





HMC Newsletter March 2014



President's Message

The winter is quickly disappearing and soon spring will be upon us hopefully with drier weather. And with drier weather comes road construction and repair. As noted in some of the earlier messages our Roads Committee will be working on the roads, getting them graded and adding gravel to the areas where we ran out last fall. When our roads dry out work will begin with the grading of the roads. This process will pull the gravel from the edges of the road back into the center. re-crown the roads, eliminate the washboard that has developed over the winter and smooth the roads out. Then gravel will be applied where needed and in the areas where we ran out of gravel last fall. In preparation for bringing a barge of gravel to the island, the Pump Station is currently in the process of being transformed to allow for storage of extra gravel. Our goal is to purchase and transport gravel at the lowest cost possible and this means doing it the Costco way; purchase in bulk and storing the excess until it is needed. Even though the initial expense is larger we save money over the long run versus bringing gravel to the island via truck.

Some of you may not know but Dick Mowry has retired from his business and sold off his equipment. Dick use to also store HMC gravel on his island property but that option was lost to us when he retired. This is why the Pump Station property is now being transformed. There are plans to plant vegetation inside the fence line once the moving of dirt and cleanup are completed. The reason the plants will be located inside the fence line is to avoid feeding the deer our newly purchased/donated plants. These plants will help buffer the area and improve the general appearance of the Pump Station. If anyone has any plants they would like to donate please let Claudia know.

We are also moving forward with the initial paperwork to get the ferry ramps painted and decking taken care off. Since so many government agencies are involved it takes time to push the paperwork through the system and get the permits and quotes from potential contractors to do the work. Basically we need about 18 months before the first paint can is even opened. We also need the estimated costs to factor into the budget so that the expense can be put to a vote of the Membership. Our current plan is to try to paint the ramps in the fall of 2016 when the ferry goes into dry dock. This may change based on the structural engineering evaluation, what our insurance carrier and/or what the county has to say. We have outside influences that come into play with this project and sometimes we are put into a position that requires us to be flexible.

Saturday, April 19th the small boat docks are scheduled to be installed. Please mark your calendars and come to North Beach to help ring in the summer. All help is welcome and needed. We also need help to take care of some housekeeping repairs this year. The Community Building needs some exterior painting and general maintenance this summer. Also the North Beach Pavilion needs some maintenance as well. We could hire this work out but if we can get volunteers to help in handling some of these chores the Membership as a whole saves. So if you have some extra time and want to help in some of these endeavors please contact Claudia.

That's about it. Please stay dry, be safe and enjoy the sun when it pops out this month.

Gary Wanzong, President HMC Management Board of Directors

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Important Phone Numbers

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Herron Island Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The office is CLOSED Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday, and after 2:00 PM on Fridays before Board meetings.

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Parks email: HMCParks@herronisland.org

Member Input to Board: MemberInput@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.)

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. BLANK GUEST PASSES ARE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS AT THE OFFICE, BY MAIL, AND ON THE FERRY.

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

Island Manager Report March 8, 2014

Administration:

Volunteers: Thanks to Leslie Sanderson, for volunteering to assist with the Community Building cleaning. Much appreciated! And to Jean Mellor, Virginia Major, Robin Kelly and Pat Zazzo for volunteering to help with the auto decal assembly. When spring arrives, we will be looking for volunteers to recaulk and possibly repaint the exterior of the Community Building. Rain gutters may also need some attention.

Reserve Study: Mike Fleming, of Association Reserves, has begun work on the site visit reserve study for the Water Department, and the update of HMC's study as well. He paid a visit to the island Tuesday and met with Charles Smith and me. A summary of these reserve studies will be published about the same time as the budget.

Tree Trimming: No word yet from PenLight regarding their arrival on the island to trim trees.

Audit of 2012-13: We have received a draft audit report, which we are reviewing to provide input for the auditor. Much of the previous month has been consumed by providing detail and documentation for the audit. The audit should be final within a week or two.

<u>Water Operations</u>: A total of 53 trees were removed from the pump station property, and the stumps ground out. When the weather dries out a little, the grounds will be contoured to provide storage area for clean roads material, a covered area for the Water System Manager to work, and a concrete parking area.

A member has presented a claim for reimbursement of repair expense arising from damage to an electrical line which occurred during water system construction. Because the repair was completed without notification to the contractor, and the situation was confirmed outside the contractor's warranty period, HMC is sharing half the cost of the repair, at \$363.10.

<u>Water Committee Report:</u> No report. The redraft of service discontinuance procedures remains on the agenda for the committee, along with some cleanup of the cross connection program.

Fire Department Liaison: No report.

<u>Land Use:</u> Committee Report. The Land Use Committee submitted a revised Recreational Vehicle Certification (known fondly as "Form 13"). The Board continued its review from the previous meeting.

HMC has been meeting with Pierce County regarding a complaint about lack of permits for certain businesses on Herron Island, which is totally zoned R-10. We are attempting to resolve the island's need for the presence of certain business activities with the zoning code. The County representatives concur that a change is needed in the zoning code, although no changes in the zoning code will take place for several years.

HMC is also working through issues with a Member regarding excavation into an HMC roadway easement, negotiating for restoration of the affected property to its former condition.

Finally, in April 2011, HMC executed an easement agreement with Janet Podell. Janet Podell provided an easement across the roadway, which was located on her property to allow continued use of the property as road right of way., in return for which HMC provided a similar sized easement on HMC property at the opposite corner, so that items of equal value were exchanged. Now that the roadway has been properly realigned, this easement can be terminated. An agreement has been prepared to accommodate that, and is ready for Board approval. The parties will share equally in the cost of the document preparation and recording.

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Island Manager Report (Continued from Page 3)

Another member has been granted permission to take down a large HMC tree on South Herron, at her cost.

Emergency Preparedness: Committee Report. No meeting this month.

<u>Parks</u>: Tracy Anspach recommends installation of the small boat docks take place Saturday, April 19. If this date is approved, he will arrange for rental of the equipment.

Parks is also recommending the purchase of a mower with a 54" deck to replace the existing mower. Specifications have previously been provided to the Board. The mower cost is \$4599, plus tax, to be purchased from Parks Reserve funds.

Roads: Committee Report.

Rules: No outstanding complaints.

<u>Herron Island Ferry:</u> We are currently backgrounding one candidate for standby captain who was previously interviewed. Thursday, John Farris and I interviewed two candidates for standby deck hand. We are continuing to take applications.

Ramps: The agreement with Sargent Engineers has been executed, and we are waiting for them to schedule their visit to the island.

<u>Legal Liaison:</u> We currently have 13 active delinquencies, of which 8 are with the attorney for action. Delinquency rate of 3.3%. Last year at this time we had the same number. Currently, HMC has 387 Assessable Units and 397 Water customers.

B. O. O. S. T. E. R. S.

Band of Obviously Super, Terrifically Enthusiast Recreation Supporters

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! APRIL 12, 2014 COMMUNITY CENTER 6:00PM

Time to get out of the house and come to a potluck to see and visit with all your neighbors again. The hall is warm and cozy and we guarantee lots of good food!

Add your ideas for projects and activities to the 2014 Calendar of Events



Board Candidates Needed!

Please consider running for the Board of Directors. An application is printed on Page 14 of this issue and must be turned in to the office by 10:00 AM on May 10th. Two positions will be filled at the Annual Membership Meeting on June 14th.

Assessment Reminder



The second half general assessments will be billed on April 1st. Payments are due no later than 4/30/2014. Payments that are not postmarked or received by April 30th will incur a \$30.00 handling fee.



Spring has sprung.... It's time to install the Boat Docks... All hands on "dock"!

When: April 19 at 9:00 am Where: North Beach

Lunch provided (meat balls and mac-n-cheese)

Request volunteers bring salads, sides and deserts to accompany!



Board Member Email Addresses

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Please use these email addresses for all future communications to Board Members. They can be accessed on our website (herronisland.org) under the HMC Board tab.

Package Delivery



If you order packages to be delivered to the mainland terminal, please track their delivery so you can be available to pick them up or make other arrangements. It is not the responsibility of the ferry crew.

Easter Sunrise Service

On Herron Island North Beach

Sunday, April 20, 7:00 AM

No charge Special Ferry Run from mainland at 7AM for folks coming to the service.

Longbranch Church Pastor John Day will be our special guest speaker.

Special Music

Your Hosts
Dallas and Rondi Amidon

Concerns or Ideas

All Members are invited to voice their concerns or ideas by using the Member Input email address, contacting the Board Members or the HMC Office:

MemberInput@herronisland.org

Website Photos

If you have any photos from island activities that you would like to share on our website, please send them to webmaster@herronisland.org.





Reminder

Requests for reimbursement must be accompanied by a receipt and received by the office by the Thursday before the Board Meeting to be included in the list of bills to be approved by the Board. Failure to get your bill in on time will result in a delay in payment until the following month.

Welcome, New Islanders!

HMC welcomes the following new Members to Herron Island:

- Miguel Tolmo
- Paul Stoddart & Karen Starns
- Rice Trust
- Betty & Don Bennett
- William Gish & Edith Watkins
- Anthony Abbey





Are You on the List?

HMC now has 333 Member email addresses on the notification list. If you want to receive updates about the water project, get notice of the online Beachcomber, or get the latest on windstorms, power outages, water line breakages, or other news, please send an email to office@herronisland.org and request that your email address be added. To be used for HMC purposes only.

Community Garden News

Time to get out your tools and put on your work gloves – it's the start of the 2014 growing season. April is an excellent time to be planting peas, lettuce, potatoes, broccoli, and kale; as well as other cold weather crops. If you are like us, your mouth is already starting to water in anticipation of the taste of FRESH VEGETABLES.

Hoping you will consider requesting a Community Garden plot. Returning gardeners must confirm their desire to use their last year's plot by calling or e-mailing Betty (contact information below). Any gardener not returning should clean up their plot for the next gardener. New gardeners will be assigned a plot on a first come basis. Multiple plots will be assigned when there are less than 20 requests. Consequently, no one will have multiple plots when there are 20 requests.

Like all organizations, there are common responsibilities. These include: keeping your garden weed free, maintaining the paths that abut your plot (keep them clear and weed free), cleaning and maintaining garden equipment and tools you use and returning them to the sheds; locking the gates and tool sheds, and sharing annual expenses as they occur.

This amazing garden benefits our Community in so many ways:

- Improves the quality of life for all who are part of it
- Stimulates Social Interaction
- Encourages Self-Reliance
- Beautifies our wonderful Island
- Produces Nutritious Food
- Reduces Family Food Budgets
- Creates opportunity for recreation, exercise, and therapy
- Gives us a connection to the environment
- Creates a Sense of Community

Wow, how can you not want to be part of this?!

Call or e-mail to reserve your plot. Happy Gardening to all of us in 2014,

Betty Eccles bettyeccles@comcast.net 206-940-5439





INTRODUCING YOUR HERRON ISLAND

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS RESPONSE TEAMS

Your Herron Island Emergency Preparedness Committee Members have committed to responding in a variety of ways should disaster strike. There are six (6) Teams, each responsible for a critical task. These tasks are:



FIRST AID:

Establishes a neighborhood First Aid Station and compiles a list of all the injured. Team cares for the physical & emotional needs of neighbors.

SAFETY & SECURITY:

Shuts off propane, electricity and water, if necessary. Ropes off hazards including power lines, broken glass, and falling objects; and clears debris.

LIGHT SEARCH & RESCUE:

Conducts door-to-door search of all homes and ensures that all neighbors are okay and accounted for. Safely rescues any trapped persons.

SHELTERING & SPECIAL NEEDS:

Establishes care center for children/adults/pets away from the First Aid Station for all who need or want shelter.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Listens to EAS radio station & shares critical information with responders and residents. Team also relays injury and damage information.

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:

Conducts quick survey of damage sustained and provides detailed assessment.

Your Commitment To Our Community Is Greatly Appreciated.

If There Is A Team Listed That Is Of Special Interest To You And You Would Like To Get Involved,

Please Join Us At Our May 10th Meeting or Contact:

Mike Shettlesworth 884-6919 or Pat Zazzo 884-6719

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The Emergency Preparedness Committee's Search and Rescue Team is inviting Herron Island Members to provide any information you would like the Team to be aware of in the event that a door-to-door search and rescue operation is initiated. This information can cover a Member's physical limitations, such as the need for wheel chairs and medical equipment, the use of oxygen, impaired vision or hearing, chronic conditions or knowing that you are living alone, etc. This information would be held strictly confidential. It would also be very useful for the Team to be aware of the presence of dogs as well. Please call Mike Shettlesworth 884-6919 or Pat Zazzo 884-6719 to report any helpful information you wish to share.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE CHANGE IN MEETING SCHEDULE

The purpose of the Herron Island Emergency Preparedness Committee is to promote disaster awareness and preparation for our Island and its Members. We focus on Personal Preparedness, Neighborhood Response, and Island Infrastructure Preparedness and Response.

We meet bi-monthly, September through May, on the second Saturday of the month. We meet in the Community Building at 12:30 pm. (Bi-monthly meetings are in Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar, and May.)

We believe that working together is the only sure way to prepare for a major disaster. Demonstrate your commitment to your family and neighbors - join us.

Have Questions?
Contact Co-Chairs: Mike Shettlesworth 884-6919
Pat Zazzo 884-6719

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIP OF THE MONTH

REMEMBER:

"IT'S BETTER TO BE PREPARED AND NOT NEED IT THAN NOT TO BE PREPARED AND NEED IT!"





Do You Know Where Your Property Lines Are?

- There has been much confusion across the membership about where members' property lines are in relation to the HMC roadway. And further confusion about what a member may do when accessing their property. All ditches paralleling the roadway are HMC owned (although members are required to maintain them and keep them free and clear). Changes to the ditches, such as filling them in to create a new driveway access point must be approved by HMC Management. Removal of any trees on HMC property must also be approved.
- Conducting a formal survey can identify your actual property lines. But absent a survey, a general rule of thumb is The power poles are located two to three feet <u>inside</u> the HMC right of way. Run a line between two poles and measure three feet in if the poles are on your side of the road. This will give you your approximate property line. Or, if the power poles are on the other side of the road, measure 47 feet perpendicular and that is your approximate property line.
- And remember, water meters were placed on HMC property, are HMC owned and may not be moved or tampered with in any way.
- Members can access recorded survey maps of HMC properties from the website under the Island Maps tab.
- The Island Manager is available to answer any questions you may have.

Tide Tables

Plots of the monthly tide tables are available on our website (herronisland.org). The plots are for nearby McMicken Island, which is the NOAA data point closest to Herron Island.



Tansy Ragwort Removal

Tansy ragwort is one of the more serious noxious weed problems in Western Washington. In fact, Tansy is considered #1 on Pierce County's 'Terrible Ten' list!

Tansy ragwort has made beautiful Herron Island its home. Tansy contains alkaloids that can accumulate and cause liver damage in livestock and pets, making it extremely toxic. It also displaces desirable plants due to its aggressive growth and prolific seed production.

The effort and cooperation made by Herron Island property owners in the control of Tansy ragwort has steadily increased, and together we are making progress!

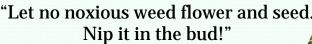
Control methods for Tansy ragwort include:

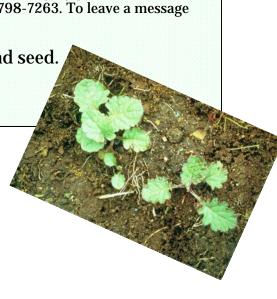
- Digging up the plant with the roots.
- Applying appropriate herbicide.
- Bagging flowers and throwing them in the garbage.
- Maintaining a healthy, vigorous cover of desirable plants.

Methods that do not work:

- Mowing will not control Tansy ragwort. Tansy will re-flower.
- Do not leave flowers on the ground. They can still go to seed.

Licensed Weed Inspectors from the Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Board will begin making routine inspections on the Island beginning the last week in May. If Tansy ragwort plants are discovered on your property, please eradicate them as soon as possible. Any questions concerning Tansy ragwort, control methods, a list of herbicide spray professionals, or compliance with the State Noxious Weed laws please call 253-798-7263. To leave a message with the Weed Inspector, please call 253-798-6844.





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Reminder: It's that time again. Our Summer Ferry Schedule begins April 1.

WINTER FERRY SCHEDULE (10/1 through 3/31)

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New Years:

Thanksgiving and Lv. Island 8:30, 11:30, 6:30 Lv. Mainland 9:00, 12:00, 7:00 Christmas: Lv. Island 8:30, 6:30 Lv. Mainland 9:00, 7:00

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

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BOARD CANDIDATE APPLICATION

(Please complete and return to HMC office by 10:00 AM, May 10, 2014

NAME (as you would like to have it listed on the balle	ot):
YEARS AS A MEMBER OF HMC:	
OCCUPATION:	
PROFESSIONAL OR VOLUNTEER EXPERI	IENCE:
EDUCATION OR TRAINING (including school	ol. military training, and professional courses)
Institution	Type of Training
	Type of Timming
HMC EXPERIENCE ON THE BOARD, COM	MITTEES OR OTHER ACTIVITIES:
GOALS: Please list goals you would have for HMC	and Herron Island during your term on the Board.
CANDIDATE STATEMENT: Please do not i	include statements campaigning for or against other candidates.
Candidate's Signature	



ATTENTION ALL HERRON ISLANDERS

Remember the **BOOSTER DIRECTORY** of days gone by? A BOOSTER Member has generously offered to continue on the project to create a new Island directory. We must get written permission for each name listed in our directory, so if you would like to be listed please send the following information to Deb Kraft at the email address shown below. Deb will compile all the names and then the BOOSTERS will publish the information in a booklet format.

NAME:	
ISLAND	
ADDRESS:	
MAILING	
ADDRESS:	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	
PHONE NUMBERS:	

If you would like to advertise in our phone book directory, please send your information along with \$20 payable to **HI BOOSTERS** so it can be included in the directory.

SEND ALL INFORMATION TO: Deb Kraft at: mrscapttk@yahoo.com

Homes For Sale 22115 Maple Dr. \$149,900, 404 E. Madrona \$136,000, 418-420 E. Herron \$197,500

Lots For Sale 1329 W. Herron Blvd \$35,000, 1327 W. Herron Blvd \$35,000, 22418 W. Yew Blvd \$19,500

Other Homes & Lots will be coming on the market later this month. Spring is the time to get ready to fix up and contact the Herron Team to help you sell.

Dallas Amidon Herron Island Realtor since 1994. Herron Team

www. Herronisland.com Cell: 253.606.0972 Home: 253.884.6166

> Sheryl Schull, 253.961.0717 Re/Max Town and Country

Email: herronisland@hotmail.com

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Longbranch Community Church 16518 46th Street KPS, Longbranch WA 98351 253-884-9339 Pastor John Day

Please Join Us For Sunday Services Sunday School 9:00 Church Services 10:30

Longbranch Community Church invites Herron Island residents to attend the Blue Grass Gathering every 3rd Sunday at 6:00, bring your voices and instruments and play along. We play until 8:30 but Herron Island residents usually leave early to catch the 8 PM ferry.

> God's Blessings to you, The Amidons & Pastor John Day

> > (Paid Advertisement)

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