



The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

March 2021



President's Message

Greetings Herron Islanders. It's been just over a year since all of our lives were turned upside down by the Pandemic. This has been a life-altering event for sure. Happily, we are starting to see light at the end of the tunnel. There are now three viable vaccines available. Vaccination rates are ramping up. Serious illness and death rates are on the decline. This is great news.

If you are eligible to be vaccinated, get it done. If you are waiting, it won't be much longer for your turn. In the meantime, continue to act responsibly – wear your mask, wash your hands and keep up social distancing. Thank you for your diligence and concern for others.

We recently had some changes to the make-up of the HMC Board of Directors. Merry Kogut resigned from the Board. She did an outstanding job as Secretary. If you see her out walking on the island, be sure and thank her for her service. We wish her well with the many other volunteer activities she participates in, both on Herron Island and the larger mainland community. The Board appointed Beth Owen to complete Merry's term on the Board. Beth is a long time HMC member. She has served briefly on the Board and she chaired the Rules Committee for many years. We are very appreciative Beth stepped forward to volunteer again. She will be Member at large. Kathy Deuster has agreed to take over as Secretary.

Regarding the HMC Board, it's that time of year again when we ask you to consider running for a position on the Board. I can say from personal experience it's a very rewarding volunteer activity. It also provides a unique opportunity to take a look "behind the curtain" and see how HMC functions. It's an important and essential volunteer opportunity on Herron Island. This year we have three Board positions open. The deadline for applications is

May 8th at 10:00 AM. Please consider running.

Moving on to a topic we are all interested in – our money. The next fiscal year's HMC budget is being developed to prepare it for your vote in June. The process starts with our volunteer Finance Committee – a group of dedicated volunteers who draft the budget. They consider our current operating expenses and try to anticipate our future needs. This is always a difficult task. After the Finance Committee has done its work, the budget is presented to the Board for further review and any revisions. This process is truly a community effort – neighbors getting together to help develop a budget for ourselves.

Although the budget has not been finalized, it is clear that our annual assessment will increase significantly. The bulk of this increase is related to expenses in operating and maintaining our ferry. We need to replenish funds used to pay for a very expensive shipyard dry dock last fall and save money for the next dry dock eighteen months from now. These costs are on top of the "normal" increases in crew salaries, fuel and insurance.

Another large expensive item we are currently required to address is the electrical system that controls our ramps. Our ramp control system was installed in the late 1980's, over 30 years ago. This critical system has never been updated. Over the past year, we have experienced multiple interruptions in ferry service caused by this system failing. On these occasions, our crew has been able to keep the ferry running by operating the ramps using a small handheld drill. This is not a sustainable solution. In response to these failures, HMC hired a technical consultant to do a comprehensive review of our ramp equipment, including the electronic controls. The consultant indicated the ramp electronic system has reached the end of its useful life and should be replaced as soon as possible. We have found a respected local marine electronics company to perform this work.

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Parts have been ordered and the upgrade will begin in the coming weeks.

Sadly, I need to report we are receiving reports of trespassing and theft on members' private property. This is sad to report. A member had someone trespass and steal a significant amount of firewood. Kayaks have been stolen. If you see suspicious or illegal activity or if you experience theft, please contact the Pierce County Sheriff. They may not

respond immediately, but it is important to report these illegal acts.

Happily, we have plenty to be thankful for despite the many challenges we face. We enjoy life on a wonderful private island in one of the most beautiful places in the world. Thank you for continuing to work together as we strive to maintain our lifestyle on Herron Island.

Reed West
Your HMC Board President

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Gary Wanzong, Finance Committee (253) 884-9350

Dan Marten, Roads Committee (253) 884-9350

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Dale Miller, Parks Committee (253) 884-9350

Mike Gage, Policy Review Committee (253) 884-9350

Ken Higgins, Emergency Preparedness (253) 884-9350

Sherry Anderson, Small Boat Docks (253) 884-9350

Carolyn Snyder, Office Manager (253) 884-9350

Merry Kogut, HMC Calendar (253) 884-8484

Ken Freeman, Beachcomber/Webmaster (253) 544-2456

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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Parks email: HMC Parks@herronisland.org

Roads email: HMC Roads@herronisland.org

Member Input email: MemberInput@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.)

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
March 13, 2021

Administration

- HMC seeks a Webmaster and publisher for the Beachcomber. Please contact the Island Manager, if interested. This has been handled by a volunteer who is ready to step down.
- Volunteers needed to remove sand from the hill on Ferry Rd. Thanks to Joe Taylor who started this with his leaf blower but realized it is a big job and more hands would be needed.
- HMC is looking for a relief deckhand, if you are interested, or know of someone who is interested, please email the island manager at hmcmanager@herronisland.org
- The office will migrate to MS 365 in April, once set up this will allow new, secure ways to communicate and safely store data. Ultimately HMC will move away from Zoom and there will be a way to text alerts. These changes are in the works and will be communicated when complete.
- HMC's audit for year end 9/30/20 is complete and will be published once received.
- Annual maintenance on the ramp gantries will occur in the coming weeks, there will be no impact to the ferry schedule for this work.
- The office has received training on the new meter reading software and equipment for the water system, it makes reading much faster and the software is again supported.
- Small Boat Docks installation is scheduled for Saturday, May 1.
- The annual USCG inspection will be April 12, noon runs will be cancelled due to this, as soon as the schedule is confirmed a broadcast email will be sent.

Legal Liaison: There are 10 delinquencies; 7 with the attorney's office

Departments/Committees

Maintenance: Gary Wanzong – No report

Parks: Dale Miller – No report

Policies: Mike Gage – No report

Roads: Dan Marten – No report

Emergency Preparedness: Ken Higgins - No report

Water: Frank Harrison - No report

Small Boat Docks: Sherri Anderson – To report

Rules: Mike Fassio – 1 complaint pending

B. O. O. S. T. E. R. S.

Greetings fellow islanders!

After serving many years on the Board of the Boosters and being one of the most active volunteers on the island, Dana Gruber retired her official role as Secretary and Joyce Major was elected to fill the vacancy. Although Dana will be greatly missed by the Board, we would like to officially welcome Joyce and look forward to her sharing her wealth of experience with volunteerism, as well as her writing expertise.

We are currently working on establishing a Boosters email list for those members who would like to receive electronic notifications of upcoming meetings, projects and events. If you would like to receive emails, please contact Robin Kelly via email at d_kelly@centurylink.net.

Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 17 at 11:00 a.m., probably via Zoom. Barring any further Covid-related roadblocks, we will be discussing and planning summer events and projects. Your input and participation are important and welcomed. Notice of the meeting will be posted on all of the island bulletin boards, as well as on the Herron Island and Boosters Facebook pages, and the Beachcomber. Hope to see you there (or hear you, as the case may be).



Robin Kelley, President

It's Tansy Time!

Spring is here, bringing with it warmer days, a beautiful array of new flowers, and... weeds.

One especially wicked noxious weed, *Tansy Ragwort*, has made Herron Island its home. Each plant produces 150,000 + seeds and colonizes rapidly. The effort and cooperation made by Herron Island property owners in the control of Tansy Ragwort has steadily increased, and we are making progress!

Field Inspectors from the **Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Board** will **begin making routine inspections on the Island towards the end of June.**

If Tansy Ragwort plants are discovered on your property, please eradicate them as soon as possible. For any questions concerning Tansy Ragwort, control methods, a list of herbicide spray professionals, or compliance with the Noxious Weed Laws, please call the County office at 253-798-7263; or leave a message with the Pierce County Field Inspector at 253-798-6844.

There is a homemade and environmentally friendly way to eradicate Tansy yourself by mixing the following ingredients and spraying the tansy growth. You'll see results in a matter of hours!

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.



Septic Maintenance

As more people spend more time on the island, one of the things to consider is prolonging the life of your septic system. The easiest ways to do this are 1) to put less through it and 2) reduce the number and amount of harmful cleaners and detergents that enter your system.

First and foremost, make sure your tank lids don't leak. If groundwater is getting into your system during rainstorms you end up pumping all that water back up into your drain field and strain your system at its wettest. The simplest way to avoid this is to make sure your septic lids are properly sealed/fastened and sit above grade.

Inside your home is where most of the improvements can be made. Did you know that most newer dishwashers use less than 4 gallons of water per cycle? Considering most kitchen faucets use about 2 gallons of water a minute, it would only take 2 minutes of hand-washing dishes to use as much water as a full load in a dishwasher!!!

As far as your washing machine goes, there are a few ways to put less stress on your system. First, look at the instructions on your laundry detergent: you may be surprised how little you are supposed to use--you don't have to fill that cap or scoop to get your clothes clean. Also, avoid using large amounts of bleach as it can kill the good bacteria down the line in your septic tank. If you don't already have a front-loading washer consider one as they typically use much less water and need less detergent to get your clothes clean.

Consider using septic-friendly products while cleaning too. Many "Anti-bacterial" products such as tile, sink, and shower and tub cleaners; toilet bowl cleaners; laundry detergents; drain cleaners; counter-top cleaners, and commercial and industrial cleaners can kill the good stuff in your tank that helps "digest" waste. Of course, you want your home to be clean, but consider how much of these products go down the drain and use them sparingly.

The Tacoma/Pierce County Health Department even has programs available to help pay for some basic maintenance and inspections. Follow this link for more information: <https://www.tpchd.org/Home/ShowDocument?id=1525>.

A properly functioning septic system is a necessary part of island life. Maintaining yours is a good way to care for your property, the island community, and the local environment.

Eric Bergson

Ready for Boating Season?

As we move closer to the start of boating season, remember to check your safety equipment like buoyancy vests and fire extinguishers for current expiration dates. See Boating Safety checklist below:



First Mate Checklist
presented by:  **Sea Tow Foundation**
for Boating Safety and Education



- ☐ Does everyone on board have a **life jacket** that fits? Help your shipmates put their life jackets on!
- ☐ Where are the fire extinguishers, emergency flares and first aid kit on the boat?
Make sure everyone else knows too!
- ☐ Double check that your navigation lights and horn work before leaving the dock.
- ☐ Help your captain perform a radio check to make sure the VHF radio is working properly.
Use **Sea Tow's Automated Radio Check Service**.
- ☐ Check the bilge. You want to make sure it isn't filled with water.
- ☐ Check the gas gauge and let your Captain know how much **fuel** you have.
- ☐ How does the weather look? You don't want to head out on the water if it looks like it's going to storm.
Download the Sea Tow App to help track the weather.
- ☐ Make sure you have drinking water and **sunblock** on board.
- ☐ Ask your captain what the safe way out of harbor is and help them determine your course using the compass.
- ☐ Last thing to check:
Is everyone ready to have FUN?



To learn more about the Sea Tow Foundation visit boatingsafety.com
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New to Herron Island?



Welcome! We encourage you to meet your neighbors and get involved in island events and activities. Purchase a copy of the HI Boosters Directory (\$5) from Robin Kelly at d_kelly@centurylink.net and find your neighbors close by. Stop and say hello when you're out and about. The folks around here are very friendly and will always wave even if they don't know you.

Your neighbors can help you with obtaining off-island services such as trash collection, propane servicing, or obtaining a mailbox on the mainland. Did you know that being a walk-on passenger to the mainland to collect your mail is free of charge?. The ferry crew calls that a "turnaround". No charge for "turnarounds" as long as you don't leave the mainland parking lot.

Make sure you get your email address included on the island broadcast email list to receive important information about island issues. The office staff can help you with that. Send an email to them at office@herronisland.org and request to be included on the list.

Want to follow the ferry in real time? There's a GPS app for your laptop or mobile device that shows you where the ferry is and whether or not they are shuttling. Go to www.vesselfinder.com and search for Charlie Wells in the find vessel box.



Board Candidates Needed

This year there will be three Board seats up for election. Members are encouraged to run for a Board seat and become part of the operation of our island community. These seats will be filled at the Annual Membership Meeting on June 12, 2021

A Board candidate application can be found on the next page.

Applications for a Board seat must be received at the office no later than 10:00 am, May 8, 2021.

BOARD CANDIDATE APPLICATION

NAME:

YEARS AS A MEMBER OF HMC:

OCCUPATION:

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

EDUCATION OR TRAINING:

HMC EXPERIENCE ON THE BOARD, COMMITTEES, OR OTHER ACTIVITIES: GOALS:

CANDIDATE STATEMENT:

Signature

HMC Management's business practice requires that all Board members successfully complete a Background Check. Should you be elected to a Board position, you will be asked to complete a separate authorization for a third party to conduct a Background Check. Candidates unwilling to authorize a Background Check do not meet the eligibility requirements to hold a Board seat.

Top 10 Things New Board Members Should Keep in Mind

(Adapted from Community Associations Journal March 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 require 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.

Are You on the List?



HMC now has 448 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.

Board Member Email Addresses

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HMCScottYoung@herronisland.org

HMCkathyDeuster@herronisland.org

HMCBethOwen@herronisland.org

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. Please submit your questions, comments, and suggestions to MemberInput@herronisland.org



Parking Lot Flooding

Both the mainland ferry and North Beach parking lots can flood this time of year. Please consider checking tide tables and weather reports before parking in either the North Beach or Mainland Ferry lot areas. Flooding is caused by a combination of high tides and windstorms. On occasion, the water has been high enough to reach the mailboxes in the mainland lot.

Herron Island Emergency Preparedness

The Key Peninsula Fire Department has just launched a program called "Community Connect." Use this program to partner with the Fire Department to create a fire and life safety plan for your home. The sign up is free and it is secure. This is an opportunity to share information that is important to the homeowner that will help the fire department when seconds count. For example, provide information regarding residents with special needs, egress issues, pets in the home, the number of people living in the home, location of propane tanks etc. – these are all relevant and important for the FD to know. Not only does this program help the community prepare for unforeseen emergencies, it helps the fire department respond more effectively! For information and to sign up, visit here: <https://www.communityconnect.io/info/wa-keypeninsula>

Thanks to Merry Kogut for this info.



Welcome, New Islanders!

HMC welcomes new Members to Herron Island:

- Lukas & Natalie Velush
- Ross Heller
- Katrina Mickelson



Members Hiring Realtors on Herron Island

Any member hiring a realtor to sell their property must be aware of the risk of placing a real estate sign anywhere near a water meter. When placing signage for properties that are for sale, it is very important to be aware of where there may be underground utilities. During the recent ditch clearing, we noted two incidences where realtors have placed signage within inches of water and electrical lines. For example, if a water line is damaged, it would require turning the water off at the water main and impacting several properties until the damage has been addressed. If a significant repair is needed this may mean that people will not have water service for days. The best choice would be to call 811 (utility locators) before you dig. Members will be held liable for any damage to HMC water meters or surrounding pipe.

M/V Charlie Wells, a Federally Regulated Vessel

The ferry is a vessel subject to the United States Coast Guard regulations. As such, HMC ensures that the ferry is kept in good order and scheduled for regular maintenance and inspections, and follows regulations for its vessel class.

It is important to know that the “Master” of the vessel, or “Captain” in HMC’s case, has command of the ferry and exercises sole discretion over use and expectations of vehicles and passengers aboard the ferry.

The Captains are licensed and have multiple years of experience and training, providing them varied exposure to managing transportation of vehicles, and most importantly, providing safety for all crew and passengers.

HMC has an excellent crew, and they always ensure a safe voyage for all. During loading and all the way through to disembarking from the ferry the crew has many responsibilities and duties that fill the time during the passage.

HMC appreciates cooperation with all crew.



Is your Auto Decal Current?

With the first half assessment billed and effective as of October 1st everyone should have their new auto decal affixed to the lower driver’s side corner on the windshield of their car. These decals are required by the Ferry Access Policy to ensure that only members in good standing are able to access the ferry. Each decal has an expiration date and your vehicle’s license number which must match the plate on your car. Only vehicles owned and registered in the name of the member or authorized renter can receive an auto decal. Swapping of decals or sharing with non-members is not permitted.

NOTE: If you have an expired decal on your vehicle and wish to board the ferry, (and the deckhand’s iPad records shows you to be a member in good standing), you will be permitted to board **but you will be charged the guest rate until the current decal is affixed.** We realize that this may be an inconvenience for some, but please don’t take it out on the ferry crew. They are just doing their job at the instructions of the HMC Board. It is in everyone’s best interest that the Ferry Access Policy be followed. Please do your part and make sure your decal is current before you arrive at the ferry dock. The complete Ferry Access Policy can be found on the front page of the HMC website.

Thank you.

SCHEDULE OF MEMBERSHIP BILLINGS

Note: Bills that are not received or postmarked by the 25th of the month they are due are late and subject to a late fee.

General Assessments: Assessments for the general fund are billed semi-annually.

- 1st half: Billed and Due October 1
- 2nd half: Billed and Due April 1

Water Assessments: Assessments for water-related services are billed quarterly.

- 1st quarter: Billed and Due November 1
- 2nd quarter: Billed and Due February 1
- 3rd quarter: Billed and Due May 1
- 4th quarter: Billed and Due August 1

Special Assessments: These are billed and due on the first day of the month as designated by the Board of Directors.

Miscellaneous Billings: These are other items billed to your Member account, such as charged Ferry fees for contractors. They are billed and due on the first day of the month following the month in which the item was processed.

As noted above Late Fees will be charged to your Member account if your payment is not received or postmarked by the 25th of the month in which the payment is due. Late Fees vary and can be found in the Member-approved Fee Schedule on the Herron Island website.



SUMMER FERRY SCHEDULE - APRIL 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
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*** ferry will not operate during these times to allow for mandatory crew breaks. This includes shuttle runs.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULES - SUMMER

Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day run on the Sunday schedule.

WINTER FERRY SCHEDULE - OCTOBER 1 THROUGH MARCH 31

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
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HOLIDAY SCHEDULES - WINTER

Thanksgiving	8:30am - 9:00am	11:30am - noon	6:30pm - 7:00pm						
Christmas Day	8:30am - 9:00am		6:30pm - 7:00pm						
New Years Day	8:30am - 9:00am	11:30am - noon	6:30pm - 7:00pm						

NOTE: Check for low tide ferry cancellations. They are posted on the HMC website.

Reservations must be made with the ferry when towing or a vehicle exceeds 25 feet prior to arrival.

Ferry Cell Phone: 253-691-1457. Users are asked to arrive at least ten minutes before the scheduled departure time.

Ferry Rates		
Ferry User Fees	Member	Guest
Vehicle (up through 20') & Driver	\$8.00	\$20.00
Passengers & Walk-Ons		
Age 12 and Over	\$3.00	\$3.00
Age 5 - 11	\$1.00	\$1.00
Under Age 5	Free	Free
Vehicle Length Fares		
21' through 30'	\$16.00	\$32.00
31' through 40'	\$24.00	\$48.00
41' through 50'	\$32.00	\$64.00
51' through 60"	\$40.00	\$80.00
Special Runs	\$175.00	\$175.00
911 Medical Runs off the Island	Free	Free

Basic Ferry Safety Rules
Smoking is not permitted.
Marijuana is not permitted.
Open alcoholic beverages are prohibited (RCW 46.61.519)
Passengers must remain behind the safety lines in place across each end of the ferry.
Passengers must remain in vehicles or passenger cabin while ferry is loading/unloading vehicles.
Passengers under the age of 13 must be under adult supervision at all times. Passengers ages 13-17 who are unaccompanied by an adult must remain in the cabin until a crewmember tells them they may leave.
Propane tanks must be shut off and sealed prior to boarding.
Gasoline is allowed in CG/UL-approved portable containers no more than six (6) gallons in size with no signs of deterioration that could affect silt integrity. Containers must be properly secured for transit and cannot exceed a total volume of twelve (12) gallons on any one trip.

Access Policy Main Points
Member vehicles must have a valid HMC Sticker. (If sticker is invalid guest rates apply.)
Guests must provide a completed guest pass to the deckhand/purser, filled out and signed by a Member, to be admitted onto the ferry.
Roundtrip payment is required on the mainland side by cash or check.
Charges to Members can only be authorized for utility, service or delivery services.
A reservation must be made in advance and confirmed by the ferry Captain to transport any combination (in-tow) of any length and/or single vehicles longer than 25 feet.
Maximum gross weight is 40,000 pds.
Maximum vehicle length is 60 feet.

Loading/Unloading Procedures
Speed limit on the ramps and boat is 5 MPH.
Follow all directions given by crew.
Set parking break and turn off engine when loaded.
Do not start engine until directed by the crew.
Turn off all vehicle lights while on the ferry, ramp or pier during loading and/or unloading.
To load vehicles proceed to the concrete pier when light turns green. Proceed one vehicle at a time down the wooden ramp and wait at bottom until directed by crew to drive onto the ferry. Follow instructions of crew where and when to park.
To exit the ferry restart your engine and release parking break only when directed by crew. Exit ferry as directed by crew.
Foot passengers may not board when light is green. Passengers are to remain in cabin when ferry is docking or at dock.

Boarding/Shuttling
Ferry crew may begin boarding 10 minutes prior to scheduled departure.
Vehicles/passengers must arrive no later than five minutes before the scheduled departure time to ensure a place either on the current run or a shuttle.
Vehicles/passengers arriving after the five minute cutoff time are not assured a place either on the current run or shuttle.
If additional vehicles/passengers arrive after the cutoff and prior to the final shuttle departure they will only be accommodated as space permits on the shuttle. Any remaining vehicles must wait until the next scheduled run.
The ferry may not make shuttle runs if the ferry crew reach legal work hour limits. Some shuttles may not be made to assure the ferry crew gets required breaks.

Holiday Restrictions
Combinations (in-tow) of any length and/or single vehicles longer than 25 feet will not be transported after noon, the Thursday before Memorial and Labor Day holiday weekends. Restriction dates will be posted for the Independence Day holiday.

Ferry Cell Phone
253-691-1457
Call the ferry to schedule heavy loads, when towing vehicles and any vehicle longer than 25 feet. Confirmed reservation is required by the ferry Captain prior to loading.

Member Responsibility
Members are responsible for their guests actions at all times and to assure a completely filled out guest pass is issued to their guest prior to the guest arriving at the ferry.

2021 HMC Scheduled Ferry Low Tide Cancellations and Adjustments

April 2021

Thu 4/01	3:30-4:00 cancelled
Fri 4/02	3:30-5:00 cancelled ADD 5:30-6:00 PM RUN
Tue 4/27	12:00-12:30 cancelled
Wed 4/28	12:00-12:30 cancelled
Thu 4/29	No shuttle after 12:30 run. 3:30 delayed to 3:40
Fri 4/30	3:30-4:00 cancelled

May 2021

Sat 5/01	3:30-5:00 cancelled ADD 12:30-1:00 PM RUN
Sun 5/02	4:30-5:00 cancelled ADD 12:30-1:00 PM RUN
Thu 5/13	No shuttles after 12:30
Fri 5/14	2:30-3:00 cancelled
Sun 5/16	3:30-4:00 cancelled
Tue 5/25	12:00-12:30 cancelled ADD 9:30-10:00 AM RUN
Wed 5/26	12:00-12:30 cancelled
Thu 5/27	12:00-12:30 cancelled ADD 2:30-3:00 PM RUN
Fri 5/28	12:00-3:00 cancelled ADD 9:30-10:00 AM RUN ADD 5:30-6:00 PM RUN
Sat 5/29	3:30-4:00 cancelled
Sun 5/30	3:30-5:00 cancelled
Mon 5/31	3:30-5:00 cancelled ADD 12:30-1:00 PM RUN

Memorial Day Holiday Ferry Restrictions

Vehicles towing anything (combinations of any length) and single vehicles longer than 25 feet will **NOT** be transported **AFTER** the 12:00 noon-12:30 pm run, Thursday May 27, 2021 through the end of the day Monday, May 31, 2021.

Note: Monday, May 31 the ferry will operate on the holiday schedule which is the same as the summer weekend schedule.

June 2021

Wed 6/09	No service 10:15-11:15
Thu 6/10	12:00-12:30 cancelled
Fri 6/11	12:00-12:30 cancelled ADD 9:30-10:00 AM RUN
Sat 6/12	No shuttles after 12:30
Sun 6/13	3:30 leaves at 3:45
Mon 6/14	3:30-4:00 cancelled
Tue 6/15	3:30-4:00 cancelled
Tue 6/22	No shuttles after 09:00
Wed 6/23	9:30-12:30 cancelled ADD 2:30-3:00 PM RUN
Thu 6/24	12:00-12:30 cancelled
Fri 6/25	12:00-12:30 cancelled ADD 9:30-10:00 AM RUN
Sat 6/26	11:30-12:00 cancelled
Sun 6/27	3:30 leaves at 3:50
Mon 6/28	3:30-4:00 cancelled

General Information

- **NO SERVICE/NO SHUTTLE** means the tides are too low to safely operate the ferry for the listed time. **Shuttles will not run during this time.**
- Check www.herronisland.org for schedule updates.
- **Add** means runs added out of normal schedule.

July 2021

Wed 7/07	No shuttle after 10:00
Thu 7/08	12:00-12:30 cancelled
Fri 7/09	12:00-12:30 cancelled ADD 9:30-10:00 AM RUN
Sat 7/10	11:30-12:00 cancelled
Sun 7/11	No shuttle after 12:00
Mon 7/12	No shuttle after 12:30
Tue 7/13	03:30 leaves at 03:40
Tue 7/20	08:30-09:00 cancelled ADD 11:00-11:30 AM RUN
Wed 7/21	08:30-10:00 cancelled ADD 11:00-11:30 AM RUN
Thu 7/22	No shuttle after 09:00, 12:00 leaves at 12:45
Fri 7/23	12:00-12:30 cancelled ADD 1:30-2:00 PM RUN
Sat 7/24	10:30-12:00 cancelled ADD 2:30-3:00 PM RUN
Sun 7/25	11:30-12:00 cancelled
Mon 7/26	No shuttle after 12:30

July 4th Holiday Ferry Restrictions

Vehicles towing anything (combinations of any length) and single vehicles longer than 25 feet will **NOT** be transported **AFTER** the 12:00 noon-12:30 pm run, Thursday July 1, 2021 through the end of the day Sunday July 4, 2021.

Note: Sunday, July 4 the ferry will operate on the holiday schedule which is the same as the summer weekend schedule.

August 2021

Sat 8/07	10:30-12:00 cancelled ADD 2:30-3:00 PM RUN
Sun 8/08	11:30-12:00 cancelled ADD 2:30-3:00 PM RUN
Mon 8/09	12:00-12:30 cancelled
Wed 8/18	08:30-09:00 cancelled
Thu 8/19	08:30-09:00 cancelled ADD 11:00-11:30 AM RUN
Fri 8/20	No shuttle after 09:00
Sat 8/21	10:30-12:00 cancelled ADD 2:30-3:00 PM RUN
Sun 8/22	11:30-12:00 cancelled ADD 2:30-3:00 PM RUN
Mon 8/23	No shuttle after 12:30

Labor Day Holiday Ferry Restrictions

Vehicles towing anything (combinations of any length) and single vehicles longer than 25 feet will **NOT** be transported **AFTER** the 12:00 noon-12:30 pm run, Thursday September 2, 2021 through the end of the day Monday, September 6, 2021.

Note: Monday, September 6, the ferry will operate on the holiday schedule which is the same as the summer weekend schedule.

Herron Island Properties For Sale/Pending:

- **920 E Herron Blvd:** (MLS # 1687257): Vacant land – double lot – with water view! 0.63 acres. **Listed at \$39,500**
- **103 Herron Lane:** (MLS # 1725318): 1 bed/1 bath with large loft area. 1,440 sq. ft. 0.27 acre view lot. **PENDING SALE!!**
- **903-905-907 Madrona Blvd:** (MLS # 1735081): Vacant land – 3 lots – includes 2017 trailer. 0.96 acre. **PENDING SALE!!**
- **413 E Herron Blvd:** (MLS # 1742423): 70' of medium bank waterfront home! East & South-East View!! 1,664 sq. ft log home! Steps to beach! **Listed at \$449,950**

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