



The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

July 2008



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President's Message

At the regular board meeting in July, John Dolan submitted his resignation from the Board as he is selling his Island home and moving off the Island. The board selected a new member Eric Bergson to fill out the remainder of John's term which ends in June of 2009. Eric ran for a position on the board this June and had the next highest vote count after Judy Greinke and Kathy Deuster who were elected. The board followed a tradition of choosing the member from those who ran in the last election even though it is not required. I would like to thank John for all his contributions over this last year and welcome Eric to the Board.

At the meeting several issues arose that impact all members. The Board decided to continue the burn ban that we instituted on July 3rd even though the county had not yet instituted their burn ban. While we did have rain after we decided to put the burn ban in effect, it was felt that the Island was quite dry and with the natural delay in getting a fire response, it was prudent to keep the ban. Most counties in Western Washington including Pierce did institute their burn bans within 5 days after our meeting. The Board generally follows the county on this issue but can and did start sooner for the general safety of the Island.

While HMC Management as a corporation does not have the resources to enforce state and county laws (that responsibility is the county's) nor are we in a position to deal with issues between members, we do have the requirement to institute rules that govern the use of the Island's shared infrastructure. That is why we have rules regarding ferry access, speed limits on our roads, acceptable use of the parks, and prevention of destruction of Island property. With no enforcement resources, the Island relies on a volunteer rules committee appointed by the Board and on members filing complaints of rule violations. Once a complaint is filed, the rules committee can hold hearings to gather evidence of rule violations and make a determination to assess the stated fine. Since this committee is not a court of law, any decision they

make can be appealed to the Board of Directors, which does have the authority to make a judgment. As mentioned, this process is not meant to mediate issues between members but to make sure all the common resources shared among all members are protected and available to all the members. That is why, for example, there are rules for use of the boat docks, trailers at North Beach, and against destruction of Island property. Since the enforcement of these rules depends on members reporting violations, it is a difficult situation as it positions one member against another. We did hire a security company over the 4th of July holiday to "report" such rule violations to relieve the burden on members but that is too expensive to be the mechanism all the time. So it is important that we all respect the rights of others to use our Island resources and follow the rules. It is also important that we respect the volunteers that serve on the committees (and the Board) as they are trying to do the best job they can to keep the Island the desirable place it is for all of us.

Finally, the votes for the annual budget were counted at the extension of the annual meeting held after the regular Board meeting. Over two thirds of the votes cast supported the budget proposed even though it represented a necessary increase over this year. The increase was due to both increased costs (wages, fuel, maintenance, etc.) and contributions to reserves for future expenditures like dolphin replacement, engine overhaul, equipment replacement, and park repair. I thank all the members who voted and supported this fiscal necessity of proactively addressing future needs.

Fred Fath
President

Wilson Gay ~ 1920 - 2008 ~

Wilson Gay, an island resident for over 30 years, passed away on July 11, 2008. A familiar figure on the roads walking his little dog Chico, Wilson was a former Water Chairman and also served on the Board, where he was known for writing the meeting minutes in Latin during his term as Secretary. The family is planning a remembrance gathering on Herron Island in the near future.

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Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday.**

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(Cell phone to be used for scheduling heavy loads, big vehicles or having something in tow, and for information regarding ferry services.)

Delinquency List as of July 12, 2008

BALDWIN - COPELAND - DENNIS - EWERS - GIBSON - MORRIS - O'NEILL - OVERLAND (Estate of) - RUCKS - SANDERS - 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. Include your name and phone number in case any questions arise. Paid advertisements are to be arranged with the HMC office **PRIOR TO PUBLICATION.**

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**HMC Management
Board Meeting Summary
July 12, 2008**

Administration

- HMC will appeal the new, much higher assessments on several lots owned by HMC.
- The Board discussed July 4th weekend: effectiveness of utilizing a security officer; fireworks issues; noise and disturbance problems; island radios. They also decided to continue the island burn ban.
- The Board decided to mow additional area at the mainland parking lot to make space for more parking.
- The “yellow pages” advertising will be discontinued.
- The Board agreed to allow access to the island for mobile marine technicians who will do work for several island owners at the North Beach.

Information Items

- HMC is starting to look for a used, medium-duty flatbed diesel truck to replace the current road watering truck
- There will be a golf cart clinic on the island in late August or early September.

Parks

- PenLight will be asked if HMC can reimburse them for placing the North Beach streetlamp wiring underground, while PenLight retains ownership of the lamp.

Legal

- Information: the new pollution coverage for the ferry does not duplicate coverage contained in the P & I policy.

Roads

- Road signs: replacement planning is underway.
- The south portion of Fir Lane has been repaired and is drivable.

Transportation

- The ferry will leave the island Sunday, September 14, for approximately two weeks in dry dock.

Water

- Water Committee members and the Island Manager are completing a draft Water System Plan that will be sent to the engineer soon.

Water Committee Report

The Water Committee is actively working on our Herron Island Water System. We are making progress and the best news is that we continue to have excellent water quality for all to enjoy.

After completing the engineered analysis of our system, we are now assisting with the completion of the required Water System Plan. This is a working document that has been in process for many years. It shows our new reservoir installation and is now including a new distribution system and asking for additional approved water connections for our future. Once this document is updated and complete, it goes to the Washington State Department of Health for final approval.

A new source meter is being installed at the pump house for more accurate output readings, road survey and valve shut-offs are being marked. It will be the responsibility of each homeowner to locate their water shut off and clearly mark with white paint. This is necessary in case of water emergencies when homeowners are not on the island.

Conservation Helps! Conserve today for tomorrow!

Water before sun is up in AM or after it leaves your spot later in the day. "Brown is beautiful when it comes to Herron Island lawn." They will green up in the fall when the rains come!

HMC Water Committee
Water Committee Chairman
Mike Davis

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.

Burn Ban

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

BALLOT RESULTS**July 12, 2008**

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

YES: 86

NO: 32

RACCOON ALERT

These are wild animals!! Not friendly and with the potential to cause serious harm to people and pets. They are all around in the daytime now and recently confronted an islander in the garage. The raccoon was outside, standing on its back legs hissing; the islander chased it off. Children and pets should be watched for their safety. **DO NOT** feed or encourage them by leaving garbage outside. If they don't find food here they are great swimmers and will swim to the mainland.

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.

Island Parking

A reminder that parking on the island roads is prohibited, day and night. This is due to the narrow width of most of the roadways. Parking and leaving a vehicle on Ferry Street to get in line early for the ferry is also not allowed.

FREE CLASSIFIED ADS

Maytag dishwasher. Portable type on rollers that hooks up to faucet with a butcher block, cutting board type top. Unsure of year; but, good condition and well built. Only used once in past three years...so, not a necessity for us. \$40 obo or trade of some type (mooring buoy, small fire wood for wood stove, manual downrigger, etc?). Please contact Robert at 206-669-9822 (cell) phone if interested.

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.

July 4, 1962 “Wildcat Strike” on the Annabelle S.

A 50th anniversary story by George Newcomb

One summer the Inland Boatman’s Union tried to organize the ferry crew, to get higher pay, regular hours and more crew. Of course, we could not afford this on the annual dues of \$40.00 per year, which we eventually got up to \$60.00.

On the Fourth of July weekend on Saturday morning, the ferry crew docked the ferry on the Island, locked up the Annabelle S and walked off the job. That left a long line of cars on the mainland waiting and wondering. Since there were no phones on the Island, Paul Bray, Board President, and I went by small boat to the mainland, got a ride to the store at “Home” and called the Coast Guard to find out what to do, and if he & I could operate the ferry. We explained the situation to the man in charge. He said that as long as we both had experience in boat operations, it was a private ferry, not for paying passengers, so using discretion we could operate it.

So we went back to the Island, demanded the keys, gave the ferry a complete check, cranked it up and started operations. By this time, almost the whole “Board” was involved, and some served as deck hands. Ladies of the Island made cookies and brought meals to us. Paul and I skippered the ferry up and down the Channel and docked several times to get the feel of the ferry. We were now ready to transport cars and passengers. Board members were at both ferry docks advising riders of the situation. Oh, how happy they were. Finally there was transportation to the Island. Sunday morning I took over, with deck hands, and started the day’s operations.

In the meantime, the ferry crew was sitting on the deck of the skipper’s house, (the one right south of the ferry dock) watching us. They had gone to the mainland and called the Union boss to report that we were illegally operating the ferry. He apparently had called the Coast Guard, so they came by small boat to check us out.

When I docked at the Island about the end of my second run, a Coast Guard commander came aboard and asked me for my license. It took quite a bit of explaining to convince him that we had verbal authorization from one of his subordinates, to do what we were doing. So he said, let’s go settle this. Then he, the Board members and the ferry crew got together and in a few minutes, the “Wildcat Strike” was over, and the ferry crew went back to work.

Both Paul and I have documents from the Coast Guard in our files that remind us of our days as skippers of the “Annabelle S”.

Booster News

It was a great 4th of July with excellent weather for all activities. Special thanks to the following who got involved in the beach clean-up following the fireworks: Doug Evenson, Robbie Day, Jack and Nancy Wells, Dana Gruber, Jesse Pesek, Alice Nelson, Gary and Beth Wanzong, Shane and Shannon Sears (guests of Matt Hansen), Dale and Cody Bayne (guests of Dave La Londe), Diane Rohrbach, Leslie Sanderson, Dan and Sean Heiss (guests of Tai and Lori Larson), Paul Bray, Brian Wilson, Carole Crowley, and the Donnie Surratt family. Apologies if your name was omitted.

There will be a potluck on Saturday August 9th at 6pm in the Community Center.

The Labor Day schedule will be posted on the website soon. It will also be included in the August Beachcomber

Dana Gruber
Booster President

Annual Fun Run/ Walk 1.4 miles

This year 31 participants entered the Annual Herron Island Fun Run/Walk
The two fastest runners received Herron Island 2008 trophies

Top male winner -- Shelby Schenck ----- 9 minutes 24 seconds

Top female winner -- Junko Kondo ---- 9 minutes 31 seconds

Thanks to Neil and Paula Richardson,
residents of the Island, for the 3 cases of *Mountain Mist* bottled water
donated from their Mountain Mist Company.

Also, to Ted Jensen for organizing the event.

July Boat Race Results

Sailboats

Monohull

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| 1. Paul and Curt Bray | 51 min * <i>a new record</i> |
| 2. Greg and Helen Hackworth | 2 hr 31 min |

Multihull

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| 1. Mark and Brandon McNerney | 53 min |
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Kayaks

12' 7" and over

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| 1. Mike Clingman | 35 min * <i>new record</i> |
| 2. Bettilyn Clingman | 61 min |

12' 6" and under

No participants

Editor's Note: The following article by veterinarian Dr. Karen Halligan was published in Parade Magazine and was submitted by Emergency Preparedness Chair Carole Crowley. The article and links can be found online at www.parade.com/articles/editions/2008/edition_06-22-2008/3Save_Pet_Life

How To Save Your Pet's Life

By Dr. Karen Halligan
Published: June 22, 2008

It can happen in a second. A bone lodges in your dog's throat or your cat darts into traffic. What should you do? In any emergency, the best thing is to be prepared, stay calm, and make quick decisions. But act cautiously—animals in severe pain or fear may bite. Be sure that you have a fully stocked pet first-aid kit (see box) and that you know where the nearest 24-hour clinic is. Knowledge is power, so take the steps right now to learn how to handle an emergency. It could mean the difference between life and death.

CAR ACCIDENTS

A pet that has been hit by a car needs to see a vet immediately. Internal bleeding is common, and outward signs of distress may not show for several hours. Also, puncture wounds that close rapidly can cause life-threatening infections later on. Enlist someone's help in moving the animal by sliding a heavy towel beneath it. To avoid being bitten, tie a strip of cloth over your dog's nose, or cover your cat's face with a coat.

BLEEDING

Using direct pressure, apply a clean, dry cloth to the wound. If blood soaks through the first layer of fabric, add more so you don't disrupt any clots that may be forming. Use a tourniquet only as a last resort, and make it just tight enough to significantly reduce the flow of blood. Loosen it every five minutes, and don't keep it on for longer than 20 minutes. Transport your pet to the vet as soon as possible.

CHOKING

Dogs or cats that are choking may breathe loudly, drool, paw at their mouth, cough, gag, become anxious, or faint. If this happens, gently open your pet's mouth to locate and manually remove the object. If your pet isn't breathing and you can't find what is obstructing its windpipe, perform a modified Heimlich maneuver. With your pet facing away from you, clasp your hands around its waist,

just beneath the rib cage. Compress the abdomen three to five times with quick upward thrusts. Repeat as necessary. If that doesn't work, take your pet to the vet.

LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS

If your pet exhibits signs of cardiopulmonary arrest—unconsciousness, a weak or irregular pulse, no heartbeat, and no obvious signs of breathing—begin CPR. The techniques used on humans can be modified easily to work on animals. If possible, enlist someone else's help—it's best to perform CPR on your way to the hospital, so that resuscitation can be continued there. Do not attempt it on a conscious animal.

POISONING

Symptoms of poisoning include vomiting, diarrhea, salivation, excitability, difficulty breathing, disorientation, poor coordination, twitching, convulsions, and collapse. Common sources are medications, household cleaning products, rat poison, antifreeze, insecticides, and plants. Not all poisons are treated alike, so if you think your pet may have ingested something dangerous, head to the vet immediately. Try to bring any plant material, vomit, or toxic substances with you.

As you transport your pet to the hospital, provide a cover for warmth and talk in a soothing voice. That way, it'll know it's in good hands.

First-Aid Kit

Here are just a few of the items you should have on hand for your pet:

Phone number and directions for the closest 24-hour clinic

Tweezers, to remove ticks, burrs, and splinters

Antibiotic ointment, for wounds

Gauze bandage and bandage tape

Wound disinfectant

Heavy towel or blanket to use as a stretcher

Diphenhydramine (Benadryl), for allergic reactions

Sterile saline, for flushing eyes

Disposable latex gloves

Muzzle

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

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

PARKS DEPARTMENT NEWS!

A BIG THANKS.... To Dick Kusander and Rick Gonzales. Both helped out on a moment's notice and volunteered to clean out and dispose of the ashes from the N. Beach fire pit. It is cleaned out and ready for another year's use. With the Herron Island Burn Ban it's our only authorized fire pit! Thanks Dick and Rick!

WE NEED YOU! FOR A PARKS WORK PARTY!
Saturday, August 23, 2008
9:00 am

Meet at North Beach near the Rose Pavilion to:

1. Paint the new addition to the Pavilion; and
2. Complete the South Beach trail project.

Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided.
As always your volunteer efforts are appreciated
and save us assessment dollars.

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

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