

Beachcomber Brief Edition

HMC Newsletter

October 2011

The Beachcomber is normally published nine times per year, with no issues in October, December, or February. The HMC Board has decided to publish a brief edition in each of these months in order to stress a few current items that the Membership should be aware of.

“HI WATER” OCTOBER 2011

HI Water, also known as Herron Island Water Utility, (HIWU) is established as a non-profit corporation. The Utility is owned and governed by HMC Management with operations and maintenance for the water system including water reserves administered through the Water Utility. Bylaws for the Water Utility are being developed through the office of Davies, Pearson in Tacoma, Washington; Island Manager/Water Manager, Claudia Ellsworth; and the HMC Board. These Bylaws will be sent to the Herron Island membership for an approval vote when complete.

The Water Project, which includes replacement of the water distribution lines, electrical service, and pump station components, is well on its way with Bid Ready Documents under evaluation. The Island Manager has organized the Water Project Committee to assist in our review covering all sections of this lengthy document. As USDA also reviews the documents, NWS engineer, Jester Purtteman makes revisions to the plan as needed to provide Herron Island with a top quality and cost effective project.

A Cross Connection Control Plan is being developed which will affect those members who have hot tubs, pools, or irrigation sprinkling systems connected directly to their water service. The Washington State Dept. of Health requires the Water Utility to maintain a location inventory of approved back flow devices with annual inspections. The implementation of this plan will run concurrent with the replacement of the water distribution system.

Many volunteer hours are being devoted to the HI Water at this time. New files and a separate accounting system are being set up at the HMC Office. Water System questions are answered through the Office or online at www.herronisland.org Island members have always come forward to assist so that costs can be kept at a minimum and quality of service kept high. Thanks also for the member input as far as individual situations, lot locations, disposal of dirt and system wide considerations.

B.O.O.S.T.E.R.S.

BAND OF OBVIOUSLY SUPER TERRIFICALLY ENTHUSIASTIC RECREATION SUPPORTERS

We are looking forward to our Thanksgiving Potluck and BINGO Night. Oven baked turkey will be provided. We ask you to bring your favorite side-dish or dessert to share and to sign up to let us know what you plan to bring. We are anticipating 40-60 people. It is okay to have duplicate or similar dishes. Here is a list of what others have said they will bring so far:

Dressing/stuffing

Sweet Potatoes

Fresh Garden Squash

Cranberry Sauce

Green Salad

Rolls

Fruit Salad

Cherry & Apple Pie

*What are you planning to bring?
Email us at: hiboosters@yahoo.com*

Mark Anderson would like to thank everyone for their input of ideas for “Herronopoly” - he will continue to accept ideas for “Chance” and “Community Chest”. Please email your ideas to: hmcmarkanderson@herronisland.org. Thank you.



Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 6.

911

Meet Herron Island's Emergency Preparedness Committee

Saturday, Nov 12, 1 pm, after the HMC Board Meeting in the Community Center

The Emergency Preparation Committee is responsible for disaster planning, education, and preparedness. This effort consists of identifying available resources, compiling emergency supplies, and identifying residents with special needs. The Committee may establish a boating safety education program and fire prevention education program. There are guidelines in place that address medical emergencies, fire, earthquake, and severe storms. However, the guidelines haven't been updated since 1999 and need some changes.

The Committee Chair moved away recently and the Committee is now looking at having Co-Chairs. This approach is now being utilized by the Boosters with great success. A Member has stepped up to be one of the Co-Chairs. With this new approach we expect to find the Emergency Preparation Committee up and running soon. We can confirm that a PCNET (Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Team) representative will be at the meeting. For more information about PCNET, members can go to <http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/pc/abtus/ourorg/dem/pcnet.htm>

Ferry Crew Job Openings

HMC is looking for qualified applicants for the positions of relief ferry captain and relief deckhand. Applications may be submitted via Craig's List or at humanresources@herronisland.org.



Pierce County Neighborhood Crime Site

The web address for listing criminal activity in your neighborhood is;

<http://www.piercecountycrimedata.org/NeighborhoodCrime/index.cfm?fuseaction=Home&AreaName=PierceCounty>

Once you get to the webpage, click on the Neighborhood tab. It will then ask you to click on a letter of the alphabet. You will then click on H. On the next page scroll down to the Herron Island sites. They are #130 to #135.

This information should only be used for personal or educational purposes.

To see the October Island Manager Report, Winter Ferry Schedule, and other documents normally in the Beachcomber, please go to the HMC Website at herronisland.org.

Parks Committee News

Thanks to everyone who came to lend a hand at the Dock Removal and Project Work Party. We had a good turn out... the enthusiasm was terrific and the weather couldn't have been more cooperative. This dock removal marked an end of an era. Over the winter the old pilings will be

removed. Next year when we install the docks we will have new pilings.



Thank you!

Everyone contributed in a way that was helpful and within their capacity.

We had people who brought their boats, others brought their tools and equipment, some used their muscles, others helped direct activities and others prepared and donated delicious food.

It was a true Community event.

Thanks to: Jack Wells, Bob Still, Dana Gruber, Kathy Deuster, Paula Trent, Richard Urfer, Carla Vierra, John Farris & Terrill Chilson, Tracy & Carolyn Anspach, Mike Shettlesworth, Dick & Ip pun Mowry, Steve Chapin, Al Moren, Andy & Sherri Anderson, Donnie Surratt, Steve Ohlsen, Jim Davies, Alan & Dianne DeGood, Tony Sriottto & Kim Oo, Steve & Vicki Drury, Tootsie Duback, Lonnie & Linda Kelly, Schilter Werner, Larry Eckels, Chris Mohr, Jean Mellor, Ellis & Sue Pottorff, Judy Greinke, Linda Crowe, Virginia Major and Pat Zazzo.

If we missed your name we apologize it was in no way intentional.

Again, thanks to everyone who joined in this effort.

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Thanksgiving Potluck and BINGO Night

Saturday, November 12, 2011 at 5:00 pm

Join us at the Community Center

2012 Herron Island Calendar!
Only \$15 each

Island Member, Janice Ohlsen, has generously created a 2012 Herron Island Calendar for the BOOSTERS.

We have 100 calendars to sell. Get yours at the potluck only \$15 each while supplies last. *If you can't make the event—ask your friend or neighbor to pick one up for you!*

Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

Oven baked turkeys will be provided...

Tell us what side-dish or dessert you plan to bring to share. Email us at: hiboosters@yahoo.com

We already have some members who have signed up, please let us know what you plan to bring ASAP.

PLAY B I N G O !!!

WIN FUN PRIZES INCLUDING THE GRAND PRIZE "HERRONOPOLY"

What is "Herronopoly"? It is a Monopoly game with a Herron Island theme.

"Herronopoly" will be a very desirable prize. Don't miss your chance to make it yours!