dick Zottman, Water Field Examiner (253) 884-7663

Tracy Anspach, Parks, (253) 588-1921

Patty Jones, Beachcomber

Joseph Pentheroudakis, Rules

**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 January 2004

BISENIUS—COPELAND—DICKINSON—EPPARD—FLADAGER

HARPEL—HILLBERG—KIRK, L—KIRK, M—LAWRENCE—LEHMAN—DROUILLARD, J.—MARTIN S.—NETTLEBECK—

OVERLAND—RIVERA—RUCKS—TANNOCK—TITZLER—ZAMBERLIN

RENTERS : CARLISLE, TOM—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 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 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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Board Meeting **Summary**

**January 10, 2004**

## Summary

### Administration

Washington Shellfish, Inc. has a proposal for the Board regarding shellfish cultivation on Herron Island. Doug McRae, principal in the company, is also a Herron Island owner. He intends to do some research and report back to the Board.

### Transportation

- The hiring process is almost complete for an applicant for a fill-in captain position.
- The ferry generator (used to move the ramps during power outages), repaired recently, is useable under certain conditions.

Board discussion: a new member is in the process of being hired as a part-time (fill-in) ferry deckhand. He also wishes to upgrade his current Coast Guard license to allow him to operate the HMC ferry as captain.

### Legal

- A hearing to deal with the contractor who has apparently been responsible for starting a number of illegal fires on the island was held. The Board voted to restrict his access to the island due to the safety issues. He can apply for reinstatement in November, 2004.
- Following the sale of the Baker property north of the HMC office to an existing island property owner (discussed last month) the owner has paid in full the one required assessment and has had the various ancillary fees waived as agreed to by the Board.

A letter was received from the Pierce County biologist who is in charge of their effort to have HMC deal with the wetlands buffer situation involving the mainland parking lot. The County has agreed to lower the cost to HMC by about 41%, as the initial gravel deposit and grading on the lot was done by a third party without permission.

### Roads

HMC billed Pacific Utilities Contractors for time spent by our Water Department personnel and for repairs to road damage that were made by Dick Mowry. They have paid us in full.

### Water

- HMC billed an owner on West Herron Place for work done by the Water Department and by Dick Mowry to locate a large leak and repair the culvert and road at that point. In discussions with the Board it was agreed that the member will pay for 1/3 of the costs associated with finding the leak and HMC will pay 2/3.



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## WANTED

### NEW T-SHIRT LOGO

Calling all creative people, young and old, to design the new LOGO for the Booster's 2004 t-shirts. Herron Island is the theme with a max. size 12"x12" with three different colors is what we are looking for. Designs by both kids and adults welcome! Turn in your design to the office or at a Booster meeting. The Booster's club will make the final decision for printing.

## WANTED

### HOUSE FOR RENT

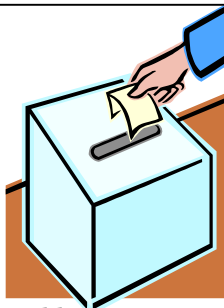
For overseas guests—non smokers.

For 2 to 4 weeks

Month of March

Please Contact Office

253-884-9350



### Ballot Results

**95 Yes**

**11 No**

## WATER PLANNING COMMITTEE

We need volunteers to plan future upgrades to our water system. This would involve the short-term upgrade of our fire hydrants as well as long-term plans for financing and construction of the entire system. Please email [President@herronisland.org](mailto:President@herronisland.org) if you can help!


















































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**We wish each & everyone a happy & prosperous 2004!**

Special thanks to the 2003 buyers. It was a pleasure to serve you. Welcome Aboard!

For those of you who have friends or family members interested in Herron Island properties visit [www.HerronIsland.com](http://www.HerronIsland.com). We keep it updated and will be posting new listings before the end of January.

Don't forget construction will begin on Yew Blvd around February 1<sup>st</sup> on the first two new log cabins.

May the blessings of life be with each of you!

DALLAS AMIDON, Resident Island Realtor  
 Cell: 253-606-0972 Msg: 1-877-428-4996  
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 E-mail: [HerronIsland@hotmail.com](mailto:HerronIsland@hotmail.com)  
 Windermere Key Realty, Inc.

## 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.



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## Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Teams

**\*\* EMERGENCY TEAM MEETING—3rd Saturday of every month at the Fire Station/Community building\*\***

On Saturday, January, 17th, our Island Pierce Country Neighborhood Emergency Team, or PC-NET, convened to meet and train. This meeting was different from any other as now that our roles have been assigned we can finally begin practicing and doing mock trial runs.

For those of you who might not be aware, we had our first earthquake of the year just last weekend here on the Island. Being only a 3.5 and lasting only a few seconds, no damage was reported to have occurred. This was a small earthquake and as such, should be a gentle reminder of the likelihood that one day a much larger earthquake could happen. We must all work together as a community to prepare for and know how to respond in the event of this occurring. Whether it is an earthquake, a fire or another major event occurring, we cannot afford to assume that we will have immediate aid from EMS, instead we must realize we have to rely upon ourselves for up to 48 hours. We must work together, plan, train, and be ready for this when it happens. We are a community and encourage you all to come join us in safeguarding our homes and our lives.

I will continue to update all of you through the Beachcomber everything that occurs at these meetings. There is no substitute for being there of course and if you are able to come even for just half an hour it would be beneficial to everyone. In the next Beachcomber there will be an updated schedule with all of our plans for the rest of the year. In July we are hoping to schedule an Island-wide evacuation drill.

While we understand that many of you have pressing schedules and/or medical concerns that might prevent you from doing so, it is our hope that as many of you will participate in this as possible so that if ever such a frightening thing might occur, you know where you should go and how to get off the Island. We cannot rely upon the ferry as we must assume the ferry might be out of service should such an event happen. We must instead rely upon ourselves to work as a community.

Even if you only have a moment to stop by, please do so that you will be able to pick up several pamphlets including a suggested First-Aid kit and list of needed supplies for each home, information on PC-NET, a list of who is in charge of what Team so that you may know who to go to, and a map that will be coming out soon with evacuation instructions and directions where to go in the event of an earthquake and/or a fire.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact either Bronson Jones or myself through the Herron Island Office and we will get back to you. I hope to see you all at the next meeting February 21st and hope you will all be safe.

M. D. Jones

First Aid Team Leader

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**Island AA meetings on Sundays at 9.30 am in  
the Fire Station/Community Building**

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## January

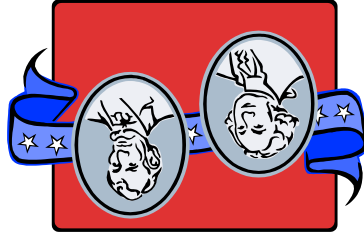
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Board Meeting
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 PC-NET 9am
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Board Meeting Happy Valentine's Day! Booster 6pm
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 PC-Net 9:30am
22	23	24	25	26	27	28



WELCOME ALL NEWCOMERS!



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

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