



# The Beachcomber



<http://www.herronisland.org>

## President's Message

The annual meeting of HMC Management was held on June 14<sup>th</sup>. At the meeting the votes were tabulated for two open positions on the board. Kathy Deuster was re-elected so maintains her position as vice-president on the board. Judy Greinke was elected replacing Mike Shettlesworth and will act as assistant treasurer. I will continue as president and treasurer and Janet Podell will continue as secretary. I wish to thank Kathy, Mike, Judy, and Eric Bergson for running for the two open positions. It is a real service to our community to volunteer for these positions and take the time and effort to keep our Island running well. I would especially like to acknowledge Mike Shettlesworth for all his efforts on the board these last two years and the work he has done on the transportation committee, the water committee, the boosters, and emergency support. He has put in a lot of time and effort, continues to be involved, and deserves the thanks of all our members. Most members never realize all the work done by volunteers like Mike and other members of the various committees. They get the benefit of the maintenance of our Island infrastructure and the reduced costs afforded by all the volunteer efforts but don't show enough appreciation for all that is accomplished through those actively involved. Another volunteer example worth mentioning is the Beachcomber and Web site support from Ken Freeman. Ken lived on the Island for many years, served on the board as both treasurer and president for multiple terms, and still continues to support the Island even though he no longer has property here and lives in Michigan. Thank you again Ken.

The budget included in the last Beachcomber along with the reserves analysis, the new ferry fee schedule, and the new HMC fee schedule were formally presented at the annual meeting. After discussion of the rationale for the reserve fund reallocation and the accounting changes made to better account for the reserves, most agreed that it is necessary to be proactive in funding the maintenance and upgrades to the various elements of the Island infra-

structure. The big item in the reserves contributions for the next fiscal year is the need to replace the pilings at North Beach and the dolphins at both the mainland and Island ferry docks. At this point we have only an cursory engineering estimate but the need to start planning and funding the replacement is imperative. These reserve contributions are clearly visible in the budget and account for a large portion of the increased assessment that is proposed. At the meeting, there was also discussion on the need to raise the ferry fees. The fees were set up to fund about 40% of the ferry expense and through 2004 were about right. The fees to expense ratio fell in 2005 and 2006 to about 36% and this year may be about 33%. While ferry expense has decreased somewhat due to maintenance efforts by the crew and stable insurance rates, the rising cost of fuel and wages have caused the overall expense to rise considerably. Even with the proposed rise in ferry fees, the next year ratio will probably be the same as this year's 33% so the fee increase is definitely needed. The majority of the comments on the fee and assessment increases were in support of the need although no one likes such large increases. . Past year votes on the budget show member willingness to fund the necessary expenses to keep our Island in good shape. Thus, I urge you to vote for the proposed budget on the ballot included in this Beachcomber and return it before the count at the extension of the annual meeting scheduled the second Saturday in July.

Fred Fath  
President

2008/2009 Board of Directors	
Fred Fath	President/Treasurer
Kathy Duester	Vice-President
Janet Podell	Secretary
Judy Greinke	Assistant Treasurer
John Dolan	Member-at-Large

**Important Phone Numbers**

**Island Manager**

Doug Allen (253) 884-9350

**HMC Board of Trustees**

Fred Fath, President/Treasurer (206) 246-7016  
 Kathy Deuster, Vice-President (253) 884-6898  
 Janet Podell, Secretary (253) 874-2452  
 Judy Greinke, Assistant Treasurer (253) 857-5463  
 John Dolan, Board Member (253) 884-6570

**Additional Responsibilities**

Nick Huff, Co-Transportation Chairman (253) 884-4663  
 Mike Shettlesworth, Co-Transp. Chairman (253) 884-6919  
 Mike Davis, Water Chairman (253) 884-1423  
 Dick Mowry, Water Field Examiner (253) 884-7663  
 Dick Zottman, Water Field Examiner (253) 884-9071  
 Scott Schultz, Water Repair (253) 884-3196  
 Merry Kogut, Rules Chairperson (253) 884-8484  
 Tracy Anspach, Parks Chairman (253) 588-1921  
 Allen Moren, Roads Chairman (253) 884-2721  
 Carole Crowley, Emergency Prep. Chair (253) 884-5288  
 Kathy Deuster, Land Use Chair (253) 884-6898  
 Carolyn Snyder, Office Manager (253) 884-9350  
 Ken Freeman, Beachcomber/Webmaster (231) 544-2456

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

Office Phone: (253) 884-9350  
 Office Fax: (253) 884-5047

**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 June 18, 2008**

BALDWIN - BRENTSON - COPELAND - DENNIS -  
 EWERS - GIBSON - MORRIS - O'NEILL - OVER-  
 LAND (Estate of) - RUCKS - TCHOCHIEV -  
 TITZLER

**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**

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

**HMC Management  
Board Meeting Summary  
June 14, 2008**

Administration

- The Board discussed upcoming capital projects including replacement of the ferry terminal dolphins and small boat docks pilings, maintenance of the transfer spans (ramps) and possible hiring of an engineer for plans and permits.
- A security service will be employed on the island during the nights of July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. As is usual, if anyone becomes aware of a situation that requires it, members are encouraged to call 9-1-1.
- A few complaints have been received regarding HMC making a mailing list of owners available to an owner asking for it. All homeowner associations are required by Washington state law to provide such lists if requested. Unlisted phone numbers are prohibited from being released. We use the Boosters phone directory to determine whether a phone number is listed or not.

Parks

- The Board discussed removal of the overhead wires to the streetlamp at the North Beach that are a potential hazard to sailboats using the launch ramp. Options from PenLight are to pay \$395 for undergrounding or take ownership of the streetlamp.

Legal

- The Board decided to obtain new pollution insurance that is available for the ferry, and discussed the attorney's response regarding the concept of taking on any pollution liability from a fuel vendor (the attorney recommended against it).
- The Board discussed use of the newly-donated radios and repeater by the island's Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Roads

- Many road signs are due for replacement.
- Information: some owners are pulling up survey markers placed by Aspen Surveying as part of the HMC project to identify road right-of-way locations. They are not designed to mark property corners, just the road edges. Owners: please do not disturb these!

Transportation

- Vessel fueling: Ecology sent HMC info on the State ferry system proposals for on-deck fueling that they believe will be helpful in finalizing a plan document for HMC. It appears that as much as 1000 feet of oil containment boom, a place to store it on the mainland beach and possibly a means of deploying it will need to be purchased in order to comply with the new regulations.

Water

- Completion of the Water Plan is expected soon.

**HMC Management  
Island Manager Report  
Annual Membership Meeting  
June 14, 2008**

**Below is a summary of some specific areas of interest:**

Ferry operations

- We have two part-time captains available and have an application for one to upgrade his license to the level required for operating the ferry. Additionally, we have one part-time deckhand and one of the part-time captains is available to work as a deckhand also.
- The ferry will go into dry dock for about two weeks on September 14 this year.

Ferry terminals (docks)

- The eight dolphins that hold the ferry in place at the island and mainland ferry terminals are in various stages of deterioration due to their age. At least some, and possibly many, individual piles (that make up the dolphins) will need replacement in the fairly near future. Investigation into costs, permits and so on has begun.

Roads

- Road dust control program continues. We can always use some volunteer truck drivers.
- New plumbing for the saltwater pump, used to fill the watering truck, has been purchased and will be installed at North Beach.
- Regular maintenance is keeping the roads in good condition. A barge load of new gravel was applied this year (approximately 1000 tons) but the need for gravel is on-going.
- Reminder to all! Doing any work on the HMC road rights-of-way, including cutting trees of any kind, requires obtaining a Road Encroachment Permit from the office before commencing work. It is a Rules Violation to work in the right-of-way without a permit. The only exception is the routine maintenance of the ditches in front of your property. The right-of-way along most of the roads is typically 50 feet wide.

Water

- Study of options to do a total replacement of all distribution water pipes on the island (30,000-plus feet) with large diameter pipe continues.

Administration

- HMC's good record over the last eight years with our insurance brokers and underwriters has resulted in our insurance premiums being held to low or no annual increases.

Challenges ahead

- The replacement of the water distribution system continues to be an important issue. How to best obtain financing for the system is a question that remains to be answered. While Peninsula Light Company has agreed to take over the island water system and to front the money for the capital improvements, if HMC members should agree to do so, there are many who feel that they would rather retain ownership of the system.

## **Notice of Continuation of Annual Membership Meeting of HMC Management**

**Notice is hereby given pursuant to Article 4 of the Bylaws of HMC Management that a continuation of the annual meeting of the membership will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2008 at the hour of 12:00 Noon at the HMC Community Building. At the meeting, one (1) ballot proposal described below which has been set before the members by action of the Board of Directors will be voted on.**

**Members may vote in person at the meeting or by mailing or delivering the enclosed absentee ballot to the HMC Office so that it is received prior to the time of the meeting. *Ballots will not be counted unless your name and signature appear on the large envelope.***

- 1. Pursuant to Article 9 of the Bylaws of HMC Management, the Board of Trustees has presented the FY 2008-2009 budget, including revised fee schedules, to the membership for approval. The budget and fee schedules appear on pages 16 through 20 of this Beachcomber and result in an assessment of \$1500 per assessable unit for the fiscal year starting October 1, 2008.**

# Official Ballot and Voting Instructions

1. Vote yes to accept the proposal set forth below. Vote no to reject it.
2. Insert your ballot in the envelope marked "Official Ballot" and seal the envelope. Do not put your name on this envelope. Do not place anything other than one Ballot in this envelope.
3. Place the small envelope marked "Official Ballot" in the large envelope. **You must sign the large envelope and make sure that your name and address appear on the large envelope. *If your name and signature do not appear on the outside of the large envelope, your vote will not be counted.***
4. To be considered a member in good standing and have your vote counted, all delinquent charges and assessments must be paid in full before the Ballots are counted.
5. Please make sure that your name is legible on the large envelope. If your name cannot be read, the ballot will not be counted.
6. Your absentee Ballot must be received in the HMC Office by 12:00 Noon, Saturday, July 12, 2008 to be counted. If you prefer to vote in person, please attend the meeting. The Ballots will be counted at that time.

## Proposition No. 1

### (Approval of the Budget)

Shall the budget as presented in this June, 2008 Beachcomber be ratified by the membership?

YES (For Proposition)

NO (Against Proposition)

### 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.

### ATTENTION ALL OWNERS!

HMC has recently contracted with Aspen Surveying to survey the roads throughout the island in preparation for locating where utility trenches will be placed when installing the new water distribution system. Aspen is marking survey control points (these are not boundaries) with metal rods, wood stakes and other markings as they progress along the roads. Please do not disturb or remove any of these markers. Any that are damaged or removed will cost HMC additional funds as they slow the surveyor's work on the project.

### Welcome, New Islanders!

HMC welcomes the following new members to Herron Island:

- Paula and Benn Burke

### Election Results

Judy Greinke	102
Kathy Duester	99
Eric Bergson	69
Mike Shettlesworth	63
Sam Argo (Write-in)	5

### Independence Day Restrictions

Plan ahead for the low tide ferry cancellations the first week of July. Combinations of any length (vehicle towing anything) and single vehicles longer than 25 feet will not be transported **after 9 am, Thursday, July 3rd**. Call ahead to schedule 253-691-1467. **Friday, July 4th the ferry will operate on holiday schedule (same as Sunday).**

## FREE CLASSIFIED ADS

I would love to rent a cabin on Herron Island for a weekend in July. We are very clean and considerate of others' property. We owned property on the Island from 1975 Until 1998. We would just to take our mother to visit. Thank you Kelli 360-427-9230 or kelli205@hotmail.com

*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.*

## Booster News:

We hope to see you for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fun. **Review the schedule either in this Beachcomber or online for the significant changes.** Note Friday July 4<sup>th</sup> is a family day and all the traditional activities are on Saturday and Sunday. Setting up for all the North Beach activities and parade on Saturday will start at 7:30am. Please volunteer your time to clean-up the beach from the fireworks, etc. Sweet rolls and coffee will be available early to the volunteers to help you wake up. Sunday morning will be East vs. West Softball and hotdogs. Realize the ferry cancellations on Sunday give you plenty of time to play ball before heading home.

There will be no raffle requests or duck race ticket sales. Likewise there will be no ferry line solicitations. Booster annual membership dues of \$2.50/adult can be paid during the Saturday swap meet and be rewarded with a 10% clothing sales discount (good for July 5<sup>th</sup> only). Swap meet tables will be available for \$5.00 if you call Dana Gruber at 884.6898 in advance.

So where does the money go that Boosters have gotten from the various sales (ie. dues, clothing, food, etc.)? We've just contributed \$1000 to the Parks Committee to help pay for a storage unit at the North Beach Pavilion. The foundation has been laid and volunteers will assist Tracy Anspach with the construction. Dollars will be paid to complete the ceiling and electrical work on the Community Center's new addition. Many thanks to Jack Wells for leading this project. Also thank you to David Franzmann, Vicki and Peter Huff and Kathy Deuster for prime painting the ceiling plywood. Finally, many dollars are used to resupply all the sizes needed for our clothing sales. Nancy Grant, Judy Greinke, and Janice Ohlsen have been heroes with all they've done to keep us looking sharp. Please thank them at the clothing sales table.

Volunteers really make a difference. The following are recognized for the contributions they provided at Memorial Day: Anita and Paul Bray, Mary Turpin, Jack and Nancy Wells, Kathy Deuster, Tom, Carol, and Kevin Tighe, Carole Crowley, Marie Golden, Sue and Donnie Surratt, Brianna Stone, Gina Rohrbach and her friend Erika, Paul and Diane Rohrbach, Sharon Stone, Nancy Grant and David Franzmann, Judy Greinke, Stephanie Jensen, Vickie and Peter Huff, Chris Rushmeier, Dale Wolf, Terrill Chilson, Janice Ohlsen, Merry Kogut, Mike Shettlesworth, Nancy Broege, George and Norma Newcomb, Nella Pugh, Dallas Amidon, Bill Burdett, Robert Pinkley. Sincerest apology is given if someone was missed on this list.

Please join the Boosters for an August 9 Potluck at the Community Center at 6 PM.

Dana Gruber, President  
253-884-6898

---

## **Herron Island Emergency Preparedness Group**

**We wish you and your family a Happy, Safe, Fun 4<sup>th</sup> of July.**



*(Editor's note: The following Herron Island article from the September 15, 1969 Seattle Post-Intelligencer was submitted by Anita Bray)*



HERRON ISLAND STUDENTS RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES IN PRIVATE BOATS  
The ferry's back, but they found they could get along without it

—P-I Photo.

## **Islanders' Ferry Service Back After 47 Days of 'Isolation'**

BY JACK RYAN  
P-I Tacoma Bureau

**HERRON ISLAND**, Pierce County - After 47 days of "isolation" the residents of this island on southern Puget Sound have ferry service again.

They are happy to see the privately owned ferry "Annabel S." operating, but they no longer feel dependent on the vessel.

"I won't say we didn't miss it," said Robert Isabel, "But we all helped each other and made out fine without a ferry."

On June 28, the ferry slip on the island collapsed, and investigation disclosed it would take a month to rebuild it.

There were 400 people and 75 automobiles marooned on the island, which lies about a mile from the mainland ferry terminal where a road links this region with Tacoma and other points.

First the islanders organized a "mosquito fleet" of small boats which shuttled back and forth to the mainland.

"Over the Fourth of July holiday, we brought hundreds of people to the island and returned them to the mainland," said Mrs. Isabel. "Not a person who wanted to visit was left without boat transportation."

Residents who kept cars on the island parked them at the small boat dock and left the keys in the vehicles. Then people lugging boxes of groceries could drive from the dock to their homes with the bundles, and return the car for someone else to use.

Then a barge was brought into the collapsed dock, and residents laboriously moved each of the 75 vehicles marooned on the island onto the barge, then aboard the ferry.

When September came, two residents, Del Koski and Capt. Charles Wells, skipper of the idled ferry, volunteered their private vessels as "school buses."

Each morning they picked up the island's children, carried them to the mainland, where a Peninsula School District bus picked them up. Then the two men returned at 3 p.m. to bring the young people home.

"We couldn't have ice cream because it would melt during the long trip out, and our garbage piled up because trucks no longer called from the mainland," said Mrs. Kurli Koski.

---

## **Baseball News**

WOW! What a day. Sunshine all day, field was in great shape, players came to play and play they did. The adult game was played right down to the last inning, bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup>. The East side won by 1 run thanks to Susie for her run batted in. Again the East side won. The score was East 13, West 12. The West has not won since Memorial Day of 2006. Guys & Gals the West has to step it up a bit. I'm getting to feel like the Mariners coach is feeling "What is going wrong". That question to be answered this 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Folks if you have not watched the kids game you are missing a lot of action. Watching them batting, playing in the field and running bases is a hoot! Sometimes they find 1<sup>st</sup> base and you may see two runners on the same base. Stick around after the adults' game and watch, you will have a laugh a minute. In their minds they are all major leaguers, which makes it very special. Kids score was East 12, West 4.

Note: the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend game will be played on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM for adults and 12:10 PM to 1:00 PM for the kid's game. Sign up at 9:30 AM for all players. Come and enjoy lunch of hotdogs, chips, and soda while watching the games. A big thanks to Paul and his crew for the dogs and all the rest, all ways a great job! Thanks again for all the folks that made these games so much fun and the work that they do.

Thanks to all who turn out to cheer and support the players,

Dallas Amidon  
Baseball Chairperson.

# Booster 4th of July Weekend

## Saturday, July 5th North Beach

- 8:00 am North Beach Clean-up. Please come help.  
Cinnamon Rolls and coffee
- 8:30 am Individual Flea Market (\$5 user fee for table or tailgate)  
HI apparel, novelties and directories  
Used paperback book sale  
Membership Drive \$2.50 per person
- 10:30 am Fun Run/Walk (free)
- 11:30 am Kevin's Burgers and Brats
- 12:30 pm 4th of July Parade
- 1:00 pm Sailboat Race (Boats must be in water  
by 11:00 am due to low tides)



For the sailboat race, the start and finish point is the line of sight between North Beach flag pole and the outboard end of the mainland ferry dock. *Racers please plan to return your trailers to your property before the race or make other arrangements per HMC rules.*

### 2:30 pm Kayak Race

12'6" and under/12'7" and over (starting line due East from the flag pole)

Trophies for sailboat and kayak race!

## Sunday, July 6th Goodpastor Park

- 9:30 am to 10:00 am Registration for all baseball players  
Adult baseball warm-up/practice
- 10:00 am Adult East vs. West baseball game
- Noon—1:00 pm Kids baseball game  
Hot dogs, chips, soda, bottled water for sale



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

MON		TUE		WED		THUR		FRI		SAT		SUN	
IS.	ML.	IS.	ML.	IS.	ML.	IS.	ML.	IS.	ML.	IS.	ML.	IS.	ML.
6:15	7:00	6:15	7:00	6:15	7:00	6:15	7:00	6:15	7:00				
7:30	8:00	7:30	8:00	7:30	8:00	7:30	8:00	7:30	8:00				
8:30	9:00	8:30	9:00	8:30	9:00	8:30	9:00	8:30	9:00	8:30	9:00	8:30	9:00
9:30	10:00									9:30	10:00	9:30	10:00
										10:30	11:00	10:30	11:00
12:00	12:30	12:00	12:30	12:00	12:30	12:00	12:30	12:00	12:30	11:30	12:00	11:30	12:00
												1:30	2:00
2:30	3:00							2:30	3:00	2:30	3:00	2:30	3:00
3:30	4:00	3:30	4:00	3:30	4:00	3:30	4:00	3:30	4:00	3:30	4:00	3:30	4:00
4:30	5:00	4:30	5:00	4:30	5:00	4:30	5:00	4:30	5:00	4:30	5:00	4:30	5:00
5:30	6:00	5:30	6:00	5:30	6:00	5:30	6:00						
6:30	7:00	6:30	7:00	6:30	7:00	6:30	7:00	6:30	7:00	6:30	7:00	6:30	7:00
								7:30	8:00	7:30	8:00	7:30	8:00
								8:30	9:00				

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

**Summer Reminders**

- Do** enjoy your time spent on Herron Island
- Do** be courteous of your neighbors. Keep the noise down.
- Do** obey the speed limit and the small boat dock rules.
- Do** enjoy fireworks only on July 4<sup>th</sup> at North Beach.
- Do** turn off your water valve when you leave, especially if you come infrequently.  
Prevent a water damage incident to your home.
- Do** get decals, available by mail from the office, for your boat and trailer. Put your boat decal on the back of your boat, NOT the side.
- Do not** water the road in front of your home with your hose!!!
- Do not** park on the streets.
- Do not** leave valuables in your vehicle in the mainland parking area. There is no security. Last year 2 vehicles were stolen.

## 2008 Booster Memorial Weekend Summary

The Boosters extend a warm thanks to everyone for their support of all the Memorial weekend activities.

### Baseball Games

<b>Adults</b>	East 13	West 12
<b>Kids</b>	East 16	West 4



### Water Regatta Winners

#### **Sailboat Race**

##### **Monohull**

1. Paul & Curt Bray                      1 hr 42 min

#### **Kayak Race 12' 7" (no participants 12' 6" & under)**

1. Mike Clingman                      35 minutes
2. Jonathan Ross                      41 minutes
3. Bettilyn Clingman                  50 minutes
4. Norm Lehman                      54 minutes
5. Katie Ross                          59 minutes



We look forward to seeing everyone out to celebrate Independence Day. Booster Activities are scheduled for Saturday, July 5th and Sunday, July 6th.

**HAVE A FUN FILLED AND SAFE SUMMER!**

<b>Low-Tide Ferry Cancellations</b>	
<b>June 2008</b>	
Sunday, 6/29	8:30-9:00, 9:30 leaves late
Monday, 6/30	8:30-10:00
<i>Lowest June tide: Wednesday, 6/4 at 12:44 pm: -4.4 ft</i>	
* no shuttles means one round trip	

<b>Low-Tide Ferry Cancellations</b>	
<b>July 2008</b>	
Tuesday, 7/1	12:00-12:30
Wednesday, 7/2	12:00-12:30
Thursday, 7/3	12:00-12:30
Friday, 7/4	11:30-3:00
Saturday, 7/5	2:30-3:00
Sunday, 7/6	2:30-3:00
Wednesday, 7/16	12:00 leaves late
Thursday, 7/17	12:00-12:30
Friday, 7/18	12:00-12:30
Sunday, 7/20	1:30-2:00
Monday, 7/28	7:30-9:00, 9:30 leaves late
Tuesday, 7/29	8:30-9:00
Wednesday, 7/30	No shuttles* 8:30-9:00, 12:00-12:30 leaves late
Thursday, 7/31	12:00-12:30
<i>Lowest July tide: Thursday, 7/3 at 12:31 pm -4.4 ft</i>	
* no shuttles means one round trip	
<b>August 2008</b>	
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	

### Herron Island Properties

**Cost of gas is changing vacation plans!  
You can enjoy Herron Island and all it's charm  
for less than a half tank of gas from  
most major cities.**

**Invite family and friends to visit  
and see what is available for sale.**



Waterfront properties, cottages and lots are all available.

Always listing and selling here on our special island.



**DALLAS AMIDON**, Island Resident  
Realtor

Cell: **253-606-0972** Home: **253-884-6166**

Redesigned [www.HerronIsland.com](http://www.HerronIsland.com)

E-mail: [HerronIsland@hotmail.com](mailto:HerronIsland@hotmail.com)

Windermere Key Realty, Inc.



**Working hard for you & our community since 1994!**

### Fourth of July Security Notice

Herron Island will employ a security service Friday and Saturday nights, July 4<sup>th</sup> and July 5<sup>th</sup> to patrol the island. Remember, if the situation requires it, call 9-1-1 day or night. Any report of problems made by the security service will be sent to the Rules Committee. If it is determined that there is rules violation the security service report will be the basis for the filing of a rules complaint and will represent HMC Management.

*(Paid Advertisement)*

### JOIN THE PARADE!

**SATURDAY JULY 5TH 12:30**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO PARADE AND CELEBRATE AMERICA!!!**

**DECORATE YOUR GOLF CART - YOUR BIKE - YOUR CAR- YOUR  
BOAT - YOUR TRUCK - YOURSELF!!**

**BE A PART OF OUR FUN AND CELEBRATION**

**LINE UP AT THE FIREHALL AT 12:30 AND END AT NORTH BEACH  
SUPER FUN!!**

## HERRON ISLAND YARD MAINTENANCE

ALLEN MOREN  
253-884-2721

### ESTIMATES BY THE YARD

- \*Also works with Tansy
- \*Appliance Disposal
- \*Deck Cleaning
- \*Restaining

*(Paid Advertisement)*

### Release of Addresses

All homeowner associations in Washington State are required by law to make available to their owners who ask for it a list of addresses of all owners. Unlisted phone numbers are prohibited from being released. HMC uses the Boosters phone directory to determine whether or not a number is listed.

### Water Notice

When you leave the island for any length of time, please shut off the water to your property. This can save a considerable amount of water if a leak should develop. If you suspect a water leak anywhere on the island you can call the following numbers: **HMC office (253) 884-9350; Scott Schultz (Water Dept.) (253) 884-3196; Dick Mowry (Water Dept.) (253) 884-7663; Mike Davis (Certified Water Operator) (253) 884-1423.**

*(Note: HMC Management neither endorses advertisers nor vouches for their being properly licensed.)*

**PROPOSED 2008-2009 HMC BUDGET**

Budget Year	2007-2008	2008-2009	
Assessable Units	405	405	
Units minus delinquents	395	400	Due to less delinquencies
<b>SUMMARY / INCOME</b>			
<i>Non-Assessment Income</i>			
Ferry User Fees	140,000	160,000	Due to fee increase of 16.66%
Gen Fund Interest	5,000	4,000	Interest rates dropped
Payments/Delinquent Accts/Interest/Handling	7,000	7,000	
Carryover from previous year	20,000	40,000	Anticipated income over expense
Miscellaneous Income	4,000	6,000	
Required Assessment Income	473,650	599,808	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>649,650</b>	<b>816,808</b>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>649,650</b>	<b>816,808</b>	
<b>Charge/assessable unit If everyone paid</b>			
	<b>\$1,170</b>	<b>\$1,481</b>	
<b>Charge/assessable unit considering uncollectables</b>			
	<b>\$1,200</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	Major increases due to expenses and reserves
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<i>ADMINISTRATION</i>			
Office Equipment	1,000	1,000	
Office Supplies	1,200	1,200	
Emergency Preparedness	1,000	3,000	2000 carryover from previous years
Community Associations Institute	400	400	
Accountant	4,000	5,000	
Payroll Service	3,000	725	HMC doing payroll replacing ADP
Bank Fees	300	800	
<i>Insurance</i>			
Directors/Officers/Water	3,000	3,000	
Facilities and general liability	20,000	20,000	
Employee Dishonesty	500	500	
Auto/Truck	900	900	
<i>Legal Fees</i>			
Collection Costs	4,000	2,000	
General	5,000	6,000	
To Legal Reserves	-	-	
From Legal Reserves			
<i>Other</i>			
Ads for New Employees	400	200	
Website	50	100	
Misc.	1,500	2,000	
<i>Postage</i>			
Stamps ,Meter, Box	5,000	2,500	
<i>Printing</i>			
Copier Contract	1,300	1,200	
Printing - Other	3,500	3,500	
<i>Wages / Benefits</i>			
Admin Dept. Wages	66,500	75,970	
Payroll Taxes	6,200	7,016	
Retirement	1,800	2,158	
Insurance	5,900	6,534	
Federal, State & County Taxes	3,500	3,000	
Island Security		3,500	
Telephone/Long Distance	3,000	3,000	
Land use -perc, wetlands assessment	1,500	1,500	
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>144,450</b>	<b>156,703</b>	
<i>DOCKS</i>			
Repairs/Maintenance	2,000	2,000	
<i>Other</i>			
Parts & Supplies	1,500	1,000	
Inspection	1,000	1,000	
Annual DNR Lease	1,400	1,400	
Utilities	1,400	500	
<i>Dock Reserves</i>			
To Reserves	5,000	81,750	Increase for anticipated expense of dolphin replacement
From Reserves			
<b>Total Docks</b>	<b>12,300</b>	<b>87,650</b>	



<b>FERRY</b>			
Ferry Dry Dock	30,000	80,000	Assumes 40000 from budget and 40000 from reserves
To Ferry Dry Dock Reserves			
From Ferry Dry Dock Reserves		(40,000)	Reserve withdrawal lessens budget requirement
Engine Overhaul			
To Engine Overhaul Reserves		12,000	Assumes a 36000 cost over three years
From Engine Overhaul Reserves			
Major Repairs	5,000	5,000	
Fuel	65,000	80,000	Assumes some level of stability in future prices
Insurance	43,000	43,000	
Equipment	1,000	1,000	
Routine Maintenance	3,500	4,000	
Ferry Dept. Wages	213,200	233,437	Adjustments for second year of two year contract
Payroll Taxes	18,800	20,613	
Retirement	12,600	13,750	
Insurance	23,500	26,000	Assumes a 10% increase in plan costs
Supplies	1,000	1,000	
Personal Property & Excise Tax	4,000	4,000	
<b>Other</b>			
Ferry Cell Phone	600	600	
Drug Testing	900	600	
Inspection & Licensing	1,200	1,200	
Pension Administration	550	550	
Uniforms	1,000	1,000	
Passenger Vessel Assoc. Dues	400	400	
Misc.	3,200	1,500	
<b>Total Ferry</b>	<b>428,450</b>	<b>489,650</b>	
<b>PARKS</b>			
Parks Dept. Wages	1,200	1,849	Wage adjustment for parity
Payroll Taxes	200	198	
Maintenance	2,500	2,500	
<b>Small Boat Dock</b>			
Maintenance	500	500	
Supplies & Repairs	500	1,600	
Utilities	250	250	
<b>Other</b>			
Playground Improvement	500	500	
Sanikans	6,500	6,800	
Garbage Pick Up	800	850	
Parks Development	3,500	3,500	
Parks Reserves			
To Parks Reserves	1,000	6,600	Reserve build up for equipment and park improvements
From Parks Reserves			
<b>Total Parks</b>	<b>17,450</b>	<b>25,147</b>	
<b>ROADS</b>			
Repairs & Maintenance	15,000	16,400	Increased costs partially due to fuel costs
Supplies & Materials	8,500	11,000	Assumes increased gravel delivery
<b>Maintenance</b>			
Other	500	2,000	
Wages	600	500	
Payroll taxes	100	100	
Dust Control Truck	3,000	3,000	
Utilities	200	200	
Road Reserves			
To Road Reserves		4,000	
From Road Reserves			
<b>Total Roads</b>	<b>27,900</b>	<b>37,200</b>	
<b>WATER</b>			
Contract Manager	600	700	
Water Dept. Wages	6,450	7,400	Wage adjustment for parity
Payroll Taxes	900	1,008	
Water Reserves			
To Water Reserves	2,500	3,400	Nominal buildup pending water system future
From Water Reserves		-	
Supplies/Repairs	2,500	3,000	
Utilities	3,500	2,500	
<b>Other</b>			
Education and Training	150	250	
Membership-Evergreen Water	150	150	
Misc	300	300	
Permits & Licenses	600	600	
Water Samples	700	400	
Excise Tax	750	750	
<b>Total Water</b>	<b>19,100</b>	<b>20,458</b>	

**Reserve Account Analysis - May 2008**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Predicted Amount</b>	<b>Period in Years</b>	<b>Contribution/Year</b>	<b>Current Amount</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Ferry Dry Dock	40,000	1	0	40,000	(1)
Ferry Engine Overhaul	24,000	2	12,000	0	(2)
Legal	30,000	5	0	30,000	(3)
Dock and Dolphins	500,000	4	81,750	173,000	(4)
Parks and Equipment	35,000	5	6,600	2,000	(5)
Roads	30,000	5	4,000	10,000	(6)
Water	60,000	5	3,400	43,000	(7)
<b>Total</b>			<b>107,750</b>	<b>298,000</b>	
Contribution per assessable unit (400 total)			<b>269</b>		<b>(8)</b>

- (1) There will be a budget of 40000 combined with reserve of 40000 to yield 80000 in October 2009
- (2) Projected cost of 36000 every three years met with a 12000 budget and 24000 from reserves
- (3) Legal is at the planned reserve level of 30000
- (4) Current estimate of 500000 for replacement of all dolphins that will be refined in coming year
- (5) Plan on 3000 for equipment over three year period and park improvements including basketball area
- (6) Plan on 30000 for major repair on roads outside of normal budget and water truck replacement
- (7) Minimal contribution until future of water system is determined
- (8) Funds from current reserve accounts were reallocated based on current cost projections

**Proposed Ferry Fees  
(Effective October 1, 2008)**

	<b>Member</b>	<b>Guest</b>
Car and Driver under 20'	\$7	\$14
Walk-on or Passenger		
Age 12 and up	\$2	\$2
Age 5-11	\$1	\$1
Age 4 and under	\$0	\$0
Oversize Vehicles		
21'-30'	\$14	\$28
31'-40'	\$21	\$42
41'-50'	\$28	\$56
51'-60'	\$35	\$70
Special Runs (One Way)	\$175	\$175
Crew and Senior/Disabled Passes	\$100	
Car and Driver Tickets	\$63	
Monthly Pass	\$100	
Passenger Tickets	\$44	
Percentage Increase	16.666	

**Proposed HMC Fee Schedule  
(Effective October 1, 2008)**

HANDLING FEE MONTHLY FOR DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS	\$30.00
INTEREST 1% MONTHLY OR 12% PER ANNUM	
NSF	\$35.00
FILE RESEARCH PER HOUR	\$40.00
PLACING AND RELEASING LIENS: CONTACT Law offices of Strichartz	
LOST STICKER REPLACEMENT	\$5.00
SPECIAL FERRY RUN (PER RUN)	\$175.00
WATER HOOK UP	\$500.00
WATER SHUT OFF (LEAKS)	\$30.00
WAL AVAILABILITY LETTER - TO BE COMPLETED BY ISLAND MANAGER	\$15.00
COPIES - EACH	\$0.20
FAX - LOCAL OUTGOING	\$1.00
FAX - LONG DISTANCE - FIRST PAGE OUTGOING	\$2.00
FAX - LONG DISTANCE EA. ADDITIONAL PAGE OUTGOING	\$1.00
FAX - LOCAL AND LONG DISTANCE INCOMING PER PAGE	\$1.00
PROPERTY TRANSFER FEES	\$125.00
BEACHCOMBER ADS - PER 1/4 PAGE	\$20.00
BEACHCOMBER ADS - PER 1/2 PAGE	\$40.00
RETURNED MAIL: POST OFFICE RATE	
NOTARY SERVICES	\$10.00
COMMUNITY BUILDING RENTAL + DAMAGE DEPOSIT (applies only to private parties; up to \$50 refundable)	\$100.00

\*Policy clarification: A replacement fee will only be charged for lost stickers. Members are encouraged to notify the office promptly about vehicle changes.

**HMC MANAGEMENT**  
**CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT**

**June 2008**

As part of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act of 1996, drinking water providers are required to furnish a Consumer Confidence Report to their customers on an annual basis beginning 1999. The purpose of this report is to tell you about your water, where your water comes from and how it compares to stringent standards set by regulatory agencies.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer-undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Contaminants that may be present in source water before it is treated include:

- \*Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agriculture livestock operations and wildlife.
- \*Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- \*Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
- \*Radioactive contaminants, which are naturally occurring.
- \*Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and in some cases, radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Your water comes from a single well field on Herron Island that contains two wells. After the water comes from the wells it is distributed to your home, normally without treatment.

Listed below are the results from the 2007 laboratory tests (other than coliform):

<u>Inorganic Contaminants</u>	<u>MCL/ACL</u>	<u>SRL</u>	<u>HMC Water</u>	
Nitrate	10	0.5	1.7	March, 2007
Arsenic	0.0	0.0	Less than 0.002	October, 2007

#### Volatile Organic Chemicals

We tested for 62 VOC's; none were detected June, 2007

\*Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

\*Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): the level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

\*Action Level (AL): the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

\*State Reporting Level (SRL): the minimum reporting level for Department of Health.

\*N/A: not applicable \*ND: not detectable at testing limit \*ppb: parts per billion or micrograms per liter \*ppm: parts per million or milligrams per liter \*pCi/l: picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation).

As a result of Herron Island's consistently high water quality the Washington Department of Health has granted waivers for much of the sampling and testing except for coliform bacteria and a few chemicals such as nitrate and arsenic. Though not a serious threat to health, coliform bacteria is an indicator of vulnerability to more serious bacterial contamination. In January, 2007 the monthly routine coliform test revealed the presence of coliform bacteria. On investigation, no source for this was found, and immediate follow up sampling was satisfactory. It is possible that the sample was contaminated during handling. Subsequently, HMC contracted with a new laboratory for all water testing. All coliform tests since then have been satisfactory.

In early October, 2005 a new 99,000-gallon reservoir was placed in service. The new reservoir was designed to not only alleviate any contamination problems related to the old reservoir, but to also meet current Washington Department of Health and Pierce County Fire Marshal capacity requirements. Inside the new reservoir is a state-of-the art water circulation system that ensures optimal "first in, first out" water movement. That is, water that has been in the tank longest is the first to be drawn out, minimizing the potential for the tank retaining "stale" water that could lead to possible bacterial problems.

The two underground pumps that fill the new reservoir are controlled by state-of-the art devices that sense water pressure in the tank. These controls are easily adjusted if necessary and eliminate the need for electrical connections to the reservoir as well as eliminating water level-sensing floats inside. In conjunction with the reservoir construction new large-diameter pipes and valves were installed nearby. These are the beginning point of a future replacement of the island water distribution system. Planning for the new distribution system is underway.

## **State Water Use Efficiency and Water Conservation Mandate**

Growing communities place an increasing demand on Washington's water resources. To help meet these growing needs and to conserve water for the benefit of the environment and for future generations, the Washington State Legislature passed the Municipal Water Law in 2003. This law gives municipal water suppliers certain benefits and obligations. One of these obligations is to comply with the new Water Use Efficiency Rule which became effective in January, 2007.

The Water Use Efficiency Rule affects all municipal water suppliers, which includes all community water suppliers with 15 or more residential connections (known as Group A water systems).

The Rule requires water systems to use water efficiently and demonstrate that they are doing so. Specifically, water systems must:

- Develop a plan through a public process, establish efficiency goals and enact measures to manage water use.
- Reduce distribution system leakage to 10 percent or less.
- Install service meters within 10 years, if not already installed, to accurately account for water usage and leakage.
- Report annually on their progress in using water efficiently, beginning in 2009 for systems with under 1000 connections.

For additional information, please contact the Island Manager, Doug Allen, at (253) 884-9350.

WELCOME ALL NEWCOMERS!



Get involved! We need you! It's fun!

# BOOSTERS

# The Beachcomber

HMC MANAGEMENT

P.O. Box 119

Lakebay, WA 98349

---

PRSR STD  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Lakebay, WA  
Permit No. 7

---

*Inside this issue...*

- *President's Message*
- *Low-Tide Ferry Cancellations*
- *Proposed Budget Ballot*