



The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

April 2016



President's Message

Yahoo, it seems like spring is really here. The weather has been very nice. More and more Members will come out to get their properties ready for summer fun. Remember, be sure to take care of the noxious weed, Tansy, as Pierce County will be out to check for this and if caught could be a fine. Also, the grass is growing, so please remember to keep your ditches clean. See additional information on these in this issue's Beachcomber.

The Summer Ferry Schedule has started but so have Ferry cancellations. Be sure to check both schedules when you are coming and going to Herron Island. Both can be seen in this issue's Beachcomber and on our HerronIsland.org website.

Reminder to you and your guest to understand Herron Island Rules and Ferry Access Policy. It is important that Members and your renters and guest abide by both of these. Refer to Herron Island website for both.

The Small Boat Docks were installed April 9th and there were many volunteers that made this happen. Thank you to everyone who participated and provided the great tasting food and drinks. Great Job. A Member commented this may have been the fastest yet to complete this task. It was a pretty good day, weather wise, not too hot, not too cold and it wasn't raining which was a big plus.

April Assessment billing: Your April Assessments are due by April 30th to avoid late payment fees. Please take the time if you haven't already to send your payment to the HMC office. The April assessment amount is \$1,132 which is broken down by the following: \$852.50 Regular General Assessment, \$78.00 Ramp Painting shortfall and \$201.50 Dolphin Replacement reserve buildup.

The next assessment will be in October. You can start making payments to prepay the October assessment to avoid having to come up with the full amount in October. Many Members have opted to do this, myself included. It is just part of my monthly budget. You can reach out to Carolyn at the HMC Office if you have questions.

We have made it further in the USDA loan process, as they have approved an amount up to \$2.5 million but it is dependent on further project review. This does not commit HMC in any way to a USDA loan. Membership will have to vote on approving a loan as the chosen source to pay for this project. This is expected to be in an upcoming ballot.

HMC Board Candidate Applications are now being taken through 10am May 14th. There are two open board positions available this year. See more details within this Beachcomber issue.

Sincerely,

Sherri Anderson
HMC President

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Herron Island Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The office is CLOSED Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday, and after 2:00 PM on Fridays 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.

Nondiscrimination Statement

If you wish to file a Civil Rights complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint form, found online at:

http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html

or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form.

Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at:

**U.S. Department of Agriculture
Director, Office of Adjudication
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410**

Or fax to (202) 690-7442 or email to

program.intake@usda.gov.

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 April 9, 2016

Administration:

Volunteers: Karl Schafer, Pat Zazzo, Frank Van Ravenswaay and Andy Thompson for staining docks at North Beach in preparation for reinstalling them April 9. Thanks also to Karl and Andy Thompson for helping with the arduous task of organizing the many auto decals, which needs to be done twice a year.

Housekeeping: Carol Miller has joined our staff to take care of our Community Building housekeeping needs. Thanks!

HMC Emails: We've continued to round up new Member email addresses and have jumped from 350 to 367. Although some households register more than one email address, we probably have about 80-90% of the Members on the list.

Audit: The 2015 Audit is in draft stages and should be available before the next Board meeting. The final draft is being circulated.

Insurance Renewals: In addition to health care insurance for employees, HMC purchases marine coverage, umbrella liability, pollution liability, a commercial package (property, general liability); automobile, docks & piers, directors & officers liability and ERISA. The premium for 2015-16 for all coverages is \$65,081. Because we have had no claims coverage, and keep our broker actively informed about improvements HMC is making, the premium for 2016-7 will drop to \$64,294, a savings of some \$800.

Towing: Mainland signs for towing of illegally parked vehicles will soon be replaced by signs for Pete's Towing. The local Mountain View Towing closed when the company was purchased.

Water Operations: April 18 through 30, Charles Smith will be doing annual water distribution system maintenance, which includes turning isolation valves on and off to make sure they are operating properly, flushing and cleaning fire hydrants, coordinating with the Pierce County Health Department and Fire Department on the results of the maintenance.

On April 20, the Water Department will perform the inspection and maintenance on the wells and pump station. This will require that the booster pumps be momentarily turned off. This will happen as close to 10 a.m. as can be done and will not last more than 5 minutes. Residents may notice a slight variation in water pressure during this time.

Roads material storage bins will be construction this fall at the pump station.

Water Committee Report: Charles Smith will report for the committee.

Fire Department Liaison: No report.

Land Use: No report.

Emergency Preparedness: Meeting Saturday after the Board meeting.

Parks: Committee Report. Also, Parks Appreciation Day is set for April 23, 2016. Bring your gloves and help get our Parks ready for the good weather! The Parks Committee will have a long list of cleanup items.

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Roads: Committee Report.

Jack Wells will report for the committee. Work has been continuing to resolve drainage issues on East Herron and North Beach Road. There will be a road closure at 826/828 East Herron Blvd. on Monday, April 11. This closure may last from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., as underground power is installed to a lot on the west side of East Herron.

Rules: The Rules Committee has resolved two complaints with voluntary compliance agreements. A third outstanding complaint remains to be heard by the committee.

Herron Island Ferry:

Dolphin Replacement Project: We received a Notice of Reapplication Review Action from USDA, which says we are indeed eligible for their assistance and that they are willing to obligate up to \$2.5 million. PND Engineers has completed the 30% plan design documents on time, and is working with Hart Crowser to file for the necessary permit. We will not receive our final review and project approval from USDA until the permits have at least been applied for.

Ferry Crew: Much of this month has been spent recruiting, interviewing and screening potential candidates for ferry crew. Donnie Surratt's leave is continuing indefinitely. We wish him a speedy recovery. Kevin is now working the weekday shift. Dale Miller and Rich Urfer are working as fill in deck hands, and Steve Rucker has recently qualified. We interviewed a standby captain on Thursday, and hope to begin training him in the next week or two. Our standbys captain are now Eric Helpenstell, Jon Robinson and Joe Taylor; however, all have other employment and may be available only with advance notice.

Ferry Schedule: A question was raised at last month's meeting regarding the number of hours that the crew could work in a 24 hour period. The Coast Guard, at our request, provided clarification that the Charlie Wells schedule is well within permissible Coast Guard limits.

U.S. Coast Guard Small Passenger Vessel Industry Day: This meeting will be held on April 13 in Seattle. We will attend, along with approximately 50 other operators of passenger vessels. The agenda will address inspections; new regulations, vessel construction, use of marijuana on SPV's, and other topics.

Transportation Committee: The Committee will meet for one hour at 2 p.m. following the Board meeting, in the Community Building.

Technology: No report.

Legal Liaison: We currently have 14 delinquencies, 5 of which are with the attorney for collections. Six delinquencies are in amounts of less than \$200. Delinquency rate of 3.7%. Last year at this time we had 20 delinquencies, with 13 at collections. Currently, HMC has 383 Assessable Units and 397 Water customers.

Reminder for Everyone

Members returning to the Island for the first time this spring are reminded to run their outside faucets long enough to clear any debris out of the pipes, before running it inside the home. This should save headaches later.





Board Candidates Needed!

Please consider running for the Board of Directors. An application is printed on Page 7 of this issue and must be turned in to the office by 10:00 AM on May 14th. There are two positions open this year which will be filled at the Annual Membership Meeting on June 11th.

We would like to encourage all Members to consider this opportunity, even those who are not here full time. If you are gone for part of the winter, we have the equipment and capability of having Conference Call meetings, whereby you can hear everyone in the room and they can hear you. There have been a few times this has been used in the past couple of years and it works well. Email is also used as a means of communication among the Board.

Utility Locating



What happens when 8-1-1 doesn't get it right?

First, thanks to all of you who have been calling 8-1-1 to get utilities located and marked before construction. Unfortunately, the locate system is good, but not perfect. Recently the installation of a phone line across East Herron Road resulted in about a 24 hour phone and Internet outage. Quite simply, the phone line wasn't where it was marked. CenturyLink came out the next day to make the repairs and is investigating the problem with the locale. The moral of the story is that no one really knows what's underground until they dig. Thanks to everyone who worked on getting this resolved. If there's more to the story, we'll let you know later!



BEACHCOMBER INPUT POLICY

The Board is the owner and publisher of the Beachcomber. The Board approves Beachcomber articles and advertisements and has the right to refuse to publish items submitted. Beachcomber news items must be submitted by 5:00 PM on the Wednesday after the monthly Board meeting which is on the second Saturday of the month. Items **MUST** be emailed in electronic format such as word or publisher 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**.

HMC Board of Directors

Top 10 Things New Board Members Should Keep in Mind

(Adapted from Community Associations Journal April 2016)

Documents referred to in this article can be found on the HMC website

CONGRATULATIONS! You are on the board! The contribution you are making to your association is valuable and necessary to keep things running.

With a little reading and talking to other board members, you'll be up to speed in no time.

1. **You don't have to make up the rules, you only need to follow and/or enforce them.** Most boards already have a process in place to make things run smoothly.
2. **Get to know the lingo.** Board meetings can be filled with a lot of industry jargon, acronyms and abbreviations. Following are a few examples to get you started:
 - a. RCW – Revised Code of Washington
 - b. Reserve Study – budgeting tool required by state statute that list all major components within your community and then compares upcoming projects with how much money is available.
3. **Familiarize yourself with the rules.** Governing documents are a hierarchy of rules. The top documents have the highest authority and the broadest language. The bottom of the list has the least authority and the narrowest language. Understand that the legalese may take a little getting used to before it actually makes sense. Read it through and understand that many things will make sense as you get further along in your reading and experience.
4. **Revised Code of Washington** (RCW or state statutes) that apply to your association. (For HMC, that is RCW 64.38.)
5. **Articles of Incorporation**
6. **Bylaws**
7. **Rules & Regulations** (Note: HMC – See Island Rules)
8. **Get familiar with existing contracts.** Know what is included in your association's contracts with service providers. You can renegotiate expectations as needs change.
9. **Familiarize yourself with the current concerns the board is discussing.** If you have the opportunity, schedule an appointment with your association manager or another board member to get you up to speed or ask for meeting minutes from the last 3-4 meetings (Note: HMC – These are posted.)
10. **Things take longer than you might expect.** Even the smallest project can take some time due to the process that must be followed. Be patient, be prepared and take the opportunity to move things along expediently when the occasion arises.
11. **Rely on the experts.** You do not need to be an expert to be a board member. You only need to know when to consult an expert. Once an expert is consulted, understand that it is in the association's best interest to listen to the expert's advice. If you still have questions or concerns, keep asking questions or consult another expert.
12. **An association manager is part of your team.** A manager never takes the place of the board and a manager has little to no authority in making decisions for your community. Use a manager to facilitate, advise, educate, organize, and, among many other things, do the leg work for the board so that operations can go more efficiently and effectively.
13. **Your association is a business.** Taking this to heart will help you when making decisions. Personal concerns can easily burden you when considering a decision for the association. When this happens, remind yourself to "keep it business" so that you can eliminate the personal portion and make the best business decision for your association.
14. **Look at the big picture.** It is easy to get caught up in the details of any concern. Remember the main purpose of the project and let go of the smaller details that may only add to frustration rather than the actual goal.

Keep asking questions, don't take things personally and be efficient and effective when communicating. Being a board member can be a very rewarding and educational experience.

HMC BOARD CANDIDATE APPLICATION

(Please complete and return to HMC office by 10:00 AM, May 14, 2016)

NAME *(as you would like to have it listed on the ballot):* _____

YEARS AS A MEMBER OF HMC: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

PROFESSIONAL OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

EDUCATION OR TRAINING *(including school, military training, and professional courses)*

Institution

Type of Training

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

HMC EXPERIENCE ON THE BOARD, COMMITTEES OR OTHER ACTIVITIES:

GOALS: *Please list goals you would have for HMC and Herron Island during your term on the Board.*

CANDIDATE STATEMENT: *Please do not include statements campaigning for or against other candidates.*

Candidate's Signature: _____



BOOSTERS EVENTS

Saturday, May 28th, 2016

Goodpastor Park

Softball Games

11:00 (All players must register)

Youth Game—11:00-1:00 (Ages 5-12)

Adult Game— 2:00-4:00 (Ages 13 and up)

**CHILI HOT DOGS, CHIPS AND POP are FOR SALE
(BOTTLED WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PLAYERS.)**

Sunday, May 29th

Community Center

9:00 AM

Coffee & Cinnamon Rolls

Island Apparel Sales

Junk in the Trunk Sales

Membership drive

Member submitted Kudos

M/V CHARLIE WELLS AND DEDICATED CREW

Herron Island's owner-operated and maintained ferry is held by many as one of the most important assets we have. It is our lifeline to the mainland. Many of our neighbors count on the secure, dependable, and safe operation of the M/V CHARLIE WELLS to get them to and from work, or other necessary activities. For our comfort and well-being our little ferry carries every conceivable cargo.

The safe and efficient operation of our ferry is in the hands of our ferry crew who are out on the Sound in any weather, every day of the year. One member said, "We appreciate their fast response when called out for an emergency." Others said, "They are an integral part of the island's security." Members who have had a place here since 1958 said, "This is the best, most reliable crew we have ever had."

Our Captains are licensed and educated professional United States Coast Guard approved Merchant Marine Officers. Each ferry Master has passed rigorous, mandatory U.S. Coast Guard licensing, physical examinations and must provide documented and verifiable experience. Regarding experience, a major requirement to obtain and hold a U.S. Coast Guard Master's Certificate is verified deep water "sea-time".

Senior Captain John Farris' experience is reflected in the leadership and personal attention he directs in the maintenance and handling of our treasured ferry. A recent example of his dedication is his response to a staffing shortage. Captain Farris voluntarily stepped forward, forfeiting time off to cover Captain Terry Kraft's weekend shifts for his unexpected medical leave to deliver the ferry services we are all accustomed.

We deeply appreciate our fill-in Captains, unfortunately they were only available for minimum coverage, in this instance, due to short notice, and other obligations.

Our dedicated Deckhand, Kevin Kircher, with the help of fill-ins Dale Miller and Rich Urfer, has been flexible working to cover shifts while longtime Deckhand Donnie Surratt recovers from surgery. These deckhands are critical crew members who provide security and direct, frontline service to all ferry passengers.

We hope both Captain Terry Kraft and Deckhand Donnie Surratt heal quickly and return to full time service.

On your next trip doff your hat and thank Captain John Farris or Captain Terry Kraft as well as our skilled deck crew for a pleasant, safe voyage.

Wholeheartedly submitted by islanders: *Andy Anderson Larry Anderson Mary Anderson Tracy & Carolyn Anspach Jason & Veonette Bollen Sue Brentson Bill & Jan Burdett Terrill Chilson Bob & Dana Clark Gary & Jean Dame Alan & Dianne DeGood Karen Dorans Steve & Sue Drake Denny Duback Brent & Suzy Fontaine Chris & Edena Funk Curtis Green Ricky & Heidi Gonzales Ed Hovde Dolores Hodgkin Roz Kircher Deb Kraft Dick Kusander Joanne Kusander Curt Lint Jason & Kerrie Mayans Carol Miller Leonard & Christine Mohr Dan & Jane Morgan Leslie Morgan Jade Nidufalgh Chelsea Orvella Pat Pitt Bill & Jane Placek Helen Provencal Dale Robertson Jack Sanders Dick Schultz Scott Schultz Mike Shettlesworth Sue, Brooks & Brittany Surratt Carol & Tom Tighe Paula Trent Brigitta Vogel Dick Zottman*



thank
you!

More of the HMC Story

In addition to the office staff and ferry crew, there are a handful of HMC employees who keep the roads in good condition, maintain our buildings, maintain and operate our first class water system, and mow our parks. They do good work for HMC and deserve an acknowledgement.

Jack Wells, on Herron Island since 2002, is our “Jack of all Trades”. He chairs the Roads Committee and assists with roads projects after they are approved by the Board, and helps with maintenance on HMC buildings and facilities. Jack’s volunteer hours exceed his employed hours and he is a real asset to HMC operations.

Charles Smith, Water Distribution System Manager, is a civil engineer with nearly 30 years of experience and has also gained the Water Distribution Manager I certification needed to operate the Herron Island Water System. He spent much of his youth on Herron Island, where his parents were early owners, and knows the nooks and crannies of the island. Charles served as a resident inspector during water system construction, and has been in charge ever since. Best of all, he seems to be there when you need him. Charles is also an active volunteer on many island projects.

Jim Davies mows and maintains our parks. He’s a fairly recent member, coming to the island when he married his wife, the former Anne Warner, who has owned property on the south end since 2004. Jim is also an active volunteer and recently built the kayak racks you see at North Beach.

Carol Miller, a recently retired Herron Islander, signed up recently to help with our community building maintenance. She and her husband, Dale moved here a year ago from California. Dale is a member of the standby ferry crew.



JOB WELL DONE!

Special thanks to all those who helped to move the small boat docks. The docks were moved safely and without incident. Thanks also to the Boosters and the volunteers who provided food and drinks for those involved. It was a delicious lunch! Take time to personally thank our volunteers! Each one made a difference!

**Assessment Reminder**

The second half general assessments were billed on April 1st. Payments are due no later than 4/30/2016. Payments that are not postmarked or received by April 30th will incur a \$30.00 handling fee.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE**MEETING SCHEDULE**

The purpose of the Herron Island Emergency Preparedness Committee is to promote disaster awareness and preparation for our Island and its Members. We focus on Personal Preparedness, Neighborhood Response, and Island Infrastructure Preparedness and Response.

We meet bi-monthly, September through May, on the second Saturday of the month. We meet in the Community Building at 12:30 pm. (Bi-monthly meetings are in Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar, and May.)

We believe that working together is the only sure way to prepare for a major disaster. Demonstrate your commitment to your family and neighbors - join us.

**Herron Island Calendar**

Check the official Herron Island Calendar on the web site for committee meetings, activities and times. Click the "Calendar" button in the left column of the Home Page.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIP OF THE MONTH**Contacting Loved Ones Following A Disaster**

The worst has happened – the long predicted earthquake or a “storm of the century”. You’ve secured your immediate environment but your constant thought is, “how is my family?” The cell phone isn’t working, the internet is down, and the local landline phone system has shut down. How do you contact your loved ones?

Designate an Out-Of-Area Contact Person

Long-distance calls are still possible on a landline. Ask an out-of-town friend or relative to be your contact person. This person should live at least 100 miles away from you. After a disaster, all household members call this person to tell her or him how they are and to find out how other family members are.

Make small cards with your contact person’s name and phone number for all family members to carry in their wallets, purses, or backpacks, as well as making sure you’ve entered your contact person’s information into the contacts lists in your electronic devices.

OUT-OF-AREA CONTACT

NAME_____

PHONE #1_____

PHONE #2_____

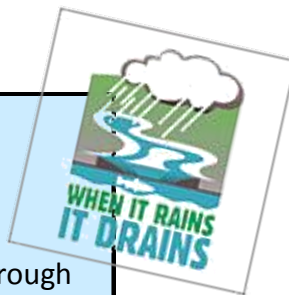
Did you know?

- It’s difficult to make local calls not because of damage, but because of the number of people trying to call at the same time. Typically, however, you can make long distance calls. Phone lines were “hardened” decades ago to withstand nuclear attack and are quite resistant to damage.
- One reason the local phone system shuts down during earthquakes is because handsets get knocked from their bases. Help restore local phone service by making sure all your phones are hung up.
- You should keep a phone that does not require electricity. Cordless phones use electricity! When the power is out, they will not work.

For further information, contact Mike Shettlesworth 884-6919.

Is Your Ditch Clear or Clogged?

Every road on Herron Island is bordered by drainage ditches and/or surface water control areas. Maintaining the flow of water off the improved road surface and through the drainage system is critical to preserving the Island's roads. Clogged drainage ditches and standing water destroys the Island's roads, increasing the cost to everyone. These surface water control areas are generally within the legally described roadways owned by HMC; however, it is the expectation and obligation of every member to maintain the drainage ditches and surface water areas adjacent to their lot(s) up to the improved road surface. Every owner should cut, clear and maintain any grasses, plants, trees and/or weeds, whether naturally occurring or cultivated, between their front property line and the improved roadway surface to maximize surface water runoff from the roads. Drainage ditches adjacent to the improved roads should be kept free of plant growth and debris that can interfere with the free flow of surface water away from the roads. Please trim, mow, weed and maintain the surface water control areas adjacent to your lot up to the improved road for the betterment of the entire community. Thank you for your assistance and support.



SUMMER GUESTS

Are you planning to have a large group out to visit sometime this summer? Why not consider renting a Honey Bucket for your family gatherings.

Here is what you need to do:

1. Contact the company directly at (253)-851-1633
2. Please call 3 to 4 weeks in advance so they can schedule
3. The cost will be less than the regular price if you schedule it to be delivered on the days they normally service the island. In order to get this price you have to agree to keep it on your property for two weeks so it can be picked up on their next regularly scheduled trip to the island.
4. There is an additional \$100 charge for an extra Honey Bucket if you need two instead of just one.
5. Otherwise, the regular rate could be twice the price, plus the ferry fee and an hourly rate for their time.
6. Payment would be required at the time the order is placed.



So if you need one it would be best to make the arrangements about a month in advance, just to be sure they can place the order for you. This can also help your septic system and not over tax it with extra usage.



SAFER TANSY and WEED CONTROL

Excellent results have been found using this human, pet, and environmentally safer approach to tansy and weed control. Vinegar is an acid and exposure can be damaging so it's recommend that you use the same precautions as when using commercial herbicides.

- 1 Gallon Vinegar
- 2 cups Epson Salt
- 1/4 Cup Dawn Dish Soap

Just mix and keep some in a small spray bottle. Spray in the morning after the dew has evaporated. Walk away and after dinner the weeds are gone. It will kill anything you spray it on.

Many thanks to the Island residents who submitted this recipe.

Marijuana on the Ferry



The U.S. Coast Guard informed us at a recent meeting that vessels under federal jurisdiction possession of marijuana, a federally regulated Class 1 drug, is still illegal. What this means is that Washington State Law does not trump Federal Law on our ferry regarding marijuana. Passengers in possession of marijuana while on the ferry are in violation of Federal Law and subject to Federal prosecution. HMC will not be searching or looking for marijuana but if a ferry crew member sees it they are obligated to report it. If a Member should accidentally be in possession of marijuana while on the ferry the best strategy would be not to advertise it. Also ferry crew members may not have marijuana in their possession while on duty. The crew are also subject to random drug testing, as required by Federal Law. Please observe the law and not put anyone into an unpleasant position. In addition to the prohibition of marijuana possession, the use of tobacco or alcohol on board is not allowed at any time.



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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.

Are You on the List?



HMC now has 365 Member email addresses on the notification list. If you want to get notice of the online Beachcomber, or get the latest on windstorms, power outages, water line breakages, or other news, please send an email to office@herronisland.org and request that your email address be added. To be used for HMC purposes only.

Fallen Behind on your Assessment?

If you owe \$200 or less, you may get access to the island by paying the delinquency in cash to the deckhand. At the March 14 meeting, the Board increased the limit from \$100 to \$200.

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.

**Package Delivery**

If you order packages to be delivered to the mainland terminal, please track their delivery so you can be available to pick them up or make other arrangements. It is not the responsibility of the ferry crew.

Concerns or Ideas

All Members are invited to voice their concerns or ideas by using the Member Input email address, contacting the Board Members or the HMC Office:

MemberInput@herronisland.org

**Reimbursements**

Requests for reimbursement must be accompanied by a receipt and received by the office by the Thursday before the Board Meeting to be included in the list of bills to be approved by the Board. Failure to get your bill in on time will result in a delay in payment until the following month.

Reminder:

It's that time again. Our summer Ferry Schedule began March 18th
Low tide Ferry Cancellations began April 10th with the 2:30 run. (See following page)

**HERRON ISLAND FERRY SCHEDULE**

Departure times from ISLAND (IS) AND MAINLAND (ML)

MON		TUE		WED		THU		FRI		SAT		SUN	
IS	ML	IS	ML	IS	ML	IS	ML	IS	ML	IS	ML	IS	ML
6:15	7:00	6:15	7:00	6:15	7:00	6:15	7:00	6:15	7:00				
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SUMMER SCHEDULE ONLY Apr 1—Sep 30 ADDED RUNS INDICATED BY * AND SHADING (Not available Oct 1—Mar 31)

HOLIDAY SCHEDULES (Ferry runs start from Island)

Thanksgiving	8:30a—9:00a	11:30a—Noon	6:30p—7:00p	Memorial Day	Same as Sunday
Christmas Day	8:30a—9:00a	————	6:30p—7:00p	Independence Day	Same as Sunday
New Years Day	8:30a—9:00a	11:30a—Noon	6:30p—7:00p	Labor Day	Same as Sunday

Ferry Brochure

A new printable ferry brochure, along with the ferry schedule combining summer and winter schedules, is now available on the HMC website at www.herronisland.org. Check under Ferry Schedule and Printable Brochure.

Thanks to Terrill Chilson for preparing this simpler version of the old schedules.

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.



2016 "Charlie Wells" Herron Island Ferry Schedule Low Tide Cancellations, Additions and Adjustments

April 2016

Sun 4/10	2:30 pm-3:00 pm cancelled
Mon 4/11	3:30 pm-4:00 pm cancelled

MAY 2016

Fri 5/6	12:00-12:30 pm cancelled
Sat 5/7	11:30 am-12:00 noon cancelled
Sun 5/8	2:30 pm—3:00 pm cancelled
Mon 5/9	3:30 pm-4:00 pm cancelled
Tue 5/10	3:30 pm-4:00 pm cancelled



Memorial Day Holiday Ferry Restrictions

Combinations of any length (vehicle towing anything) and single vehicles longer than 25 feet will **NOT** be transported after the 12:00 noon-12:30 pm run, **Thursday, May 26, 2016 through the end of day, Monday, May 30, 2016.**

Note: Monday, May 30, the ferry will operate of holiday schedule, same as weekend schedule.

JUNE 2016

Fri 6/3	12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled
Sat 6/4	10:30 am-12:00 noon NO SERVICE
Sun 6/5	10:30-11:00 am NO SHUTTLES 1130 am-12:00 noon cancelled
Mon 6/6	12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled
Wed 6/8	3:30 pm—4:00 pm cancelled
Sun 6/19	11:30 am—12:00 noon cancelled
Mon 6/20	12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled
Tue 6/21	12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled

Terms:

NO SHUTTLES means only one trip for that time, no extra runs. NO SERVICE means tides are to low to operate ferry.

DRIVE SAFELY!



Provided by volunteers Captain John and Terrill
for Herron Island Members and their guests.

JULY 2016

Fri 7/1	9:30 am-11:00 am NO SERVICE
Sat 7/2	9:30 am-12:00 noon cancelled ADD: 12:30 pm-1:00 pm ADD: 1:30 pm-2:00 pm
Sun 7/3	10:30 am-12:00 noon cancelled ADD: 1:30 pm-2:00 pm
Mon 7/4	10:30 am-12:00 noon cancelled
Tue 7/5	12:00 noon-12:30 pm cancelled
Wed 7/6	12:00 noon-12:30 pm NO SHUTTLES
Tue 7/19	12:00 noon-12:30 pm cancelled
Wed 7/20	12:00 noon-12:30 pm cancelled
Thu 7/21	12:00 noon-12:30 pm NO SHUTTLES
Sat 7/30	9:30 am—10:00 am cancelled
Sun 7/31	9:30 am—11:00 am cancelled



Independence Day Holiday Ferry Restrictions

Combinations of any length (vehicle towing anything) and single vehicles longer than 25 feet will **NOT** be transported **Friday, July 1, 2016 through the end of day, Monday, July 4, 2016.**

Note: Monday, July 4, the ferry will operate of holiday schedule, same as weekend schedule.

AUGUST 2016

Mon 8/1	12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled
Tue 8/2	12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled
Wed 8/3	12:00 noon—12:30 pm cancelled

Labor Day Holiday Ferry Restrictions

Combinations of any length (vehicle towing anything) and single vehicles longer than 25 feet will **NOT** be transported after the 12:00 noon-12:30 pm run, **Thursday, September 1, 2016 through the end of day, Monday, September 5, 2016.**

Note: Monday, September 5, the ferry will operate on holiday schedule, same as weekend schedule.

Check www.herronisland.org for schedule updates

As of: 3/15/16

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- *Appliance Disposal
- *Deck Cleaning/Restaining
- *Lot Cleanup/Dump Runs
- *Hauling Rock/Sand/Bark

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- **1204 Madrona Blvd** (MLS # 917937): Sunny and bright remodeled 2 bed / 1.75 bath home with western facing water/mountain view! Huge lot - 2 parcels - for a total of 2.099 acres. 20' x 4' above ground pool. **\$179,500**
- **216 - 218 Fir Lane** (MLS # 917959): Remodeled cozy A-frame cabin with a water view! Open plan kitchen/living/dining along with a ¾ bath-room and upstairs loft. Price includes additional .2296 acre lot. **\$94,500**
- **309 East Madrona** (MLS # 922747): Built in 2008, 2 bed / 1 bath single story "Green Built" home. Full Maytag appliance package. **\$112,500**
- **312 East Madrona Blvd** (MLS # 922740): Cute cabin (1 bed / 1 bath) on a .31 acre level lot with separate bunk house. **\$64,900**
- **1503 West Herron Place** (MLS # 682969): Over half an acre lot (.60) with 70 feet of tidal frontage. Build your dream home! **\$15,000**

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