



The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

September-October 2014



President's Message

Our ferry is now at the shipyard for its bi-annual inspection, cleaning and painting. (One of the many signs that fall is quickly approaching.) When our ferry returns it will be time to take out the small boat docks for the winter. A question was asked why we take the docks out in the fall. Winter storms and northern winds cause the docks to move extensively which can result in damage to the docks. To avoid costly repairs or replacement docks we remove them, clean them, and prep them for use next year. As customary there will be a fall dock removal party on Saturday October 4th at 10:00 A.M. We will remove the docks and the BOOSTERS will be providing a lunch afterwards. If you are available please come down to North Beach and lend a hand.

Another issue arose during the month of August that I need to address and that is the rumor mill. There have been several reported rumors regarding Members being turned in by HMC to Pierce County for a variety of reasons. It has been the policy of the Board for several years that if HMC has an issue with a Member's property we notify that Member of our concerns and allow the Member to respond. Unless a Member's property or a Member's action on their property directly impacts HMC we normally do not become involved. Some issues that are a concern to HMC would be rat infested properties, encroachment onto HMC property, illegal discharge of grey or black water, or tampering with the water system. Again, we follow our process and contact the Member first regarding our concerns. Normally the Member corrects the issue, the matter is then dropped and we move on.

A second unfounded rumor is that HMC has turned in the boat pulls at North Beach to the County. These pulls are used by our Members during the winter when the docks are out of the water and during the summer if the docks are full. I for one have a pull at North Beach that I maintain and have allowed others to use as needed. These pulls provide a needed service. It is

regrettable that several years ago a home owner on the mainland side complained to the county regarding the pulls that used to be installed at the mainland ferry landing and were used by Members. HMC tried to intervene with the County to keep the mainland pulls but lost that battle. Again, this rumor regarding the boat pulls at North Beach is without merit.

Another concern that has recently surfaced is the prospect of Geoduck farming in Case Inlet. There are Geoduck farms popping up around Case Inlet now. You may have noticed one of the farms just west of Herron Island. There has been reported activity around Herron Island by the shellfish companies checking out the waters. This subject was discussed at this month's Board Meeting and a notice posted in this month's Beachcomber advises Members where to look on the internet for more information regarding Geoduck farming. I wish to point out that this Board is not in favor of leasing HMC beach property for Geoduck farming if HMC should be asked. Our beach property is North and South Beach and being this is the area that is used by our Members for family activities it is felt that this area should be left for family activities.

Even though fall officially starts on the 23rd of this month let's hope this summer continues for awhile longer. May everyone have a safe month and enjoy this weather before it goes away for the rest of the year.

Gary Wanzong, President
HMC Management Board of Directors

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**Herron Island Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
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 Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday, and after 2:00 PM on Fri-
 days before Board meetings.**

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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
September 13, 2014

Administration:

Volunteers: Mike Shettlesworth is always our hero for taking out the trash cans from the community building, and moving the fire engine for meetings and events. Mike & Judy Gage keep up the current information on the white boards for everyone to see.

Office Staff: It's been great having Rondi Akers as our backup Office Manager, but she has decided to move on and spend the winters in sunny places. Please welcome Patty Haenan-Jones, an island resident who previously worked for HMC from 2003 to 2007, as she returns to fill the backup office position.

Community Building: The pest control specialist will inspect the attic on September 30 (assuming the ferry is available), and the building is currently being pressure washed, caulked and painted.

Tree Trimming: Additional trees will be removed in October, when the new budget year begins. We are working from a list compiled volunteer members, and will address the highest priority first. Priority is determined by the danger the trees present to persons, property or HMC operations. No word from Pen Light as to when they will come to the island. Unfortunately, the tree trimmer we had been using was injured in a fall, but his assistant will take over existing jobs.

Water Operations: We still have a "phantom" who is turning on water meters. Advice to Members – put a lock on your meter if you are going away for a long period, to prevent the kind of water loss we experienced in early August.

Northwest Water Systems has requested a customer/contractor meeting to discuss NWS performance, any contract changes we might want, or other issues. We have asked for this meeting Friday, October 10, at 9:30 .am. so that Board members, Water Committee and staff will be able to attend.

Cross Connection Control Program: After two years of working on this....all survey documents are in, and seven backflow assembly tests were completed for those who qualified. All assemblies passed inspection. We will flag the calendar for next year's inspections, forward the results to Northwest Water Systems, and place the reports in the Member files.

Work continues at the pump station to create a parking area for equipment, as discussed in last month's manager's report. We are waiting for the area to dry before spreading the wood chips.

Results are in from the Volatile Organic Chemicals testing done last year. Herron Island Water System has a 6 year waiver for VOC's (Volatile Organic Chemicals) and 9 year waivers on pesticide and herbicide levels. Compliance periods are not all the same, but the next VOC testing is scheduled in June 2016.

Water Committee Report

Water System: Charles Smith will report.

Fire Department Liaison: Former Deputy Chief Guy Allen was appointed Chief by the Board of Commissioners. We picked up five application packets from Fire District 16 for those who indicated interest in volunteering. Packets must be return by October 31st. Still no word as to when the Survey & Rating Bureau will review Herron Island's fire insurance rating. Without a volunteer company, some island residents may face a jump in premiums.

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Island Manager Report
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Land Use: Pierce County Council staff contacted us to discuss the request to allow contractor yards in R10 zones. It was a good opportunity to explain the proposal and clarify the request. The County Council continues to meet and discuss all the requests that it has received. This process will not move quickly.

Emergency Preparedness: Committee Report.

Parks Committee Report: The swings could be delivered as early as Oct. 3rd. A bobcat with an auger may rent for as much \$450. This tool would be used to install swings and fence posts along basketball court. This work party will happen at a later date. The task at hand is that the Committee is asking for a notice in this month's Beachcomber about the dock removal party Saturday, Oct. 4th at 10am. The forklift will be delivered Oct. 3rd. to the mainland. Will the Booster's be supplying coffee & food/snacks?

Roads: Committee Report.

Rules: No outstanding complaints.

Herron Island Ferry:

The ferry is scheduled to leave for the Tacoma shipyard on Monday, September 15, following the morning run. Please plan for the ferry to be out of service for two weeks, returning at the end of the month. During this trip, the ferry will receive its biennial "out of water" Coast Guard inspection.

For the first time, Vigor Marine is requiring us to execute a contract with them for ferry servicing, on a time and materials basis. The contract requires Board approval at this meeting, and we will hand carry it to Vigor on Monday.

Tom Stevens, a local resident, has qualified as both standby deck hand and captain. A third standby, Jerry Libstaff, also a local resident, has qualified as a deck hand.

Ramp Painting:

No activity this month. We have received a very preliminary draft of bid specifications and will receive more information on permit activity soon. The actual bid dates will be early in 2015, with work commencing in the fall, probably September.

Legal Liaison: We currently have 12 delinquencies, of which 7 are with the attorney for action. Delinquency rate of 1.8%. Last year at this time we had 16 delinquencies with 7 at collections. Currently, HMC has 386 Assessable Units and 397 Water customers.

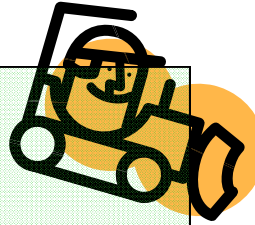
BOOSTERS POTLUCK DINNER @ 6:00pm
Saturday October 11th at the Community Center
Everyone is Welcome.

BOOSTERS meeting to follow dinner.

Come help us plan this year's Thanksgiving Dinner event



LAND USE COMMITTEE



Volunteers sought for the Land Use Committee. You may also “sit in” meetings anytime, either by phone or in person. Read about the LUC here: <http://herronisland.org/home/committees/land.html>

We also welcome any and all comments about our work. Please see the minutes here: http://herronisland.org/home/committees/luc_minutes/luc_minutes.html

The next meeting is currently scheduled for October 23, 2014, 9:00 a.m., at Joseph’s house. Please check with Merry for any last-minute schedule changes at 253.884.8484 or merryakogut@gmail.com.

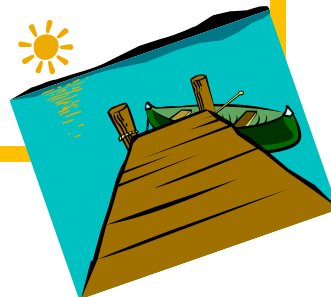
Volunteer Opportunity



HMC is looking for a volunteer to clean the bathrooms and kitchen of the community building each month before the regular Board of Directors meetings and after special events. If you are interested, please contact the HMC office.

We need you!
Volunteer!
Lend a helping hand!

Boat Dock Removal & Parks Fall Work Party Saturday, October 4
Plan to meet at N. Beach at 10:00 am!
Lunch provided for all participants!
See you there!





Assessment Reminder

The first half of the Assessment for 2014-2015 (**\$879.00**) will be billed and due on October 1st. The full amount must be **received by October 31st** to avoid any late fees.

FREE CLASSIFIED ADS

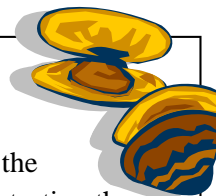
Major Estate and Garage Sale at 22608 South Herron Blvd. Herron Island. Phone: 253.884.2571

Signed and numbered pictures; antiques; old books; 1902 Sears Catalog; jewelry; old wood-working tools; maple clock; mahogany and leather dresser; small appliances; Aladdin oil lamp; ceiling fan (new in box); hot, ice, regular water cooler and refrigerator; box freezer; lumber; boat motor Minn Kota Maxum 50; extension ladder; Craftsman Rototiller 5.5 hp; plumbing tools; yard tools; new designer purses and Women's shoes; and much, much more, including **FREE** 1978 Apollo Motorhome 20,000 miles (30 foot) with all manuals.

Non-commercial ads of 100 words or less will be accepted for inclusion in this section free of charge. Please email your ad to beachcomber@herronisland.org, Subject: Beachcomber Ad. The ad must be resubmitted for each issue in which it is to be printed.

Coalition to Protect Puget Sound

At the September Board meeting a Member came forward to inform the Membership about the recent news articles on the shellfish industry, testing the waters around Case Inlet for Geoduck farming. For more information check out www.caseinlet.org, and <https://www.co.pierce.wa.us/DocumentCenter/View/1172>



No Beachcomber in October

The Beachcomber is published nine times per year. There will be no issues in October, December, or February.



Welcome, New Islanders!

HMC welcomes the following new Members to Herron Island:

- Burton & Lucendia Cooney
- Corey Hjalseth & Lori Kampfe



ISLAND WIDE BURN BAN EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

As provided by the Bylaws and Island Rules F-1 and F-2, the Board has voted to impose an island wide burn ban for the duration of the ferry's absence from the island. No outdoor burning of any kind, except in barbecues, is allowed.

Violators are subject to a Class A rules complaint, the first offense fine for which is \$1000.

While the ferry is out of service the fire response must come from Anderson Island, a substantial distance away from Herron Island. And if the Anderson Island ferry is otherwise engaged, fire response might not be coming. Weather is extremely dry, and the Countywide burn ban is also still in place.

Please be careful.



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.



WINTER FERRY SCHEDULE

The winter schedule will begin October 1st. The only change from the summer schedule is the elimination of the 7:30-8:00 am runs on Saturday and Sunday, and the 2:30-3:00 pm runs on Friday.



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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.



Are You on the List?

HMC now has 329 Member email addresses on the notification list. If you want to 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.

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.



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.



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.



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

Volunteers

And as always, “Thank You” to the many volunteers who are always available to help on getting projects completed around the Island. Each Month the Island Manager has a list of those who have helped during the month in the Manager’s report. This saves Members lots of money that isn’t going out to paid help.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIP OF THE MONTH **TALKING WITH CHILDREN ABOUT TERRORISM**

The news these days is full of the coverage of terrorist events and speculation of possible events. As difficult as this is for adults who can understand the forces at play, it is very troubling, confusing and scary for children. The following points will help you guide your children through this difficult time.

The Number One Point: *Limit* children's exposure to television news. To the youngest children, seeing a news video over and over again can seem like another event every time they see it.

You may notice the following NORMAL reactions in children:

- Reluctance to be separated from parents, fear, and general upset – your child may become clingy, aggressive or withdrawn, whiny, and have toileting accidents
- Problems going to sleep
- Increased fears that may not appear to be related to the event
- Stomachaches or headaches
- An increase in their questions as they try to figure out what happened

Use these guidelines when talking with children:

- **Reassure** children that they – and the key adults in their lives – are safe. Young children will be worried about who will take care of them. Your calm presence will calm your child. Provide extra hugs during this time.
- **Explain** that it is okay to feel upset. Let kids talk about their feelings and help them put those feelings into perspective
- **Observe** their emotional state, keeping an eye on changes in behavior, appetite, or sleep.
- **Maintain** a normal routine as much as possible, sticking to set times for homework, supper, and bed.
- **Distract** with activities such as a picnic or a walk.

For further information, Fred Rogers' excellent discussion of this topic is available at

<http://www.ncdhhs.gov/mhddsas/services/disasterpreparedness/MisterRogersFinal.pdf>

For information about the **Herron Island Emergency Preparedness Committee** contact

Mike Shettlesworth 884-6919 or Pat Zazzo 884-6719

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

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

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Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day same as Sunday

HERRON ISLAND YARD MAINTENANCE

JIM DAVIES
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jada40@att.net

ESTIMATES BY THE YARD

- *Tansy Removal
- *Appliance Disposal
- *Deck Cleaning/Restaining
- *Lot Cleanup/Dump Runs
- *Hauling Rock/Sand/Bark

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& POWER LINES & CULVERTS

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418 E. Herron Blvd reduced to \$185,000, extra lot, turnkey ready to move in.

607 W. Herron Blvd, 3 BR, basement, western view, large kitchen \$136,950.

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