



The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

August 2008



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President's Message

At the August Board meeting it was reported that some members are not aware of or are ignoring the burn ban. Due to the dry nature of the island and the delay of getting fire equipment to the island, HMC has banned open fires on the island. The only exception is the fire pit at North Beach. While barbecues are okay, open fires and sparks can cause fires that can get out of control. Members have reported telling others of the ban when they see open fires and ask that they be put out. In addition, some fires have been left unattended. This is a clear violation of the rules and subject to fines. So out of respect for all the properties on the island that could be destroyed by fire, please follow the burn ban rules.

There were reports of water leaks and hoses left running on some properties when the owners were gone. To conserve our water, please check for leaks and open valves before leaving the island and turn off the water when you are going to be off the island for any extended period of time. Eventually when meters are installed, having leaks and leaving water on may cost you extra so establish good practices to conserve now.

HMC has now got the credit card processing system working so that assessments and other fees may be paid by credit card. Since HMC incurs costs for processing credit cards and since the Board does not want to penalize those members that do not use credit cards with higher assessments, a 3% fee is being charged for credit card processing. As we get more experience with the actual costs and as we look into opportunities to use credit cards for ferry fees (like the Good to Go accounts for the Tacoma Narrows Bridge) we will re-evaluate the fees. With the next round of assessments due in October, those that wish to pay by credit card need to contact the office.

Finally, there were reports of more vandalism and theft on the island. Multiple boats had equipment stolen, very possibly by persons from the mainland. If you see suspicious activity, please notify the Pierce County Sheriff.

Also, some HMC equipment at North Beach was vandalized and had to be replaced and repaired by volunteers. All members need to respect the common property and inform and control guest's use of the roads and parks. Vandalism and unintentional destruction of property impacts us all with higher costs and assessments.

I again want to thank the members and volunteers who keep our parks in good shape, who work on our roads, who serve on the various committees (like the water, rules, emergency preparations, land use, and transportation committees), and the boosters that have helped the island in so many ways. Without you the island would not function as well as it does and the costs would be much greater.

Fred Fath
President

Wilson Gay Life Celebration

The family of Wilson Gay invite everyone to a celebration of his life September 7th at 3:00 PM at the Community Hall.

2008 Dry Dock Schedule

The ferry will be departing for dry dock Sunday, September 14th following the 3:30 - 4:00 pm run and is expected to be out of service for two weeks.

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Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday.**

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(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 August 14, 2008

BALDWIN - COPELAND - DENNIS - O'NEILL -
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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. Include your name and phone number in case any questions arise. Paid advertisements are to be arranged with the HMC office PRIOR TO PUBLICATION.

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**HMC Management
Board Meeting Summary
August 9, 2008**

Administration

- The ferry will be in dry dock between September 14 and (tentatively) September 24. The actual date of completion is not determined. It could be after the 24th, depending on the job progress. The ferry will leave the island after 4:00 PM on Sunday the 14th.
- A security officer has been contracted for the Labor Day Saturday. If contact with the officer is needed, call Mike Shettlesworth (884-6919), Kathy Duester (884-6898) or Carole Crowley (884-5288). They can contact the officer via radio.
- The Board discussed the use by individuals of the add-on to the Community Building and decided to treat it the same as the Pavilion. Persons wishing to use it must notify the Office first and make a reservation. There is no rental fee.
- The Board decided on a 3% handling charge for payments made by credit card. For any charge refused by the issuing bank HMC will charge the standard NSF fee.

Information Items

- There will be a golf cart clinic on the island in late August or early September.
- HMC is appealing assessments on three properties that went up substantially.

Parks

- The Board decided to accept PenLight's offer to give the North Beach streetlamp to HMC. HMC would provide wiring and PenLight will do the connection. This will remove the overhead wiring that conflicts with some boat masts. PenLight will provide light bulbs as necessary as well as a boom-lift truck to replace them.

Legal

- One fairly long-standing delinquency that was being handled by the attorney has been cleared and paid in full.

Roads

- The new road signs have arrived.
- The saltwater pumping facility has been improved and is in operation. It was damaged, probably an act of vandalism, after being upgraded. It has once again been repaired.

Rules

- The Board accepted the resignation of a Rules Committee member and appointed a replacement. Additional members are desired.

Water

- A draft Water System Plan containing additions and corrections made by Water Committee members was returned to the engineer for further work at that end.
- Another reminder to all owners: please shut off the water to your property when leaving the island for an extended period.

Booster News:

We're looking forward to seeing everyone for Labor Day weekend. See the schedule. Baseball and hotdogs by Paul are wonderful. Saturday night will feature our favorite island DJ "Tommy Boy" at a dance at North Beach Pavilion. And on Sunday, there will be the usual cinnamon rolls, swap meet tables, and time to purchase island specialty clothing. Think about early Christmas shopping or you just have to have that sweatshirt!! Note there will be NO burgers and brats by Kevin, he had other obligations and will be missed.

Please come for early coffee starting @ 0730 on Sunday and assist with the after party clean-up at the Pavilion.

Call Dana Gruber at 253-884-6898 for a swap meet table. Extra tables will not be hauled down to North Beach should you forget to ask for one. Each table used or tailgate is \$5.00 for the Boosters. Thanks.

Look at the progress made on the storage unit at North Beach. Many thanks to the Parks Committee for pioneering this project. Your Booster dollars were donated toward this project, so the grills, tables etc could be stored there instead of hauling them back and forth from the Community Center for events.

Finally, my most important message is concerning Booster officer turnover next month. Your current officers have thoroughly enjoyed the planning and execution of all the activities this past year, BUT have indicated they want replacements for their duties this September. Positions include: President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Activities Coordinator, and Clothing Sales.

Call Dana Gruber at 253-884-6898 for details. Come to the 13 September Booster potluck at 6PM at the Community Center to confirm and welcome your next Booster board.

Dana Gruber, Booster President

Booster Labor Day Weekend



Saturday, August 30th at Goodpastor Park

11:30 - 12:00 pm Registration for ALL Baseball players
Adult baseball warm-up/practice

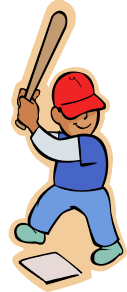
12:15 - 2:30 pm Adult Baseball game East vs. West
2:30 pm Kids Baseball game

(Parents are encouraged to stay for their kids game)

For your day at the Ball Park

Hot dogs, chips, soda, and bottled water available during the games.

Paul's DOGS ARE THE BEST! Come join the fun!



Saturday, August 30th at North Beach

3:00 pm Kayak Race Around Island
(12' 6" & under/12' 7" & over)

Trophies/ribbons for both classes

Start line: North of flagpole



8:00 - 12:00 pm Dance by Herron Island's "TOMMY BOY"



Sunday, August 31st at North Beach

7:30 am After the dance Pavilion clean up! All hands needed!!

8:30 am Cinnamon Rolls and coffee sales

Individual Flea Market (\$5 use table or your tailgate)

Book Sales and Booster island apparel, novelties and HI directory sales



Sailboat Race Around Island

(Monohull/Multihull)

2:00 pm Launch by 11:00 am due to low tide

The start and finish point is the line of sight between North Beach flag pole and the outboard end of the mainland ferry dock.



Burn Ban

The HMC Board of Directors has declared an island burn ban effective July 3, 2008. All open burning is prohibited with the exception of gas and charcoal barbeques and in the North Beach fire pit. The ban will remain in effect until further notice and is in addition to the Phase 1 fire safety burn ban that went into effect in Pierce County on July 17, 2008.

Golf Cart Clinic

- Friday, September 5th, at the North Beach
- Work done by Far West Golf Cars of Milton
- Repair Cost
 - Gas: \$99.95 plus parts
 - Electric: \$79.95 plus parts
- Call Kathy (253-884-6898) for details or to schedule your golf cart.

Welcome, New Islanders!

HMC welcomes the following new members to Herron Island:

- Thomas and Rebecca Horkan

Volunteers Needed

The Rules Committee can use some additional members. Please contact the office if you are willing to serve.

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Herron Island History Continued..... Kirk's Kozy Korner

Story by Norma Newcomb

Shortly after the development started on Herron Island Arthur and Mildred Kirk bought the property on Ferry and East Herron Blvd., the only commercial zoned property, and built a cement block building to house a store.

Arthur Kirk was the manager of the Fort Lewis PX so was very knowledgeable of business. He was on the Island Board in the 60's and was treasurer. He contributed greatly to the management of the Island.

The store was clean and well stocked with essentials, picnic supplies, beer, wine, ice cream, candy and even souvenirs. Later they installed a gas pump in front of the store which was very convenient for boaters. Every week they brought fresh produce, dairy products, bread etc. from town. If we forgot something we could usually find it at the store. The children loved to go and spend their allowance and Mildred, who was the warmest, friendliest, and always smiling lady, had all the patience with them trying to decide on their purchase.

Most people those days were camping on Herron Island so we made the best of our weekends and stayed until the last ferry Sunday evening. This caused a long lineup to board the Annabelle S but no one cared. We visited and the children ran to the store and got an ice cream bar or candy.

For many years the store flourished and we appreciated having it there. Sadly, Arthur died. Mildred and their son, LeRoy, tried to carry on but it was too big a load for her. They also had raspberry fields at their home in Puyallup that needed their attention. They allowed people to have charge accounts and sadly some did not make payments on them.

Slowly the store deteriorated as LeRoy was not the help Mildred needed. As it went down people didn't purchase as much and finally Mildred's poor health added to the bad situation. Mildred and LeRoy both have passed away in nursing homes.

It's heartbreaking to see the store now and remember how great it was having it and the lovely lady who ran it.

Maybe there will be a new store spring up in its place.

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

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

Low-Tide Ferry Cancellations	
August 2008	
Friday, 8/1	12:00-12:30
Saturday, 8/2	No shuttles* 11:30-12:00, 12:00 leaves early
Tuesday, 8/26	8:30-9:00 leaves late
Wednesday, 8/27	9:00 leaves early
<i>Lowest August tide: Friday, 8/1 at 12:18 pm: -2.8ft</i>	
* no shuttles means one round trip	

Thefts

In the past two weeks Herron Island owners and guests have been victims of numerous thefts. All appear to have occurred during darkness. A number of outboard motors were taken from moored boats in various locations, and various pieces of marine gear were also taken. A trailered boat on the island was damaged in an attempt to remove the outboard motor. Several vehicles parked at the mainland parking lot had gasoline siphoned from their tanks on a Friday night or early Saturday morning. The thieves were scared away by something or someone and left two gas cans still siphoning fuel. This resulted in the virtual emptying of at least one pickup truck's fuel tank.

This information is provided in order to alert all island owners of the theft problem. Please be alert, especially after dark, for any suspicious activity or individuals. If there appears that there may be illegal activity underway, call the Pierce County Sheriff at 9-1-1 immediately, describing what you have observed and the location. Owners should also take any steps possible to secure belongings so that they are less vulnerable to theft.

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