



The Beachcomber

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President's Message

In the upcoming months, the membership will be making a decision on one of the longest running and most controversial issues in our island's history: the method of determining yearly assessments. Since incorporation of HMC in 1958, arguments have raged over the relative fairness of our current method of a single assessment regardless of number of properties owned versus multiple assessments for multiple properties. This year members will be given a choice, and, within the limitations imposed on us by state law, the majority will rule. We would like to review the process that will lead up to the vote.

For two years, our Bylaws Committee solicited input from the membership, considered a variety of assessment plans, and submitted a report to the Board of Trustees. This report was given to our island attorney, who used it and our current bylaws to prepare a proposed revised set of bylaws. This proposal, which has been published on our web site, includes an assessment plan based on various weighting factors. The type and number of properties owned and the improvements made to the properties determine the total assessment. Our Finance Committee is now looking at the proposal from a numerical standpoint, running computer spreadsheets and varying the weighting factors to determine the most equitable distribution of assessments.

Another factor that must be considered before submitting a proposal for your vote is legality. No proposed change will be considered that has not passed the scrutiny of our attorney. Past legal challenges will be carefully examined and any potential challenges anticipated. Our goal is that no member should have to go to court to fight any perceived injustice.

The vote will probably take place in November or December, with a choice of two or three revised plans in addition to the option of leaving the assessment method unchanged. If none of the options achieves a majority, a runoff election will be held early next year. The chosen plan will then be included in a vote on a total bylaws revision package, and the assessment method will be incorporated in October of 2003.

Some members have demanded that a one assessment per lot plan be incorporated in October of 2002 and that multiple-lot owners be reassessed for past years. After 44 years, we can afford to take a few more months to carefully examine our options and avoid any rash and illegal missteps. As always, we ask for your input. Please attend the monthly meetings or email the office with your comments. ***Above all, please vote for your choice.***

Nick Huff and Ken Freeman

Burn Ban
effective immediately : No
outdoor burning
allowed on Herron Island!

HMC Ferry goes to dry dock
September 23 and will be
out of service for two weeks.

BALLOT RESULTS:

The 2002-2003 Budget and the By-Law Revision were approved by a vote of 86 to 37. We were unable to count one vote because there was no signature included on the envelope.

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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, Treas & Emer Prep. (253) 884-2749

Janet Podell, Secretary (253) 884-2452

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

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Additional Responsibilities:

Dick Provencal, Water Repair (253) 884-2571

Al Moren, Roads; Tracy Anspach, Parks; Phyllis

Krueger, Beachcomber

Herron Island Office Hours: Monday and Friday, 9:30 to 12:30; Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 to 4:30. The office is CLOSED Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday.

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Office Fax: (253) 884-5047

Website: <http://www.herronisland.org>

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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 service.)

DELINQUENCY LIST as of August 15, 2001

BALARBAR, Gargie

BEATY, Meritta

BISENIUS, Holly

CEPEDA, Josefa/Ali REED

COOPER, Marc

DICKINSON, Linda

MARTIN, Sarah

OVERLAND ESTATES/

J. Holt

THARP, Patrick

TITZLER, David

VAN HOY, Craig

DROUILLARD, Joni

GRAHAM DEVELOPMENT

HERRON HOMES

KWM TRUST/KIM

KIRK, LeeRoy

KUCH, John

RENTER:



Ferry Business

The Summer schedule is in effect.

- **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 to be 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 delivery people may charge fares.**

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 are to be included in case there are any questions. Paid advertisements are to be arranged through the HMC office. You may reach the Beachcomber editor by calling Phyllis Krueger at 253 884 6510.

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Board Meeting Summary July 13, 2002

**In case of emergency
dial 911 immediately.**

Administration

- No new information regarding possible interest in Herron Island for a cellular phone tower. With the current economic climate it appears unlikely that there will be any action soon.

Transportation

- Reminder that the ferry goes into drydock on September 22nd. It is likely to be there for the better part of two weeks.
- The brake mechanism on the island ferry ramp on the island loosened up again and had to be serviced by the ferry crew. An attempt will be made to learn from the manufacturer why it does this. The mainland ramp brake has not had as many problems.

Finance

- Both office computers were attacked by a virus. No apparent long-term damage, but both have now had Norton SystemWorks anti-virus software installed. Also installed on the front office computer is an updated version of QuickBooks.

Water

- Study by Montgomery Water Group is underway.

Roads

The saltwater pump installation at the North Beach is nearly completed. The electrical contractor will be providing a couple of backordered parts, but the pump can be used now. In tests, the pump has filled the truck, but the "foot valve" (a type of check valve) has not held the prime for the pump planning is underway to install the pump and associated electrical equipment and connections.

Doug Allen, Island Manager

Notice:

It is the responsibility of the members to keep their ditches and culverts clear.

With fire season upon us, please keep the grass mowed along the road and in the ditches around your property.

We'll all be grateful and feel much safer.

Reference Rule IV-C-6.

FREE Classifieds on the Web

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

Reflective Address Signs

Recently an ambulance was delayed in responding to an island 911 call because the house had no street address sign. To avoid such problems, the Fire Department is offering reflective address signs for \$12.50, including installation.

Applications may be picked up at the office or downloaded from the web site.

Public Service Announcement: Most Herron Island beaches are private beaches. Remind your guests to not dig holes in the front of private homes, and, as a matter of safety, to fill any holes that do get dug in other beach areas

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Captain Jon Says:

There are only 5 days in August and one day in September where the ferry will have to cancel some runs due to low tide. Check the calendar for times on August 7 to August 10, and on August 19. September 6 will have the noon ferry running late. Also, beginning September 23 the ferry will be in dry dock and out of service.

Crewmember Claudia Jones would like to say: "I want to thank everyone for their cooperation and for keeping their guests informed of policies. We had the easiest transport of holiday traffic on the Charlie Wells that I can remember since I've worked these weekends. Thank you!"

LABOR DAY WEEKEND FUN FEST

TENTATIVE PLANS FOR THE SUNDAY OF LABOR DAY WEEKEND ARE OFFERED AT THIS TIME. Plans will be finalized at the next Booster Potluck/Meeting, 6 pm, August 10th. The events will be shared between the Community Building/Goodpastor Park and North Beach just like last year.

These Suggested activities are planned for the Community Building/Goodpastor Park:

Cinnamon rolls & Coffee
Flea Market & Booster items
rent a table for \$5.00
Kids games
Baseball game (East vs. West – we want all able-bodied players! Sign-up sheets are in the office and we will try to have a few practice sessions before the main event.)
Sailboat race
Blind man's dinghy race
Gourmet Burgers
Awards ceremony for above activities

Evening music and dancing at the park



The Herron Island Garden Club

Meetings are being planned quarterly. The next Garden Club meeting will be in the Fall. All newcomers are welcome. Call Carol McNair at 884-4467 for meeting times and events.

July 4th Race Results

Sailboat Race—The only one able to finish the race due to weather!
Congratulations to the intrepid sailors
George Newcombe and Linda Newcombe



Blind man's dinghy race—Erik and Chad Borg
D. Opp placed first in the Fun Run. Other Fun Run results had not been turned in at the time of publication.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Condolences

HMC and island residents offer their condolences for recent losses to the families of

Alberta Crowder

William Whitten, Jr

Donna Copeland

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BOOSTERS

NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED

The Community Building is magically transformed into a beautiful garden setting for those attending the **Annual Booster Steak/Chicken Dinner & Auction**. Beginning at 6 PM you can pay for your dinner and receive a bidding number. We're asking anyone who wants to bring hors d'oeuvres to share. Then while you sip a libation or two (**BYOB**) and munch on the hors d'oeuvres, you can enjoy checking out and bidding on the items on the silent auction tables. There will be bidding sheets on each of the tables on which you can enter your bids. The tables will be numbered and will close at specific times (you will get prior warning before a table closes so you'll be able to dash in and put down a final bid for the item(s) you can't live without). During this time, you are also welcome to proceed to the outdoor BBQ where you choose a steak, grilled to order, or a nice piece of chicken. From there, it's off to the salad bar for tossed green salad, baked potato with sour cream, and garlic bread. Please note: this is a one time through buffet, **not** an "all you can eat". Just as you are finishing dessert, about 8 PM, the oral auction begins. (Don't forget your checkbook or cash. All items must be paid for on the evening of the auction.) The Boosters are also putting together a "**Basket of Goodies**" that they'll be selling raffle tickets for. The raffle tickets are \$1.00 per ticket.

Last year more than 120 people came for the dinner and auction and raised over \$3200. The price of the dinner is \$12.50 per person or \$25.00 per couple. No reservations needed, but seating is on a first come-first served basis and we only have so many chairs. (Late arrivals brought their own chairs last year.)

We have had some very fine items to auction, from hair cuts to paddle boats to Champagne brunch cruises. Hope to see you there!!!

AUCTION DONATIONS WANTED

The Boosters are seeking donations of items for auction.

- Do you have something that might drive the bidding through the roof?
- If you have a business, do you have goods or services that you can donate?
- Is there a rare object de art in your attic just gathering dust?
- Gift certificates are great.
- **Please no flea market rejects.**

Drop your items off at the Community Center by August 1 and the Boosters will add it to the auction list. If you plan to donate a certificate for goods or a service, you can call in the details to 884-4663 and the Boosters will prepare the certificate for you.

After the food is paid for, all the proceeds go to improvement project on the island.



Dinner: \$12.50 per person/
\$25 per couple

Menu: Steak or Chicken
Baked potato
Garlic bread
Salad
Dessert

Bring an hors d'oeuvres to share with your neighbors during the silent auction!
BYOB

Join in the fun early!!

Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success. If you would like to help decorate, prepare food, set up for the auction, or the all important clean up after, please call Linda Moren, 884-2721 or 851-2127.



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For Sale or Rent

The Jones' Store building on Ferry Street is for sale for \$75,000 or best offer. **Call Claudia at 884-2054, or call Jan at 370-7776.**

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

Call Claudia, 884-2054



Listings on Herron Island

3000 sq ft waterfront home, 4 bedrm, 1.75 bth, large deck. 517 E Herron, **\$249,000.**

95 ft waterfront, med bank, built in '98, 2 bedrm, 1.75 bth, 721 E Herron under **\$200,000.**

3 yr old home with vaulted ceilings, wrap around deck, 3 bdrm, 1.75 bth, RV parking, sprinkler system, 919 W Herron Blvd, **\$189,950.**

On the web. [WwwHerronIsland.com](http://www.HerronIsland.com)

Dallas Amidon, 253-884-6166 1-800-786-3966

email: herronisland@hotmail.com

Windermere Key Realty 253-884-3304



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

Contact Jerry or Christine Palmer:
253-529-1378

This waterfront cabin on Herron Island offers:

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- Renters and bath are fully supplied.
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August 2002

August 3, THE Steak Dinner and Auction at the Community Center. 6PM

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*THIS IS THE ONE EVENT YOU REALLY DON'T WANT TO MISS!!
THE BIGGEST AND BEST OF THE YEAR!!!*

*Saturday, August 3
Dinner with silent Auction at 6PM
Oral Auction begins at 8 PM*

Steak Dinner & Auction