

The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

November 2011



President's Message

Years ago, I began taking walks along the shoreline across from Herron Island. On one such walk, I came upon a note in a bottle that had washed up onto the beach. At first I thought "fan mail from a flounder"? (I used to watch a lot of Rocky and Bullwinkle as a kid). I opened the bottle and read the note, which said, "Stuck on Herron Island. It costs so much to live here. Please help. Bob." I was intrigued. I thought Herron Island was a paradise where everything was free and life was idyllic. In his simple note, Bob had shattered my ill-conceived notion that Herron Island was not like the rest of the world.

So I began to ponder how I was to respond to Bob with options. One option would be to stay put, and to become actively involved in the decisions affecting the actual costs of living on an island. This would require Bob to become informed about island governance and finances, learn all he could about the issues facing this microcosmic civilization, and vote early and often (in accordance with the island's governing documents, of course). Another option would be to leave the island, and return to a mainstream existence on the mainland. But that option would expose Bob to a new set of costs of living, some of which, I suspected, would be greater than those that Bob faced on the island. On the mainland, Bob would be hit from all sides with commercial, for-profit obligations, such as condominium or other mandatory property fees imposed, in part, for the luxury of having one's grass mowed on a regular basis. Bob would also be exposed to other external obligations and circumstances over which he had no vote, where Bob had far less power to affect how his money was spent. I wrote back to Bob, sending him a note of my own in a bottle, outlining each of these options, and encouraging him to become more positively involved in "blooming where he was planted."

On my next walk, I found even more bottles on the

shore from the island, each with more comments and some even demanding answers to rhetorical questions. I vowed to respond to each of these, and put my answers in the bottles for the return trip; this pattern continued on roughly a monthly cycle. Although I thought I was sending all of the responses requested, each time, the bottles would solicit more information. And so I found myself putting more and more information in each bottle. Eventually, I couldn't fit any more information into the bottles.

I later learned that some of the messages in my notes got distorted or eaten away completely by destructive critters at their destination. And sometimes I had put so much into a bottle that the people on the island became upset that I was giving them too much information. Pretty soon, I learned that some of my larger messages were being ignored or not read completely; some of the most vocal islanders hadn't even bothered to open them.

So I started responding to the bottles from the island with notes that were a lot shorter. And I sent out more of them, in different forms. Some I wrapped up in wads for eagles to take to the island (a form of "e" mail). Some I floated over in balloons (air mail). But no matter how many different ways I tried to get clear messages to the islanders, I still found myself periodically opening bottles from the island that contained nothing but notes with venomous remarks. As to these correspondents, it seemed there was no answer I could give nor any method of delivery that I could use that would both enlighten and delight them. Harrumph.

But I have also lately begun to find bottles with messages from islanders who were reporting how great it was on Herron Island, and that it was even getting better with more community events. The islanders had apparently formed a community group called the BUUSTERS (or something like that, the ink had gotten wet and had run on many of the messages). The group

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just recently held a turkey dinner and bingo for the islanders. Really? I wish we had more (or any) community groups like that on the mainland. After that dinner was held, I found more and more bottles that had the same message in them – everyone who ate turkey and play bingo with the BUUSTERS had a great time and got to know their neighbors even better than before.

I also had a recent experience that helped me realize why, despite all of its detractors, things are so special over there on the island. My house on the mainland was burglarized this last week, and from it the thieves took my laptop computer. It was on that laptop that I had drafted many missives, crafted many smart-aleck remarks, and organized many ways to help solve the problems that I was hearing about through the messages in the bottles. The thieves also took jewelry, heirlooms, money, and other valuables, but, worst of all, my sense of personal security.

And then it hit me. My correspondents on the island had rarely been distracted by the threat of thievery. In their own way, their island was indeed a paradise, insulated from some of the perils and challenges faced by those who lived on the mainland. To be sure, within their own island community, those on the island experienced struggles just like everybody who lived on the mainland: political, financial, emotional, environmental, and interpersonal. But through their messages from the island, both good and bad, I got a sense of community, a sense of personal and corporate responsibility, a sense that they were having fun together, and a sense that, as a whole, they were doing what was right for Herron Island.

To this day, I keep going back to the shore and keep finding more bottles. But now, as I open each bottle and read and respond to each note, I do so with greater respect and admiration for Bob and the rest of my friends on Herron Island.



Mark B. Anderson, President

Are You on the List?

HMC now has 182 Member email addresses on the notification list. If you want to receive updates about the water project, get notice of the online Beachcomber, or get the latest on windstorms, power outages or other news, please send an email to office@herronisland.org and request your email 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.



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 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 November 12, 2011

Administration:

Volunteers: Belated thanks to Joseph Pentheroudakis for his assistance in compiling FAQ's on the recent "water letter" sent to all Members. Thanks to Jean Mellor, Judy Greinke, Kathy Deuster and Mark Anderson for help in setting up new files for the Water Utility. And Merry Kogut kindly donated office supplies. Special thanks to those Members who are assisting with reinstalling three floats at North Beach, for use by the geotech engineer in determining how deep the new piles must be driven.

PC Code Compliance: Of the three properties referred to PC Responds, the Health Department has informed us they have done all they could at one property (210 East Madrona). PC Responds has also informed us that they are closing their file on the property at 1301 West Herron, which has been substantially cleaned up. Two others are still being worked. PC Responds can be reached at (253) 798-INFO (4636), or through their website at www.co.pierce.wa.us. Complainants can remain anonymous.

Water System Project:

On October 25th, two bankers from KeyBank visited the island to tour the waterworks and talk over timing of the interim financing for the project. Judy Greinke, Pat Zazzo and I hosted them and we believe they left favorably impressed.

Since its last meeting, members of the Water Project Committee offered their comments on the bid package prepared by Northwest Water Systems. USDA has now returned its comments to NWS, and these are being incorporated. ADA compliance items have been pulled out of the bid package and will be taken up as a separate bid process, once we have approved drawings for the restroom modification. USDA offers the free services of a staff architect, if we provide them with basic plans. We are asking Board approval to authorize issuance of the USDA approved bid documents at this meeting, since the review process is complete and the final approval is USDA's.

If that happens, a tentative schedule would be as follows:

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| • Board (and USDA) Approves Bid Documents: | November 12 |
| • Bid Advertised (USDA will set dates): | November 15-30 |
| • Bidders Conference Held (dated TBD) | |
| • Bids Close: | January 6 |
| • Bid Evaluation (Northwest Water/USDA) | January |
| • Board (USDA) Accepts Bid | Possible Special Meeting |
| • Contract Signed: | February 10 |
| • Interim Financing Secured: | February 17 |
| • Work Begins: | February 27 |
| • Project Complete: | September/October |
| • Prepay Window (30 days?): | Following Completion |
| • USDA Loan Implemented: | |

This schedule includes possible construction during the summer months. We are hopeful that bidders will find ways to expedite construction with the goal of completing the project by Memorial Day.

From the above schedule, Members can also see that the optional prepay window occurs Fall 2012; another year of flat water rates will be necessary, because the system will not be activated before the 2012-2013 budget is approved.

Resident Observer: USDA requires that, during the course of construction, we have Resident Observer(s) on the job site, monitoring the contractor's work to assure that it follows the contract requirements. The Resident Observers will share a four day work week, with NWS providing oversight on the fifth day. We will be advertising the positions in

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the Beachcomber, seeking on-island candidates, if possible. Applications will be open until 5 p.m. Friday, December 2nd. Applicants should be able to commit to be available through the full construction period, attending meetings and training as required until the start of construction, and then a minimum of two days a week throughout the construction period. The Resident Observers will be HMC employees for the duration of the construction period.

Surveys: We now have copies of the survey performed for the water system. Only a portion of HMC roadways were surveyed, principally on the southeast and western sides. North Beach and the well/pump house properties were surveyed as well. Electronic copies are available from the office on request.

Water Utility:

Tax Status: Following the October meeting, HMC submitted Articles of Incorporation and other documents creating the Herron Island Water Utility as a separate entity. We have mailed (twice, but that's another story!) all the documents to the IRS in an effort to gain tax exempt status for the Utility. The Board is continuing to work on the bylaws for the Utility, which will be submitted to a vote of the membership.

Cross Connection Control Program:

HMC adopted, as part of our Water System Plan, a Cross Connection Control Program (CCCP) in compliance with Washington State Administrative Code (WAC) 246 -290-490 to protect our water system from contamination and pollution that can result from existing or future cross-connections. Those Member connections that have a direct water line to a hot tub, closed fire protection system, pool and/or in ground sprinkling system will be required to install a certified backflow prevention device, register it with the Utility, and have it inspected annually. Following the sanitary survey by the Department of Health last September, we were strongly urged to implement this program. The Utility will maintain an inventory of service connections that require CCCP, inspection reports and any backflow incident reports. We will be seeking proposals from water service companies to implement the program in the near future.

Fire Department Liaison: Nothing to report.

Land Use: No Report.

Emergency Preparedness: Board member Pat Zazzo has undertaken the task of getting this committee reconstituted, and we have had one new member volunteer to serve. The emergency siren has arrived and is awaiting development of a protocol for its use.

Legal Liaison: There are currently four delinquencies, three of which are with the island attorneys. The current delinquency rate is 1.0%.

Parks – Committee Report: If you have questions or concerns or input about Parks email the Committee at hmcparcs@herronisland.org .

A portion of North Beach Park is still in use to move construction materials. When work is completed, the park will be restored. New survey stakes mark the southern and western boundaries of the park.

North Beach Marina: The Army Corps of Engineers, the final approver, has granted its permit for the work, so that we can go to the project bid stage. Three floats will need to be reinstalled at the marina for a few days, to allow geotechnical engineers to determine the depth that pilings must be driven. Mike Shettlesworth, Dick Mowry, and others have been very helpful thus far in organizing the effort to put the floats back in the water. We will try to minimize the length of time the floats are back in, however, the measurements are needed in order to complete the bid documents.

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Roads: No report.

Rules: No report.

Transportation:

The Ferry Access Policy has been revised, to reflect the ticket plan change, and with added information about boarding and shuttling. This information will also appear in the brochure for ferry riders. Board action is required to update the policy.

Members purchasing ticket books have in the past been able to pick these up onboard the ferry from the crew. Because of the cash value of these ticket books and the responsibility attached to that, the crew have requested that this practice be curtailed. Members can either pick up their ticket books at the office, or have them mailed (\$1 postage and handling).

Because one of our standby captains has “snowbirded”, and the others have limited availability, we are interviewing for a fourth standby captain next week. We are similarly short of standby deck hands, and our advertisement in craigslist brought dozens of applications to weed through. In the next few weeks we will also conduct interviews for this standby position, for which we received three dozen applications.

The “Charlie Wells” passed its annual Coast Guard inspection with flying colors once again, thanks to the operational skill and maintenance efforts of our crew.

Technology: No report.

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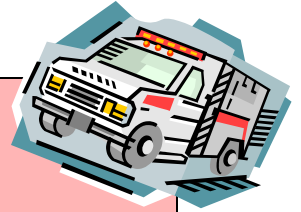
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Please use these email addresses for all future communications to Board Members. They can be accessed on our website (herronisland.org) under the HMC Board tab.



Update on our Emergency Preparedness Committee



Saturday, Nov 12, a small band of Members came together to reestablish our Emergency Preparedness Committee. A representative of the Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Teams, Kristen Tinsley, joined us. Kristen had excellent materials for us to direct our steps as we seek to prepare for disaster individually, as a caring community reaching out to our neighbors, and securing our Island's infrastructure. Kristen will be joining us on a quarterly basis.

Please join us at our next meeting which will be held December 10, in the Community Center at approximately 12:45 pm following the Board Meeting. The more Members who participate, the more Members we can help.

For further information please call Mike Shettlesworth 253-884-6919 or Pat Zazzo 253-884-6719.



Derelict Vehicles or Trash on Neighboring Properties?

Does your neighbor leave trash on their property? Is a collapsing building providing a home for rodents? Is a derelict car, boat trailer or truck rusting away on your neighbor's property? If so, you can file an online complaint with [PCResponds](#) on the Pierce County website, or phone them at 253-798-INFO. They've been helpful with several nuisance problems already and are working on others which are violations of Pierce County Health and Safety Codes. Let's make Herron Island even more beautiful.

THE STORY CONTINUES: “WATER FOR HERRON ISLAND”

“Water” continues to be an important topic for all Herron Islanders. One of the most efficient communication tools for everyone to use is the HMC website at www.herronisland.org. The Water Link will be re-organized to keep members informed of all the latest changes. The ongoing goal is to present clear up-dated information about our water system along with recorded documents that brought us to this time in island history.

Our Water System Project is moving forward. The HMC/Water Utility Board voted to issue the USDA approved Bid documents for our water line replacement and system upgrades. The Bid Proposals will be **advertised locally, a bidder’s conference and tour offered to proposers in early December, and evaluation of bids to be completed in January of 2012.**

The Survey of some Herron Island roadways has been completed as well as the North Beach property and the two Water System lots. These surveys will be posted on the web page when they are recorded and used extensively during the water system construction.

The Capital Cost repayment proposal has been designed to provide a full payment option and a financed payment option to all Members for the costs of the Water System Project. Check the Water Utility Financial Policy on-line for more details. Many Members are planning ahead to take advantage of the one-time full payment option which would totally pay their portion of the water project capital costs assigned to their property. At this time the cost remains an estimated \$6,000. The exact cost of the project will not be known until all water project construction is complete and all bills have been paid. Once this total amount is finalized, the cost per Water Utility Member can be established. **Advanced notice of this total cost amount will be given as early as possible although the estimated “window of opportunity to pay in full” will most likely be about 30 days.**

Our Herron Island Water Utility is officially a Washington State non-profit Corporation. Check the Water link at www.herronisland.org to read the Articles of Incorporation for the Water Utility and the recently approved Financial Policy. The proposed draft of the Herron Island Water Utility Bylaws will be posted **soon for your reading pleasure and comments before this document is sent out for voter’s approval.**

Washington Water Service Co. presently manages the Herron Island Water System which includes liability for water coliform testing, meter reading and maintenance at the pump house and responsibility for **repairs to the Utility’s water lines.** **Washington Water provides a 24 hour on-call standby system at 253-851-4060** for members to report HMC water line breaks, leaks and water related problems that may occur on HMC roads and common areas.

During holidays and after hours, emergency calls will be answered by a person who is assigned to take the initial information and will then page a Certified Washington Water Employee. Callers will be asked their Zip Code, their name, their address, and a phone number so that Washington Water can call back and get all the details about the problem. With this information, they make the decision about the severity of the problem and the time frame to get to the island for repairs. Non-emergency calls during business hours are also at 253-857-4060.

(If members have a broken water line on the member side of the water shut off valve or a water leak involving any of their interior plumbing, they will need to seek help from a professional plumber.)

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The first water bill for Herron Island Water Utility was mailed out in November. Many members have taken advantage and paid either 6 or 12 months because of the flat rate fee that is presently being used. Please note that in the past every Assessable Unit owner has paid for their Herron Island Water Service. The cost for water, reserves, operation and maintenance was included in the annual HMC Assessments. The 2011/2012 HMC assessment was lowered by the amount of the water charges and that fee was then billed separately by the Water Utility. This new billing is a requirement for establishing separate financial accounting for the Water Utility.

Keep checking the website at www.herronisland.org as new information is being posted often.

"Profile of a Herron Island Volunteer Extraordinaire"

Mike Shettlesworth



During this time of the year when we think of all the people we have to thank for giving of their time and talent to help the Island, there are so many who put their heart and soul into making this Island such a wonderful place to live. But one particular individual we would like to profile is Mike Shettlesworth.

Using his own boat, Mike took the KPFF engineers out to check the pilings' condition at the small boat dock; later he volunteered to put the floats back in to help the engineers take geotech readings for piling depth. He made all the preparations in chilly weather and came up with a workable plan. At the last minute, KPFF chose another method, but we are grateful for Mike's cheerful willingness to tackle these and so many other projects.

Some past accomplishments of Mike's are:

- Past Board Member
- Emergency Preparedness Committee
- Parks volunteer
- Takes responsibility for Office Alarm system
- Booster past president and volunteer
- Transportation Committee
- Replaced windows at the mainland waiting shed
- Takes responsibility for putting out the garbage every week at the community center
- Became qualified and drives the fire truck out of Community Center for all meetings and events.

Mike is always ready to help fellow islanders as well as HMC in so many big and small ways and he always goes the extra mile to accomplish his tasks. He has a great heart and provides terrific help. So, when you see him, thank him for everything that he does.

The HMC Board

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BAND OF OBVIOUSLY SUPER TERRIFICALLY ENTHUSIASTIC RECREATION SUPPORTERS
HERRON ISLAND BOOSTERS, A WA STATE NON-PROFIT CORPORATION - INCORPORATED JUNE 12, 2011

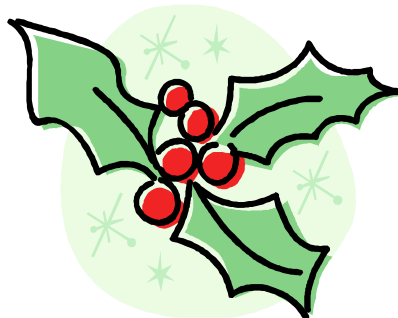
BOOSTERS THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

What a wonderful turnout! Somewhere between 90-100 islanders joined together on a cold, wet, and windy November night for what turned out to be the best Herron Island Thanksgiving event ever! It was a tight fit but everyone had a seat, the food was plentiful, and there was no shortage of community spirit. *Thank you to everyone who joined together for this special event.* Twelve games of Bingo were played with laughter and enthusiasm and the “Herronopoly” grand prize was won by Herron Islander, Sue Drake.

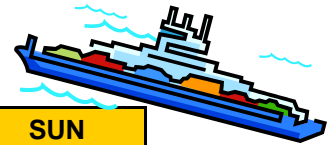
Pictures from the event are posted on the Herron Island website (www.herronisland.org) under the Photos tab.

The 2012 Herron Island Calendars are a beautiful remembrance of island life shown through special photos each month of the year. Many calendars have already been sold but there are a few left. If you would like one (or more) of our calendars (\$15 each) email us at hiboosters@yahoo.com. We will make arrangements to deliver yours to you if you are on the island or if you prefer to have yours mailed we will be glad to do that for an additional \$2.48 each.

The BOOSTERS Officers wish you and yours a safe and happy holiday season!



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



HMC HAS STOPPED MAILING BEACHCOMBERS

In an effort to save the cost of printing and mailing of Beachcomber newsletters, HMC has decided to discontinue the process of mailing Beachcombers to Members. Each edition is published on the HMC website (www.herronisland.org) in a format that can easily be viewed and/or printed. It is anticipated that this will save Members approx. \$4100 per year. Effective with the November 2011 edition of the Beachcomber, the newsletter is only available on line unless a Member specifically requests in writing that they be mailed a copy. A subscription fee of \$2 per copy will be imposed if Members still want their copies mailed. A limited number of printed copies will also be available at the office. HMC has been developing a master email distribution list to inform Members when the Beachcomber has been published on line. The email provides each Member a clickable link to access the newsletter. The distribution list will also be used to notify Members of power outages, ferry service status, disaster alerts, Water System upgrade alerts, and so on. If you wish to be included on this email distribution list please send a message to office@herronisland.org. Please note that your email address will be kept completely confidential and emails sent from the office will not reveal your personal address to other recipients.

**HMC MANAGEMENT
FERRY ACCESS POLICY
Effective November 12, 2011**

Vehicles

Only the following vehicles will be permitted to board the ferry:

1. Vehicles having a valid HMC sticker affixed in the designated area;
2. Vehicles for which the driver of the vehicle can produce a valid Guest Pass;
3. Temporary use vehicles (such as rental cars, etc.) driven by an HMC Member;
4. A contractor's vehicle listed on a valid HMC Form 18;
5. Refuse and/or recycle vehicles; and
6. Any of the following vehicles, which shall be permitted to board the ferry at no charge:
 - a. Fire Department, Emergency Medical Service and Law Enforcement vehicles;
 - b. Public utility vehicles (electric and telephone) providing Island-wide service, HMC Management service, or outage repair; and
 - c. Vehicles driven by the Island Manager or by any non-resident standby ferry crew member when travelling to the island to work or train.

Walk-ons

Walk-ons are permitted to board the ferry if:

1. They are HMC Members or Employees and are so identified by the ferry crew, **OR**
2. They produce a valid Guest Pass, **OR**
3. They are contractors listed on a valid HMC Form 18.

Boarding

The ferry crew may begin boarding vehicles/passengers 10 minutes prior to scheduled departure. Vehicles/passengers should arrive no later than 5 minutes before the scheduled departure time.

The ferry will shuttle between the island and mainland when all vehicles in-line cannot be accommodated on a particular run, and will continue until such backlog has been eliminated. If a backlog remains after the last scheduled run before a break in the schedule or at the end of the day, the ferry shall continue to shuttle to accommodate all vehicles that were in line at the time of the last scheduled run, as determined by the Captain. No shuttles will be made for late arrivals. The Captain's decision is final in this regard.

Arrangements must be made in advance to transport any combination (in-tow) of any length, and/or single vehicles longer than 25 feet.

Valid HMC Vehicle Stickers

1. HMC Vehicle Stickers must be current and affixed to the inside of the windshield, driver's side, lower corner.
2. HMC Vehicle Stickers will be issued only for vehicles registered to Members in good standing (per HMC Bylaws) or to spouses, renters, or co-habitants of Members in good standing (with written documentation filed with HMC).
3. Children of Members in good standing, and who are 21 years of age or older, are not eligible for HMC Vehicle Stickers unless they are listed on the deed as an owner of real property on Herron Island. If not so listed they require a Guest Pass. However, if such an adult child is a renter and is domiciled on Herron Island, he or she may qualify for renter status.
4. If a vehicle is registered to more than one person, all persons on the registration must be in good standing.

Guest Passes

1. Each Guest Pass must be fully completed and signed by a Member, renter, roommate, or cohabitant in good standing, whose name does not appear on the current delinquent list. The applicable Member number must be written on the Guest Pass. Crew members may NOT fill out any portion of Guest Passes on behalf of a Member, with the exception of the license plate number at boarding.
2. Members, renters, roommates or co-habitants who are not in good standing are not permitted to bring guests on the ferry.
3. No person shall issue a Guest Pass for any delinquent Member or any immediate family (spouse, children and parents of either spouse) and such delinquent Member and immediate family Members may not board the ferry as guests of anyone.
4. Guest Passes may be left with the ferry crew. When the Guest Pass is then used, crew members may ask the listed guest for identification.
5. Any person on official HMC business and any process server must have a Guest Pass signed by the Island Manager, the Office Manager, or a Board Member.
6. While on the island, guest vehicles must display half of the Guest Pass on the dashboard. Crew Members will return that half to the guest after collecting the Guest Pass and the ferry fees.
7. Guest vehicles in the mainland parking lot must display half of the Guest Pass on the dashboard to avoid being towed after 72 hours parking.

Recreational Vehicles

All RVs must have a current "Recreational Vehicle Certification" (HMC Form 13) on file prior to being transported to Herron Island. This includes guest's RVs.

Ferry Fees, Fee Collection, and Trip Tickets

1. Ferry fees are adjusted periodically. The listing is available at www.herronisland.org.
2. All ferry fees must be paid in cash, by check or with Trip Tickets.
3. **Exceptions:** Contractors, delivery services and service providers using Guest Passes may charge their passage to the Member, renter, roommate or co-habitant issuing the Guest Pass, provided the issuing person has checked "Charge to Member" on the Guest Pass.
4. Charges to the owner of a property for sale that has had an escrow opened will not be accepted. Cash-only will be accepted from contractors, delivery services and service providers traveling to such properties.
5. No charges from Members, renters, roommates or co-habitants will be accepted except under emergency situations, such as theft or loss of cash and checkbook.
6. The following persons will be accorded Member rates for ferry fees, provided that they have filed the appropriate required documentation with HMC: renters who are domiciled on Herron Island (a written, signed rental agreement between the parties and a signed HMC Form 20), roommates and co-habitants (written registration), hospice workers (letter from hospice), medically-necessary caregivers (letter from physician) and immediate family members of an island resident who is very ill (advance contact with HMC office in order to advise ferry crew).
7. The following persons will not be charged to use the ferry: Island Manager; non-resident standby ferry crew members when traveling to the island to work or train; children returning from school (but not if driving a vehicle); volunteer firefighters who live on the island and are returning from training sessions on the mainland (requires an HMC Form 14, signed by a fire department officer and given to the ferry crew).
8. Realtors traveling to the island on business, with or without clients, will be charged regular ferry fees. Those who are Members will be charged the Member rate.
9. Contractors may not purchase Trip Tickets, but may use Trip Tickets purchased by the Member for whom the contractor is working. The ferry crew will collect the appropriate number of Trip Tickets for transportation of a non-Member.
10. Contractors listed on a HMC Form 18 may charge travel. Members allowing contractors to use Form 18 in lieu of Trip Tickets must have first signed the form, agreeing to pay incurred charges and stating on it the beginning and ending dates for the period that the permission to use it is granted, and must file the form with the HMC Office.

Denial of Ferry Privileges to Delinquent Members

Delinquent Members are denied access to the ferry with the following exceptions:

1. To retrieve personal possessions;
2. To show property to prospective buyers;
3. To protect property from damage; or
4. When the Member makes payment to the ferry crew prior to passage for a delinquent amount not to exceed \$100. *See further below.*

A delinquent Member requesting access under exceptions 1 through 3 shall do so in writing and in advance. The exception must be approved by two Board Members, who will so notify the Island Manager or Office Manager. The Member will be notified of the approval and of the charges that must be paid prior to boarding the ferry. The charges must be paid in cash in the exact amount or by check in the exact amount. The charges will be in the amount of 10% of the delinquent balance to drive on, plus the current charge per passenger in the vehicle, or 1% of the delinquent balance to walk on. These charges will not be deducted from the delinquent balance.

A delinquent Member requesting access under exception 4 (where the delinquent amount does not exceed \$100) shall pay the exact amount due in cash or by check. No change will be made by the ferry crew. The amount to be paid shall be the amount currently listed in the Delinquent List provided to the crew. If any Member has a delinquent amount greater than \$100, he/she shall make arrangements for payment in full with the HMC office or with the office of the attorney for HMC, as may be applicable, and may not make such arrangements with the ferry crew. Ferry access shall be denied until such Member's account is fully cleared with the HMC office. Delinquent Members will not be allowed access to the ferry in any manner, whether as driver, vehicle passenger, walk-on, or guest in another Member's vehicle. Delinquent Members may not use Guest Passes issued by another Member nor may they issue Guest Passes. This applies to passage both to and from the island, except that access will be granted to a delinquent Member leaving the island for emergency medical reasons. All the provisions of this policy cover renters, roommates, and co-habitants if the owner/landlord becomes delinquent.

If a person attempts to board the ferry after being denied access, the ferry shall not depart the terminal. The Pierce County Sheriff will be called and the person ejected.

General Provisions

This policy will be enforced uniformly and fairly in its entirety. Spot checks will be conducted to ensure compliance. A log is kept of all events pertaining to ferry access.

The ferry crew shall not discuss this policy with any person. Persons wishing to discuss this policy will be referred to the Island Manager.

This policy is effective November 12, 2011 and it supersedes all previous versions.

Mark B. Anderson
President, HMC Management Board of Directors



HMC Seeking Applicants “Resident Inspector”

HMC is required by USDA Rural Development to have on site each day of water system construction a “resident inspector”. The inspector’s task will be to monitor contractor performance and adherence to plans and specifications. The resident inspector will keep a daily record of construction progress and make regular inspection reports. Some basic training will be provided by Northwest Water Systems, the project engineers. Each resident inspector (two and possibly three) will be required to work two-three days a week (16-24 hours) for the project duration, possibly through summer 2012. Rate of pay \$20 per hour without benefits; candidates must be able to pass drug test and criminal background screen and must be available for the duration of the project.

- Physical Requirements
 - ◇ Ability to readily enter and exit trenches up to 5’ in depth without assistance, other than use of ladder.
 - ◇ Ability to carry recording gear (tape measure, camera, clipboard, etc.) for long periods
 - ◇ Ability to stand for long periods of time
- Desirable Technical Requirements
 - ◇ Knowledge of pipe, potable water equipment and appurtenances.
 - ◇ Knowledge of basic measurement techniques.
 - ◇ Basic math (ability to calculate line lengths and plug numbers into, and calculate simple formulas)
 - ◇ Ability to use Word, and email
- Personal Requirements
 - ◇ Ability to tell a contractor to stop work if they feel they need to halt construction while waiting for further information from the engineer.
 - ◇ Be friendly and cordial to all, while keeping onlookers at least 50 feet from work site.
 - ◇ Be capable of adhering to rules of conduct; e.g. Resident Inspector does no direct construction, only monitors and calls emergency stop when necessary.
 - ◇ Should live on the island, or at a minimum intend to stay on the island during assigned work periods.
 - ◇ Must be 18 or older
 - ◇ **Valid driver’s license, and able to provide personal transportation.**
 - ◇ HMC is not responsible for lodging, meals, transport etc.

Applications will be reviewed by HMC and Northwest Water Systems and the recommended candidates must be approved by USDA Rural Development. Applications due no later than 4:30 p.m. Friday, December 2nd at the HMC Office or by email at humanresources@herronisland.org

Please provide a cover letter and resume, along with a statement of your qualifications and ability to perform the tasks above – physical, technical and personal.

Herron Island Properties

2011 has been a slow market for sales on our island. Excellent prices and owner financing are still available and interest rates are at an all time low. Now is the best time to have a get-a-way or a full time residence on our special island.

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The Herron Team wishes each of you a very Happy Thanksgiving—Be thankful for what we have—and a Very Merry Christmas. May you and yours enjoy this time together.

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Pastor John Day

Longbranch Community Church Invites Herron Island Residents to attend the Blue Grass Gathering every 3rd Sunday at 6:00, bring your voices and instruments and play along. We play until 8:30 but Herron Island residents usually leave early to catch the 8 PM ferry. On December 18th we will have all Christmas Music Blue Grass, songs you will remember from your youth.

Sunday Services
November & December 2011
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Church Services 11:00

Effective January 1, 2012
Sunday School 9 AM
Church Services 10:30

New hours in January will allow for a 12:00 ferry trip back to Herron Island.

Gods Blessings to you,
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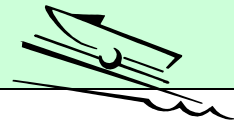
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Tide Tables

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.



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