

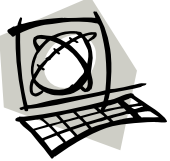


The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

July 2009



<http://www.herronisland.org>

President's Message

At the extension of the Annual Meeting held in July, members voted for the new budget that holds the assessment at \$1500 for the next fiscal year. Once again it shows that the majority of members have a real interest in maintaining our Island assets for the benefit of us all. In the very near future we will have to decide on the basis for funding our next big project of our water distribution system. More information on this subject will be discussed at a water meeting on July 25th at 10:00AM at the community building.

With the retirement of Doug Allen in June, a selection committee was formed to find a new Island manager. We advertised on Craig's List because of the cost and the wide coverage for those seeking jobs. We had over 50 applicants and several that were very well qualified. The selection committee screened all the resumes and selected five for interviews. After the interview process, we had two very well qualified candidates with experience in managing in a municipal environment. We selected Claudia Ellsworth who has worked in management in the City of Seattle, was the executive director of the Shoreline Fire Department, was assistant city manager of University Place in Pierce County, and has been a management consultant for cities, counties, and nonprofit corporations like ours. Claudia brings a wealth of experience and wanted to keep working at a part time level. The HMC Island Manager job was a good fit for her and she is an excellent choice for us. Claudia will start working the last week in July. We welcome her and promise to give her all our support as she takes over the many duties of keeping our Island working for the benefit of us all.

Pierce County has instituted a burn ban for the summer.

Herron Island being part of Pierce County is required to follow this burn ban. Due to the time required for the Pierce County Fire Department to respond to fires on Herron Island, we need to be a little more restrictive for the safety of the Island. While the Pierce County ban permits recreational fires in pits 30 feet away from combustible materials, HMC is banning all open fires except at the fire pit at North Beach and except for those recreational fires in closed or screened fire enclosures (either above ground or in pits). Like Pierce County, barbecues are permitted. HMC has elected to follow the county ban timelines as they are more qualified to assess the fire danger than us. Finally, the fire pit at North Beach is meant for small recreational fires and is not to be used for burning any waste materials or driftwood. The last person leaving the area after using the fire pit should make sure the fire is out.

With the new Island Manager coming on board, I would like to reiterate the function of HMC. HMC is set up to maintain our common assets on the Island and while we perform many functions of other municipalities, we are not structured to address issues needing police, courts, zoning, building, and health. We rely (and pay for through our property taxes) on Pierce County for security, medical and fire response, building code enforcement, public health issues, and all civil matters. HMC does not have the resources or jurisdictions to address all these matters. We try through volunteers to help on emergency matters but rely on Pierce County. We try through our rules process to supplement state and county law as it impacts our common assets but cannot arbitrate individual member conflicts. Much of the Island Manager's time can be wasted trying to address matters that are beyond our authority. So, please understand when some matters are not addressed by HMC.

Fred Fath, President
HMC Board of Directors

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Delinquency List as of July 14, 2009

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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.**

Online Beachcomber

If you wish to read your Beachcomber online at www.herronisland.org and save HMC the price of printing and postage, please notify the office.

Technology Committee Report

Members Len Hill and Mark Anderson have expressed interest in joining the recently formed Technology Committee. Karl Schafer will also participate in this group's work. Now that the working members are established we will create a mission statement for our work and look to start prioritizing the tasks that lay in front of us. The first two will be writing an island wireless internet access policy and making recommendations for methods to "automate" ferry check-in.

Other willing participants are welcome to contact me or if you have an idea for our committee, please do the same.

Eric S. Bergson
Technology Committee Chair

The History of Kevin's Burgers & Brats by Anita Bray

About 17 years ago at the age of 11, Kevin Tighe decided he wanted to open a burger stand on Herron Island. He saved his money up, bought supplies, made signs and people started showing up at his parent's cabin to enjoy a delicious burger for a reasonable price. That eventually evolved into delivering burgers to various places on the island.

The Boosters on Herron Island at that time was non-functional for a few years. He saw an opportunity to revive the Boosters again and enlisted help from Anita Bray. He decided to have a burger cook out at the North Beach, made \$60 and saved it to give to the boosters when and if they started up. His actions inspired the members to help get the Boosters started again.

Kevin had his own sign made "Kevin's Place Bar and Grill", along with t-shirts with the same logo which were hand made by him. He also went to the state to take the test for a food handling health certificate. Proceeds from the sales of his burger and brats have been donated to the Booster Club throughout the years. The board awarded Kevin a plaque at around age 13 for extraordinary achievement for all his voluntary help.

You'll find Kevin's Burgers & Brats at the island events on holidays.

2009 - 2010 Budget Vote Results

Yes:	106
No:	30

Booster Final Clothing Sale

Please view the Herron Island web site for the remaining Booster clothing items. Only the sizes stated are available and special requests for other sizes can not be taken at this time. The web site provides additional information. Unanswered questions should be directed to Dana at 253-884-6898.

Rules Committee Report

The summer season is upon us and the committee is busy. Three complaints were received in June and one so far in July (with 2-3 more supposedly on their way to the committee.) One of the complaints was dismissed due to the lack of standing (not an island member or authorized guest), one is against an unknown individual whom we are trying to identify, and one is active and in process. One case will have a hearing prior to the next board meeting.

Per section III.G.1 of the rules Merry Kogut will take over on one case in which I am materially involved.

Recently, I have been asked about the amount of the fines and whether they are appropriate. The best deterrent we have, aside from members' willingness to abide by the rules, is the imposition of stiff penalties. I want to make the clarification that the fines are **UP TO** \$100, \$500 and \$1000 for first offenses and the Committee has yet to see fit to impose anywhere near the maximum fine for either of the three categories of violations. Quite simply knowing (and following) the rules and curbing the behavior of invited guests is a surefire way to avoid the assessment of a fine.

A last call for suggested changes to the rules is going out here before the rules committee meets in late July/ early August. Feel free to e-mail or call me with your suggested changes.

As a whole, the committee is functioning in an organized and orderly manner comparable to many other HOAs-- we are not a court of law and do not intend to operate as one. Just like other HOAs we are a body empowered with the Rules and governed by the Rules created by the members themselves to keep this a peaceful, livable and beautiful island.

Anyone who has a question about the processes of the Rules Committee is welcome to contact me or review the process under which we operate in the HMC Rules posted on-line or in the office.

Eric S. Bergson
Rules Committee Chair

Saturday Night Baseball Game

Let's get together for a Saturday evening baseball game on August 8, 2009, 6 PM for sign-up with game starting at 6:30 and going for 7 innings or 2 hours. Remember games are co-ed so ladies, come on over to the ole ball field, it will be lots of fun! So players and spectators, bring your own food and beverages and enjoy the game. This game is for those 16 years and older.

Dallas Amidon
Baseball Chairperson

History of the Herron Island Boosters by Anita Bray

The Herron Island Boosters have planned holiday events for the past 18 years. Starting in 1992, the Boosters have raised money by volunteers and events have enhanced the island in so many ways.

Children of the Bray and Tighe families were instrumental in starting the Boosters. They collected aluminum cans and island friends saved bags and bags of cans. Anita Bray took them to recycling and the money was used to provide a great lunch at the North Beach. Thirty-four islanders attended and offered support to start the boosters.

The next month a potluck dinner was scheduled. This was the official start of the Herron Island Boosters. Elections were held and Anita Bray became the president, Linda Moren the vice president, Curt Bray the Treasurer and Chris Hansen the Secretary.

Two years later over 50 people attended the monthly potluck dinners from early spring until the onset of fall. The Boosters began hosting summer holiday events on the three major holidays each year. These events began to symbolize the beginning of summer and end of summer here on our little island. The Spring events started on Memorial Day Weekend with Cinnamon Rolls & Coffee, a flag raising ceremony, a Booster flea market, Kevin's Burgers and Brats, the around the island sailboat race, Kayak races, a blind man dingy race, crab races, and the East vs. West baseball game. On the fourth of July we add our island parade. On Labor Day, Tom Tighe, the Herron Island Music Man, DJayed dances at the North Beach Pavilion and concerts were held in Goodpastor Park. It was a great time for ALL.

Over the last two decades the Boosters have improved our quality of life on Herron Island. The Boosters purchased picnic tables & benches, the aggregate tables and flags at the North Beach fire pit, supplies for the community center, complete remodel of the kitchen at the community center, covered patio attached to the community center, donated many items to our island emergency preparedness group, donations to the island parks, purchased the island BBQs, bulletin boards all over the island, various minor additions to the ferry, and many more positive improvements to our island community. The best thing about the Boosters: FUN!

The Boosters are such an important part of the Island. All of us who dedicated our time over the years are hoping a new group will soon step forward and show the same dedication to the boosters again. New ideas and faces are welcome!

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.

4th of July Activities by Anita Bray

Members of the disbanded Boosters Clubs did not let the lack of organized leadership stop them from organizing the 4th of July activities this year. The Board said 'yes' to a group of caring individuals who carried out our planned events. (A big thank you to Kevin Tighe for approaching the HMC Board regarding holiday events.)

Parade (Organizer: Judy Grieinke)

The parade was GREAT. Herron Islanders did a wonderful and creative job with this years' parade. Our parade was enjoyed by everyone all along the entire route. Check out the Herron Island website for photos that may be posted soon. www.herronisland.org

East vs. West Baseball Game (Organizer: Dallas Amidon)

Kevin's Burgers & Brats (Organizers: Kevin & Crew)

Kevin's Burgers & Brats raised \$320 towards the islands' children's float fund.

Sailboat Race, Schedule, Publicity and Organization (Organizer: Anita Bray)

The sailboat race was cancelled due to no wind. Two boats were in the water and two ready to be launched. No-one wanted a 5 hour race! See you all at the Labor Day weekend sailboat race.

The North Beach Cleanup was scheduled for 9 AM. What a surprise to see people picking up and bagging garbage at 6:30 AM. We collected 18 bags of rubbish in all. There were so many volunteers - we lost count. Herron Island members donated black trash bags, Jack Wells brought down a trailer to haul away the trash (At least ten people filled it up in a matter of minutes), Anita Bray provided coffee, cups, and pastries. Such a great crew!

A big thank you to all the organizers and participants this year. Great job!

All the events were well attended and enjoyed by owners and guests.

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.

Great Day at the Herron Island Ball Field

July 5th we were blessed with blue skies and a gentle breeze making it a picture perfect day for players and spectators.

The game was a non-trophy game since the East coach wasn't able to attend. We look forward to his return for the Labor Day weekend activities. Now about the game, we really enjoyed having guests playing for both the East and West sides. The guests were from all over and even as far away as Charlotte, NC. The game wouldn't have been the same without them.

Both sides were hitting the ball in the infield and outfield and team members were making super throws to first base. Mike has an arm like a rocket and roamed the outfield like a hungry tiger. Phillip, Scott and Mike kept the East scoreless. Two women guests, Michelle and Marcy played hard and looked like they were having a lot of fun. (Note: We need more women playing for both sides, these are co-ed teams!) I want to thank Ralph for coaching both the Senior and Junior Eastside teams. Nice job!

The final score for the game was West 9 and East 0. Thanks to all the folks that helped with the game, Ellis for calling balls and strikes, he did a terrific job. Mike for putting out all the bases, thanks again for doing that. (Note: When helping pickup the bases, please leave home plate in the ground, and be careful on the others. Some damage had been done when the bases were removed.)

A big hit at the game was my man Paul, the hotdog man, always with a big smile and cheerful words. The end of the baseball season is over Labor Day weekend and there will be special prices on hotdogs, drinks, and chips. Come out, enjoy the game, and have lunch, you don't have to be a player to enjoy this get together time.

Those that missed the Junior game really missed out. Folks I'm here to tell you we have some very serious young players on Herron Island. They hit, spit, scratch, and run like you know what. It is a kick to watch these little leaguers playing the game. The score was even throughout the game, both sides running the bases, sometimes 2 on a base, but that's OK, just loading up the bases "right". The final score was 9 West and 8 East. The game was well played and lots of fun to watch for parents, grandparents, and the rest of us. More fun watching the junior game than the senior, Hmm looks like the seniors have some work to do. Again, thanks to both Ralph and Phil for coaching the juniors and teaching them some pointers on hitting and running the bases. Nice Job!

One last note, during the games there should be no smoking or drinking on the ball field. This is time for families and we need a wholesome atmosphere. We appreciate your cooperation on this.

See you all on Labor Day weekend for the final game of 2009.

Dallas Amidon
Baseball Chairperson

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	
July	
Sat, 7/18	8:30 am - 9:30 am cancelled, 9:30 am delayed
Sun, 7/19	8:30 am - 11:00 am cancelled, ADD: 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm
Mon, 7/20	9:30 am - 12:30 pm cancelled, ADD: 1:30 pm - 2:00 pm
Tue, 7/21	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm cancelled
Wed, 7/22	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm cancelled
Thu, 7/23	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm cancelled
Fri, 7/24	2:30 pm - 3:00 pm cancelled
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
Definitions	
No shuttles	Operating on schedule / one boat load only
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ADD	Additional ferry run added for date indicated
Delayed	Ferry may depart late

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