



The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

August 2009



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President's Message

At the August HMC Board Meeting we introduced our new Island Manager Claudia Ellsworth. She had been working only three days before the meeting but is starting strong and taking interest in all aspects of island operations. I am including her job description so all will know her responsibilities:

- 1) Manage all HMC employees including scheduling, evaluation, and hiring when necessary. Firing of an employee requires Board approval. Keep employee records up to date.
- 2) Respond to all Federal, State, and County regulatory agencies for operating requirements, inspections, and reporting. Since we operate a private ferry system, docks, and water system, this coordination is extensive.
- 3) Perform administrative tasks for insurance, legal, accounting, and budget planning.
- 4) Determine and schedule maintenance services for all Island assets. Perform analysis and recommend spare parts needed for Island assets.
- 5) Supervise implementation of Board directives.
- 6) Attend and report at monthly board meetings on 2nd Saturday of each month.
- 7) Keep all corporations records and maintain corporate policies.
- 8) Be the focal point for all corporation correspondence.
- 9) Negotiate and authorize the purchase of Board approved contract services and materials.
- 10) Provide project management for special projects needed to maintain Island assets.
- 11) Provide advice and recommendations to the Board on any matters of importance to HMC. Understand and interpret HMC By-laws for any matters brought to the Board.
- 12) Communicate and work with volunteer committees supporting Island functions.

- 13) Respond to HMC member requests or suggestions on all aspects of Island operations.
- 14) Reports directly to and receives direction from the Board President.

The island manager is only responsible for those issues affecting HMC assets and not for issues where Pierce County has jurisdiction. These include all civil, police, medical, fire, zoning, health, and even Island rules violations. The job is only part time so be patient as the Island Manager cannot respond to all member requests. Her primary responsibility is to the Board of Directors and she reports to the President of the Board.

There was a community water meeting on July 25th. The water system plan is being updated and receiving favorable response from the state. Cost distribution methodologies were discussed and there are issues to be resolved. Newly elected Board Member Pat Pitt made a presentation proposing a new Water Project Board supported by a task force of Island members. At the August Board meeting, the name was changed to Water Project Committee (as the members are not elected) and the Committee was approved in concept as the members have not yet been selected. The objective of the new committee is to put more detail on the various options including legal, financial, risk, pros and cons. They will investigate some variations on the options as they respond to member raised issues. The task force will support this committee with business, financial, and project management experience. As this committee progresses, they will post information on the HMC website. There is a current website being operated by some task force members that has posted information and opinions of members of the task force. Some members have responded very negatively to this site as it does not treat all options equally. Remember that anybody has the right to create websites and post information so one must judge the accuracy and source of what is posted. Also consider that all this water activity is being done by volunteers who are trying to do

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Important Phone Numbers**Island Manager**

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**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

Manager email: Vacant

Beachcomber: 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 August 11, 2009

BALDWIN - KENNISON - LAWRENCE - LITTLE -
MARCINKO - MORRIS, B. - PARKER - TCHOCHIEV
- VOGEL, T.

Ferry Business

- **Call ahead if you are planning to use the ferry for a trailer, boat, or large vehicle!**
- **Only those guests with valid passes will be allowed on the ferry.**
- **Plan your arrival at the dock at least 5 minutes before the scheduled time of departure.**
- **Walks-ons are not to be on the dock or ramp when cars are being loaded. Watch crew for permission to board.**
- **Only service and delivery people may charge fares.**

WE HAVE EXPERIENCED GUESTS AND SERVICE PEOPLE EXPECTING TO COME OVER TO THE ISLAND WITHOUT GUEST PASSES. THIS VIOLATES THE ACCESS POLICY THAT WAS PUT IN PLACE FOR ALL OF OUR SECURITY. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR GUEST HAS A VALID GUEST PASS SIGNED BY YOU TO ENSURE THEY ARE ABLE TO RIDE THE FERRY. BLANK GUEST PASSES ARE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS AT THE OFFICE, BY MAIL, AND ON THE FERRY.

Beachcomber news items must be submitted by 5:00 PM on the Wednesday after the monthly Board meeting on the second Saturday of the month. Items **MUST** be emailed in electronic format to beachcomber@herronisland.org. Include your name and phone number in case any questions arise. Paid advertisements are to be arranged with the HMC office **PRIOR TO PUBLICATION.**

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the best for the Island as a whole. There are strong opinions on what options are best but the individuals holding those opinions are still working for the betterment of our water system. We should thank and respect all who are working on these options even though their views are different than ours. As the Water Project Committee gets going and reports to the HMC Board, all the options and details being developed will be posted on the HMC website.

All members should be aware that many tasks on the island are accomplished by volunteers. I would like to recognize Mike Shettlesworth for all he does for the Island. He volunteers to move the fire vehicles for most uses of the community building. He works with the parks and emergency committees. It seems that he responds to a lot of tasks that need to be done on the Island. Mike Davis has been working the water system for several years now and maintains his certification. He has spent countless hours keeping our water system operating and also chairs the emergency committee. Eric Bergson has upgraded both the office computers so they operate much faster than before. Office productivity was severely hampered by how slow applications were loading and running. Another volunteer never recognized is Wally Semon who takes all the used oil from the ferry after each oil change. I would like to recognize Board members Kathy Deuster and Judy Greinke for all the extra time they spent helping keep the island running during the transition to a new Island Manager. Our office manager Carolyn Snyder also had to spend many extra hours during this transition. It is a lot of work that benefits all Island members.

Fred Fath, President
HMC Board of Directors

Rules Committee Notice

The following are the Herron Island Rules pertaining to noise violations. Please be considerate of your neighbors on the island. Noise pollution destroys the peace and serenity of our surroundings, depresses our quality of life and the value of our properties, and disrupts the fabric of our community.

H-1. Noise of any nature that can be heard beyond a member's lot will not be permitted between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Examples include: loud voices, loud music, barking dogs, noise from construction equipment and construction activity, and noise from vehicles, chain saws, lawn mowers, and other yard and garden equipment. Board sanctioned activities are exempt. (Class B)

H-2. Public disturbance noise and public nuisance noise as defined by Pierce County will not be allowed between the hours of 8:00 am and 10:00 pm. Exceptions: noise from construction equipment in connection with construction activity, chain saws, lawn mowers, and other yard and garden equipment. (Class B)

An additional issue has arisen. Trespassers continue riding ATVs and driving vehicles on a member's property. The property, Gerry Smith's lot at the corner of East Madrona and West Madrona, has been a constant source of unauthorized use and we need your help. If you see vehicles of any sort driving on this property, please report it to the office or fill out the rules violation form available on the website. Thank you for your help trying to resolve this issue.

Eric Bergson
Rules Committee Chair

Fire Safety Burn Ban Declared

Pierce County has imposed a burn ban on all outdoor burning. HMC is following that ban and is restricting all outdoor burning on the island except for the fire pit at North Beach (only small fires and no driftwood), and for recreational fires that are either enclosed or contained within a fire screen whether above or below ground. Barbeques are not restricted.

Herron Island Sailboat Race

- **Starts Sunday, September 6th, at 2:00 PM**
- **Multihull and Monohull**
- **Start and finish lines are line-of-sight from North Beach flagpole to mainland ferry ramp.**
- **Winners of both classes will receive trophies.**

Welcome, New Islanders!

HMC welcomes the following new members to Herron Island:

- Pamela Garrison and Terrence Fletcher

Jerry Hansen ~ 1931 - 2009 ~

Former island resident Jerry Hansen passed away recently. HMC extends deepest sympathy to Jerry's family.

Annual Golf Cart Clinic

- Wednesday, September 9th
- For information, call Kathy at 253-884-6898

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

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

2009 Low Tide Cancellations/Delays/Additions	
August	
Mon, 8/17	8:30 am - 9:00 am leaves early, no shuttles, 9:30 am - 10:00 am cancelled
Wed, 8/19	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm cancelled
Thu, 8/20	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm cancelled, Final low tide adjustment this year

Tides:McMicken Island, Case Inlet

based on Seattle (Madison St), Elliott Bay Washington (NOAA)
47° 14 48 N 122° 51 42 W

Average Tides	
Mean Range:	10.0 ft
MHHW:	14.0 ft
Mean Tide:	8.0 ft

August, 2009

September, 2009

October, 2009

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