



HERRON BEACHCOMBER

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Your Herron Island Board of Trustees extends to each of you the wish for a most Happy and Prosperous New Year as well as good health throughout the coming year.

Another fiscal year is fast drawing to a close and it will soon be time again to replace several members on the Board of Trustees. This year we will have five positions to fill. Board members who will be ending their term of office are: Richard Bowen, Marty Pederson, Roger Hanson, Rosie Jacques and James Mighell who was appointed by the Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Eleanor Smythe last October. Any member desirous of serving on the Board PLEASE submit your request in writing to Herron Island Maintenance Co., P.O. Box 126, Lakebay, Wash. 98349. Give us some particulars about yourself, length of membership, your business or occupation, etc. Please submit by April 9, 1977.

At this time your Board of Trustees would like to apologize and explain for the long delay in getting the Ferry back into operation. Due to emergencies at dry docking facilities beyond our control which we were unable to foresee we were prevented from making alternate arrangements. The Ferry was put back into service on Friday, January 21, 1977 at 2:30 p.m. Also, our THANKS to Roger and LaDonna Jahns for almost exclusively furnishing transportation to and from the Island during our ferry lay up. Our deck hand Larry Hopper handled many of the boat runs and at times the J. D. Michalski's boat was used. To these and all the others who helped during our emergency our most sincere THANKS.

Though late in the season we finally got a permit to replace part of our small boat docks in time prior to the ferry dry docking. We also, FINALLY, got a permit to replace and install additional pilings for the small boat docks which will be done as soon as weather permits and in plenty of time for the summer months. These boat docks are being constructed so they can and will be disconnected and beached for the winter months. The design and size will allow for more boat moorage which we are very badly in need of. They are at present, since the ferry is back in operation, disconnected and beached until weather permits and new pilings are driven, with the exception of one short section which should be sufficient for winter use.

TO ALL MEMBERS: Please! If your home or cabin on the Island has been used without your permission or broken into during your absence REPORT it to the Pierce County Sheriff's office. The waterfront or beach cabins seem to be the most susceptible. Permanent residents of the island do more or less "patrol" but we can't expect them to catch the culprits especially the "out of the way" of "concealed" cabins of which there are quite few. At present we are without a Deputy Sheriff on the Island. Who wants the job? Do YOU? At one time we had three deputies who did a terrific job in apprehending violators of personal property, or disrupting the peace of the island.

Once again we stress that you keep your dog or dogs on a leash or restrain them in other ways while on the island. It is a dog's natural instinct to chase deer if not trained otherwise. Please! Let's preserve our wildlife. REMEMBER! NO discharging of firearms on the island. Deer have been found killed by a small caliber gun and also run down by dogs.

DITCHES: This past year has seen a great improvement in the condition of most lots on the island. There are still a few lots badly in need of cleaner ditches. Have you cleaned yours lately? If you are unable or can't do yours contact someone who can or will. The tansy ragwort is still bad on the island and we haven't had ample time to see if the "cinnabar" moth Pierce County planted is doing any good. Pierce Co. didn't get a sufficient shipment of the moth and could only plant a small amount on our island. Hopefully we can get an additional supply this year.

Now we would like to express out THANKS to all who used them for helping to keep the restrooms clean and in working order. This is the first time in several years we haven't had constant difficulties in that direction. Roger Hanson, parks chairman, is open to any advise about the placing and where of horseshoe pits. New swing seats have been installed at the play park and the swings themselves have been painted. A concrete slab was poured last year and a basketball hoop was installed over the old wading pool. Beer bottles and aluminum cans are still being collected, the proceeds of which go into the Youth Fund from which improvements are made for the recreation activities.

This past year has seen many changes on our Island. Many pieces of property have changed hands and consequently there has been a big "building boom". Herron Island has experienced the highest building rate in the state of Wash. Our road chairman, Waive Gifford, and his volunteers have worked hard and long grading and oiling our roads trying to keep them in shape but they need the help of ALL members and their guests to preserve them. They take time out to go collect used crankcase oil for oiling our roads. Cost of oiling commercially is far and above what our budget allows. Remember that by keeping the speed down to 15 mph will help to do so. Our water maintenance man has put in many long, hard hours repairing and replacing broken water hook-ups, pipes, etc., which are constantly cropping up. One of our next main projects is to get a larger water storage tank which we should have and need urgently, especially during the summer months when so many members find occasion to use their island facilities. PLEASE conserve our water supply and report any water leaks you find.

WELCOME! To all the new members of our island community. For a water hook-up contact board member Rosie Jacques, water chairman, 6623 Glenwood Dr. S.W., Olympia, Wash. 98502, phone 352-3240 or 884-2424. Upon receipt of a \$45.00 fee you will be provided with a water connection. For a light service connection you must be the owner of a Peninsula Light Certificate which costs \$100. Not having one, by submitting your remittance to Herron Maintenance Co., P.O. Box 126, Lakebay, Wash. 98349 or mail to Richard Bowen, Rt. 8, Box 8389, Bainbridge Island, Wash. 98110 the Light CO. will be notified to furnish you with a certificate and service.

BUILDING REQUIREMENTS: Island property owners who are planning to construct any building with a dimension greater than 8 feet on any side are reminded that they must obtain a building permit from the Pierce County Building Dept., County-City Building, Tacoma, Wash. 98402, (phone 593-4580). Building permits must be posted near the building site. All new buildings in Pierce County are now required to have concrete foundations supporting load bearing walls. Poured concrete and concrete blocks are acceptable, posts and piers are not. Check with your contractor. Non-compliance with the uniform building code will result in a stop-work order being issued by the Building Dept. Check with the Building Dept. regarding prefabricated tool or utility sheds that are longer than 8 feet on any side.

Soon as weather permits board member Eldon Reiquam, bridges chairman, and a volunteer crew will be sandblasting and then painting the bridges. This will be a tremendous saving dollar wise to the Island, amounting to cost of materials and renting of equipment only. Board member Marty Pederson has been in charge of the small docks for the last couple years and is instrumental in obtaining the permits and drawing up the designs for the small boat docks. Charlotte Carlisle as the board secretary has been a busy person getting out notices and letters. It takes many hours to get out notifications to all members - try it some time.

DRY DOCKING COSTS: Since compiling this issue of the Beachcomber the Herron Maintenance Co, has been presented with the bill for the dry docking. Here it is:

Materials-----	\$ 3,867.15
Labor: 798¼ hrs. @ \$18.00 per hr. -----	14,368.50
	<u>18,235.65</u>
State sales tax -----	930.02
Total -----	<u>19,165.67</u>

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS - A SPECIAL NOTICE from President of the Board of Trustees, Ken McClelland:

During January of this year in Supreme Court, Tacoma, Washington the Herron Island Maintenance Company was sued by a property owner who alledged that the By-Laws of the Maintenance Co. as amended in 1970 were invalid.

Because of a flow in our by-laws relating to voting procedures, a decision in favor of the property owner was granted.

In short this means that until the proper changes are made and approved by a majority of the membership the existence of Herron Island Maintenance and all services supplied by it, including ferry use, are in grave jeopardy.

The first in a series of meetings to resolve this situation will be held at the Marty Pedersen's island home Saturday, February 26th at 2:00 p.m. to study the recommendations of our attorneys.

All are WELCOME, participate.

Cost of this issue of the Beachcomber will be: Printing two sides legal size paper \$18.00 plus tax approx. .92 and stamps \$63.00.