



# The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

January-February 2009



<http://www.herronisland.org>

## President's Message

At the January HMC Board meeting there was much discussion on several issues. After the December Board meeting, a letter was sent to members that have lots along the one-way road. The letter stated that the Board was considering making a portion of the one-way road a two-way road (basically up to the point where the road becomes quite hilly). This issue arose as we are putting up new road signs and it was very obvious that many members ignore the one-way designation. The intent was not to change the road in any way nor expend any funds. The intent was to basically put new signs up that reflect how members are actually using the road. Members at the meeting were very vocal that they didn't think any expense should be incurred and that maybe we should just ignore the issue. Subsequently, some members suggest keep the road one-way but reverse the direction. The purpose of the letter and this message is to get input from members on the direction they feel the Board should go in addressing this issue. We can do nothing, we can designate the north portion of the road two-way, we can reverse the direction, or we can look at other alternatives. The reason the road was originally designated one-way was the safety issue especially on the hilly portion. Let us know what you think.

The Island survived the snow and rain in pretty good shape. Again, volunteers were instrumental in keeping the Island accessible. Dick Mowry plowed the Island roads, Sam Argo helped neighbors with his equipment to gain access from their homes, and Allen Moran shoveled sand on ferry street to make it passable. Once again, community spirit was very evident. Neighbors helping neighbors is one aspect of why Herron Island is a great place for all of us. One way for all of us to help keep the Island in good shape is to be careful not to litter. Members walking the roads have noticed many beer cans that have been discarded. I know it is likely the people responsible for the litter probably won't read this message but I can hope. Please take care not to litter or damage

common Island resources.

We are continuing to look for ways to cut costs (and our subsequent assessments). Members are encouraged to submit ideas for cost savings. The office has instituted a cost saving approach to member statements. The new policy is posted in this Beachcomber. We are looking at reducing our fueling costs by having spill containment equipment for the ferry. This is a complex issue but we have hope that we may be able to work with our supplier to reduce the standby costs associated with the over the water fueling.

Finally, we are getting more members to volunteer for various activities. One very important committee that is being formed to look at the replacement of the dolphins at the ferry docks and the pilings at North Beach is in need of volunteers to investigate and recommend approaches. Based on an assessment by an engineer, we have started reserves to cover potential costs but we need to get more detail and a plan in place. If you have any expertise in this area or are willing to participate, call or e-mail the office to let us know of your interest.

Finally, the Board is looking at ways to keep our web-site useful to members. We are trying to keep information current, looking at ways for member to member communications, and working on a policy that encourages items and pictures about the Island. This means that pictures and items not related to the Island will generally not be posted on the web-site.

Fred Fath  
President

## Ferry Announcement

Please turn off your lights and do not use cell phones while boarding and exiting the ferry.

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**Herron Island Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
9:30 am to 5:30 pm. The office is CLOSED Monday,  
Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday.**

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Website: <http://www.herronisland.org>Office Email: [Office@herronisland.org](mailto:Office@herronisland.org)Manager email: [HMCManager@herronisland.org](mailto:HMCManager@herronisland.org)Beachcomber: [beachcomber@herronisland.org](mailto: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.)*

**Delinquency List as of January 6, 2009**

BALDWIN - COPELAND - DENNIS - DICKMAN/  
ZOTTMAN - FURGASON - HARPEL - KREBS -  
LAWRENCE - LIEBRIECH - LITTLE - MARCINKO -  
MEIER - TCHOCHIEV - TITZLER - WIEBE

**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.**

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](mailto: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.

**Online Beachcomber**

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**HMC Management  
Board Meeting Summary  
January 10, 2009**

Administration

- The Board discussed a possible future fire and sheriff radio tower on the island and a new draft of a contract with FD 16 regarding use of Community Building.
- Information: update to vehicle removals from the former Rucks lot (tow operator will trade a surplus 3-phase converter for four tows).
- Information: Pierce County has advised that all reviews of any water system plans will have a \$500 minimum fee charged.
- Information: bids were received for all but one of the cabinets and the buyers have picked their cabinets up.
- Information: the island can still do an annual burn this year, but the maximum diameter of any burn pile will now be ten feet. Next year's regulations are more restrictive.

Legal

- The Board discussed a proposal from Russ Harpel and the Baldwin delinquency (in executive session). The attorney will be directed to proceed as recommended.

Parks

- The Parks Chairperson provided a report.

Roads

- The Board discussed again possible changes to part of the one-way road and heard from Dick Mowry regarding plowing heavy snowfalls.
- Information: condition of the island roads post-storm is good, with a few places requiring repair.
- Information: the issue of requesting emergency sand supplies from Pierce County has been resolved. If needed in the future HMC can call the County emergency operations center for assistance.

Rules

- There is one current complaint in process and a committee meeting is planned soon.

Transportation

- The Army Corps of Engineers notified HMC that vessel movement reporting, which has been on an annual basis for many years, now must be quarterly. After discussions with their office, they have decided that annually is acceptable.

Water

- The final draft of the Water System Plan is still circulating for review.

**~ Dave Owen ~  
1929 - 2008**

Longtime owner Dave Owen passed away on October 2nd after losing his fight with cancer. He always said his favorite place was Herron Island. His friends and family will miss his enthusiasm and humor.

**Community Garden News**

Please call Dana at 253-884-6898 if you want to have a plot in the garden. The only charge is for a gate key.

**New UPS Delivery Site**

If you would like to have your UPS and Fed Ex packages delivered somewhere other than the ferry, there is a new option. "Goin' Postal" is a new business in Key Center (next to the Angel Guild). For \$40 per year you can purchase a mailbox for package delivery. Please note that this is only for UPS and Fed Ex packages. Goin' Postal is a full service business. You can get items packaged, send packages, make copies, buy greeting cards, use a self service Kodak machine, etc. Their address is 9013 Key Peninsula Hwy North, Suite E, Lakebay, Wa. 98349. The telephone number is 253-313-0240.

**Patio Roof Completed**

The Booster project to finish the ceiling under the patio roof has been completed. The birds no longer have access under the roof. The materials have been calked and painted.

Thank you to Dana Gruber, Kathy Deuster, David Franzman and Chris Rushmeier's brother for making this happen. The water truck is currently parked under the patio roof.

**HMC Management  
STATEMENT GENERATING AND MAILING POLICY**

In an effort to reduce expenditures, HMC Management is adopting the following statement generating and mailing policy effective January 10th, 2009.

- 1) HMC Management will automatically generate and deliver statements via the US Postal Service only on accounts with a balance due.
- 2) HMC Management will generate and deliver credit balance statements via email, upon receipt of payment (s) from members who have provided a valid email address.
- 3) HMC Management will generate and email period specific statements upon request from members who have provided a valid email address.

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Herron Island is interested in helping our neighborhoods and community work together. We have an opportunity to have Andrea Jerabek, a community mobilization specialist for Safe Streets in Pierce County, meet with us on the island to talk about how neighborhood watch programs are developed and also help build a stronger community. She can work with us to identify some issues that are specific to Herron Island and help to organize within our own community of neighbors. She will meet with as many folks as possible on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 PM in the Fire Hall to discuss common concerns that we might have, provide some fundamental training and possibly form a plan of action.

Everyone on Herron Island is welcome. Come and join with your neighbors as we empower each other to work and live together as a community. This will be a chance for all of us to come together as we help and support one another. Awareness and prevention are key to positive neighborhoods.

What: Neighborhood Watch Meeting    When: January 31, 2009 1:00 PM    Where: Herron Island Fire Hall

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

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Thanksgiving and  
New Years:

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

## HERRON ISLAND ORDER FORM

Name/Membership Number/Address/City/State/Zip						
HMC Items	Description			Number	Cost Each	Total
\$7.00 Tickets	Book of 10				\$63.00	
\$2.00 Tickets	Book of 25				\$44.00	
Commuter Pass	20 trips in month	For month of:			\$100.00	
Commuter Pass	22 trips in month	For month of:			\$120.00	
Senior/Disabled	20 trips	No expiration date			\$100.00	
Guest Passes	Packets of 12				N / C *	
Check here to have order delivered to ferry			<input type="checkbox"/>		Postage *	
<b>MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: "HMC Management"</b>					<b>TOTAL</b>	

Send or deliver this form and your payment to:  
HMC Management, P.O. Box 119, Lakebay, WA 98349-0119  
Add \$1.00 to cover postage for more than one book of tickets/guest passes

### Stage 1 Burn Ban Called

The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency issued a Stage 1 burn ban effective at noon, January 16th, and in effect until further notice. For details, see the HMC website.

## Herron Island a Great Place to Live

Rondi and I would like to wish all of you a  
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