



# The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

April 2006



<http://www.herronisland.org>  
**President's Message**

At the special membership meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>, the voters passed the special assessment of \$100 per assessable unit for the purpose of extending the small boat dock. This project will make more moorage available especially at low tides as the outer pilings will be used for the dock extension. While the dock is to be used for temporary moorage, it will greatly expand the availability of this moorage for the many boaters on the island.

The board recognizes that these special assessments are a burden to some of our members but it also feels that these affected projects increase the use and value of all our property through better common facilities on the Island. We would like to say that there will be no more for the next several years but that just isn't the case. We had special assessments for the water tank which vastly improved our capacity and cleared up our water purity. The next problem is the water distribution system. It is old, fragile, and does not have the capacity needed for fire fighting requirements. HMC is looking at options for financing and other aids but it will most likely require all of us to contribute.

Last month a situation arose on the island due to a landslide on the South Beach. Due to heavy rains in January, water flowed over some of the properties at the top of the bank on South Beach and caused some serious erosion of the bank. One of the affected property owners offered to repair the bank at his own expense but some legal and liability issues for HMC and its members had to be addressed. After considering multiple options to resolve the issues, a plan that would make a boundary line change to give the property owners at the top of the bank the bank itself was deemed the best. They could then do what was necessary to stabilize the bank and protect their property. HMC would then not have the liability nor legal issues with any work done on the bank. While this plan was deemed the best by our attorneys, when we tried to implement it, the County rejected the plan. The

law changed last November that now prevents boundary line changes involving unbuildable lots. Since the bank is part of Tract A (the South Beach) and since Tract A is totally unbuildable, we could not in any way transfer the bank to the upland property owners. The only options were to replatt the entire division (a lengthy and maybe impossible process) or to grant an easement to the property owners for the purpose of maintaining the bank. This latter was accomplished. This type of easement will be made available to other property owners that border Tract A in case they need to do work on the bank in front of their properties.

We have had one member step forward to run for vacant board positions. Since two positions are up for election and the current board members in those positions are prohibited from running again according to our by-laws, we desperately need some of our members to step up to this task. So much of our island operations depend on volunteers so we need your help to continue running this island community. The island manager takes most all the administrative load so being on the board is not near the burden it has been in the past. So seriously consider running. The Board Candidate Application is contained on Page 7 of this issue.

Fred Fath  
President

## Ferry Cancellations

The spring low-tide ferry cancellations begin April 27th. For details, please check Page 9.

## Annual Burn

The annual burn is scheduled for next month, subject to strict fire department conditions. Details are given on Page 5.

**Important Phone Numbers****Island Manager**

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Fred Fath, President (206) 246-7016

Bill Zazzo, VP &amp; Water (425) 823-1902

Kathy Fennell, Treasurer (206) 987-5737

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Al Moren, Land Use &amp; Roads (253) 884-2721

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Nick Huff, Transportation (253) 884-4663

Dick Mowry, Water Field Examiner (253) 884-7663

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Patty Haenen Jones, Office Manager (253) 884-9350

**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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**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 April 13, 2006**

FLADAGER - KIRK, L. - KIRK, M. Estate of - O'NEILL - OVERLAND, Estate of - RUCKS - TITZLER - TCHO-CHIEV

**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. PROVIDING GUEST PASSES IS NOT PART OF THE DECKHAND'S JOB.**

**Beachcomber News Items need to be submitted by the Friday after the Monthly Meeting. Items MUST be emailed in electronic format. 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 **PRIOR TO PUBLICATION.****

**Online Beachcomber**

If you wish to read your Beachcomber online at [www.herronisland.org](http://www.herronisland.org) and save HMC the price of paper and postage, please notify the office.

**HMC Management  
Board Meeting Summary  
March 11, 2006**

Administration

- The insurance for the ferry has been renewed for this year. However, the broker is strongly suggesting that a survey of the vessel be done.
- The Board discussed an upcoming CAI class for Board members.
- HMC's 401(k) documents were signed by Board members.

Information items

- The new office computers have been installed and are operational. However, the monitors that came with them are not fully compatible.
- The set-aside funds (\$1500.00) required for the new water reservoir permit are not encumbered by Pierce County.
- The old computers are available for sale.

Fire Department

- Fire District 16 plans to train several people to safely move the fire engine and ambulance in and out of the building.

Land Use

- Cross-easement documents pertaining to the south beach trail and the McNair property were signed by Board members.

Legal

- The Board discussed the landslide above the south beach and subsequent issues that have arisen.
- The Board agreed to an update to the collections process as recommended by staff.
- The Board adopted a collection policy as recommended by the attorney.

Transportation

- The electric motor that operates the island ferry ramp began to exhibit problems and was removed by Cascade Machinery and Electric. It was replaced by the spare motor assembly that HMC keeps available.
- One engine on the ferry developed fuel-feed problems, requiring a mechanic to respond. Pieces of what appear to be rubber tank-gasket material were found. It is hoped that full repairs can wait until dry dock in September.
- The Board discussed a diesel generator for the ferry. They decided to investigate the concept of self-contained generators for each ferry ramp.

Water

- The State Department of Health has given HMC an additional waiver for chemical testing, as the water has been essentially free of chemical contaminants for many years.

**HMC Management  
Board Meeting Summary  
February 11, 2006**

Administration

- The Board discussed establishing the amount of a stipend to be paid to members who make accommodations available for part-time ferry crew persons.
- The Board discussed the prohibition of aircraft landings, except by emergency responders, on HMC parks, beaches, lawns or playfields. Such landings are subject to HMC Rule E-2, and are not allowed. A reminder will be placed in the next Beachcomber.

Information items

- The Board was updated on the ownership of the Kirk properties.
- We are in the process of getting Pierce County to release the set-aside funds (\$1500.00) they required for the new water reservoir permit.
- A member had a question regarding how water runoff accumulates uphill from his property. He was advised to contact the uphill property owner.

Emergency Preparedness

- Carole Crowley prepared a report to the Board.

Land Use

- The Board agreed to enter into a cross-easement with property at South Beach trail.
- HMC-owned properties are currently not for sale, while the Board and the Land Use Committee continue to study the best approach to dealing with them.

Legal

- The attorney's office is now handling all aspects of lien placement/release.
- The Board will study the "collection policy" recommended by the attorney.

Transportation

- The cost of using a locally available landing craft while the ferry is in dry-dock has been determined to be \$150.00 per hour, with its owner on board to do training. Cost per day, without the owner, would be \$500.00. This does not include crew costs, fuel costs or special (temporary) insurance costs. The Board decided that the potential costs outweigh the benefit of using this type of vessel during drydock.

Water

- Montgomery Water Group has begun additional work on the Small Water System Management Program, gathering documents necessary to proceed.

## Annual Burn

HMC has requested a permit from the Key Peninsula Fire Department to hold our annual community burn at the North Beach in May. For the burn to take place, the following conditions *must* be met:

- Only non-commercial clean yard waste will be accepted. This would consist of brush and small-diameter branches that would not take excessive time to burn.
- No land-clearing material, such as dug-up stumps and roots, is allowed. Such material smolders excessively, pollutes the air, and would violate the terms of our permit.
- No trash or building materials of any kind are allowed. This includes lumber, clean or not. Only natural vegetation is accepted.
- No trunks or branches greater than six inches in diameter are allowed. Material must be of a size that would be consumed in a short enough time so that the fire will burn down by early evening.
- Materials may be deposited at the North Beach parking lot from Saturday, May 6th to noon on Friday, May 19th. The fire department will inspect the pile on Friday afternoon, and, if the permit is granted, the burn will take place on Saturday, May 20th.
- If illegal material is found during the inspection, the permit will not be granted and all material will have to be hauled off the island at membership expense.
- Although no material may be accepted on Saturday, May 20th, volunteers are needed to man the fire.

Since the supply pile will not be monitored as material is added, we depend on members to voluntarily honor the above conditions. Any violators may cause this and future burns to be prohibited. Please help to make this burn a success for our community.

### To All Members

HMC's Office Manager is available at the office on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The position is not a 24-7 one and when the Office Manager is not on duty she is a resident of the island and has the expectation of privacy. Please respect this and, unless an emergency situation exists, refrain from calling her or going to her residence with HMC issues or problems.

### Water Truck Volunteers

With the dust season approaching, we need volunteers to drive our water truck. If you would be willing to train for filling the tank from the salt-water pump at the small boat dock and spraying the roads, please contact the office.

### HMC Activities Calendar

Saturday, May 13th

10:00 am, Monthly Board Meeting  
1:00 pm, Finance Committee Meeting  
6:00 pm, Boosters potluck

Saturday, May 6th to Friday noon, May 19th

Clean yard waste accepted at North Beach for annual burn. No materials accepted after noon of the 19th. (See notice on Page 5)

### Thank You!

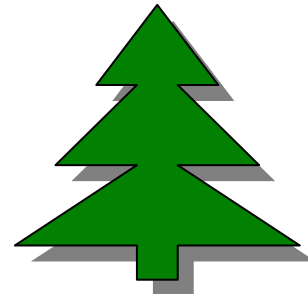
As I prepare for my imminent departure to Michigan, I want to thank all who attended my going-away open house on April 9th, and thanks to Linda Moren and Barbara Huff for organizing it. I also want to thank our employees and all past, present, and future board and committee volunteers for keeping our island afloat under sometimes difficult circumstances. Special thanks to Nick Huff, who somehow found the patience to serve on the board for 12 years, many of them as president. I'll miss you all!

Ken Freeman

### Special Assessment Vote (Expansion of Small Boat Dock)

Yes - 92

No - 65



**BOARD CANDIDATE APPLICATION**

(Please complete and return to HMC office)

**NAME** (as you would like to have it listed on the ballot): \_\_\_\_\_

**YEARS AS A MEMBER OF HMC:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OCCUPATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROFESSIONAL OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION OR TRAINING (after high school):** *Please list up to three degrees, certificates, or other educational achievement.*

School/College	Major	Years Attended
_____	_____	_____
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**HMC EXPERIENCE ON THE BOARD, COMMITTEES OR OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

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**GOALS:** *Please list goals you would have for HMC and Herron Island during your term on the Board.*

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT:**

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*Candidate's Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_

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**LOW-TIDE FERRY CANCELLATIONS**

**APRIL**

Thursday	April 27th	12:00/12:30
Friday	April 28th	12:00/12:30
Saturday	April 29th	2:30/3:00
Sunday	April 30th	1:30/2:00, 2:30/3:00

**MAY**

Monday	May 1st	2:30/3:00, 3:30/4:00
Saturday	May 13th	12:00 no shuttle
Sunday	May 14th	12:00 no shuttle, 1:30/2:00
Monday	May 15th	12:30 no shuttle, 2:30/3:00
Tuesday	May 16th	3:30 leaves late
Wednesday	May 17th	3:30/4:00
Thursday	May 18th	3:30/4:00, 4:30/5:00
Thursday	May 25th	12:00 leaves late
Friday	May 26th	12:00/12:30
Saturday	May 27th	No runs 11:00 to 2:00
Sunday	May 28th	No runs 11:30 to 2:30
Monday	May 29th	No runs 12:30 to 3:30
Tuesday	May 30th	3:30 leaves late



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

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

# Tides-McMicken Island, Case Inlet

based on Seattle, Washington (NOAA)

47° 14.80 N 122° 51.70 W

## Average Tides

Mean Range: 10.0 ft

MHHW: 14.0 ft

Mean Tide: 8.0 ft

April, 2006

May, 2006

June, 2006

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# LIVING WITH DEER

**Upcoming Event:**  
**Black-Tailed Deer Series Wrap Up**  
**May 29, 2006 Monday @ 10—Noon**  
**North Beach Pavilion**

**Herron Island offers a diverse habitat for wildlife and island residents. At times this may cause challenges and frustrations. By looking at behaviors we may be open to creative solution in living with each other.**

Deer can be nourished with “artificial” feed as well as or better than with natural forages.

**Herron Island Tip:** “If the Northwest winters don’t produce freezing temperatures, spread Ivermectin® between Pringles® to help with parasite control which will improve the deer’s coats.”

Contact the island’s Garden Club for suggestions on planning your garden. Or visit the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife website for suggestions on fencing.  
<http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/living/deer.htm>

Deer are excellent swimmers, although water is rarely used as a means of escape or transport.

Fresh water is very important for wildlife.

**Herron Island Tip:** “Fill a bucket with fresh water. After a few days when the alga starts to form, the deer will begin to drink it.”

## **Danger!**

The best way to avoid predators is to go where there are none. Deer can quickly detect and visually trace another animal as far away as 1,970 feet. The alarm whistle for deer is a “snort,” or “blow” when deer exhale forcefully through their nostrils.

**Rush threat** - a subtle signal used to indicate a specific weapon system. Deer bolt from a disturbance by making a sudden right turn and bounding off. Just before bolting, a deer is likely to perform the extreme alarm posture, where the hair on the rump patch and tail is flared, the tail is held out horizontally. The deer stands very erect. It may lift a front leg and stamp it down. It may also move its head laterally with ears extended and even turn in small circles. Such behaviors may not lead to bolting. They appear to be associated with uncertainty about the disturbance. The deer then may calm down and continue feeding at the same site. When a deer bolts, it may or may not stott (a bounding gait)

When a group of deer seek to escape, one will turn suddenly and trot off. The others will follow, more or less in single file. This measure flight is punctuated by a few stops when the deer looks about and listen. Such moves are made early, not in haste and with orientation pauses to correct the retreat.

## **Predators**

Foxes, domestic dogs, badgers, lynx  
Mountain lions, black bears, bobcats, eagles and coyotes  
Hunting, vehicles, and diseases all take their toll on deer  
**Note:** all these animals would prey on fawns, but foxes, badgers, bobcats or eagles are not likely to take an adult.

## **Normal situations**

Deer are highly sensitive to disturbance. If the disturbance passes, they suddenly wag their tails just before they drop their heads or commence normal activities. Normal circumstances are characterized by a number of actions, such as flicking their tails and ears; slow, head-depressed walking; sounds of chewing and plucking and rustling in leaves.



Black-tailed Deer has two weapons: Sharp front hooves used by all sex and age classes and polished antlers used by bucks. Unlike moose, these deer do no kick with hind legs and unlike other deer, they do not bite.

## **References**

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Herron Island Tips from Sam Argo

**Did you know...** that few deer live longer than ten years and most live for no more than five.

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# Booster Memorial Day Weekend



# A C t i v i t i e s

## Saturday May 27th Goodpastor Park

- 12-12:30 Registration for all baseball players
- 12:30-1:00 Senior baseball warm-up/practice
- 1:00-2:30 Senior Baseball game
- 3:00-4:30 Junior Baseball game

Hot dogs, chips, soda, bottled water and bagged ice available

## Saturday May 27th North Beach

- 4:00 pm Sailboat Race

## Sunday May 28th North Beach

- 9:00 am Cinnamon rolls
- Booster ceramic pots and paperback books table
- Individual Flea Market (\$5 use table or your tailgate)
- Membership Drive (\$2.50 per person)
- Island Apparel table
- Garden Club Plant table
- Emergency Preparedness table
- Community Garden table
- Deer Information by Nancy
  
- 10:00am Flag Raising
- 10:30-12:30 Children's Games
- 11:30 Kevin's Burgers and Brats
- 1:00 Kayak Race
- 3:30 Blind Man Dingy Race



*Bagged ice available during activities*

## Community Garden News:

Many thanks again to the following who assisted with these projects:

1. Area clean-up: Don Greinke, Karl Schafer, Tim Jones, Rick & Heidi Gonzales, Philip Foster, Carole Crowley, Kathy Deuster, Dana Gruber, Denny Duback.
2. Shed painting: Tootsie Duback.
3. Fencing: Denny Duback, Tim Jones, Tim (Donnie's nephew), Mike Shettlesworth.
4. Wood donation for greenhouse tables: Dallas Amadon

The plots have been divided—we've started planting!! There are several plots that have been designated for the community. If anyone could donate a vegetable plant for those community areas, please call Dana Gruber (253.884.6898) or drop them off at the "log cabin" on 1008 E. Madrona Blvd.

We'll be submitting pictures of the Community Garden project to the webmaster in the near future.

Likewise please plan on attending our Community Garden open house in mid-June.

Dana Gruber  
253.884.6898

### Herron Island Emergency Preparedness

On March 21, 2006 we received training from the Fire Department on the use of a Defibrillator. Several people in our committee also were certified to drive the fire engine and ambulance out of the community building. The building is the site all islanders will meet in case of an emergency or disaster. Two of our members have signed up for a Dog and Cat CPR/First Aid Course through the Red Cross. The more training we can receive the better we can take care of our own and each other!

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## HERRON ISLAND DIRECTORY

### Last chance to update your directory information

We expect to have the 2006 directory available Memorial Day weekend. If you wish to be in the directory or have any changes to make to your current listing, please email or mail the form below to Merry Kogut by **Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**.

Merry Kogut email: [mkogut@writeme.com](mailto:mkogut@writeme.com)  
22415 S. Herron Blvd. KPN, Lakebay, WA 98349

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