

THE BEACHCOMBER

November/December 2022

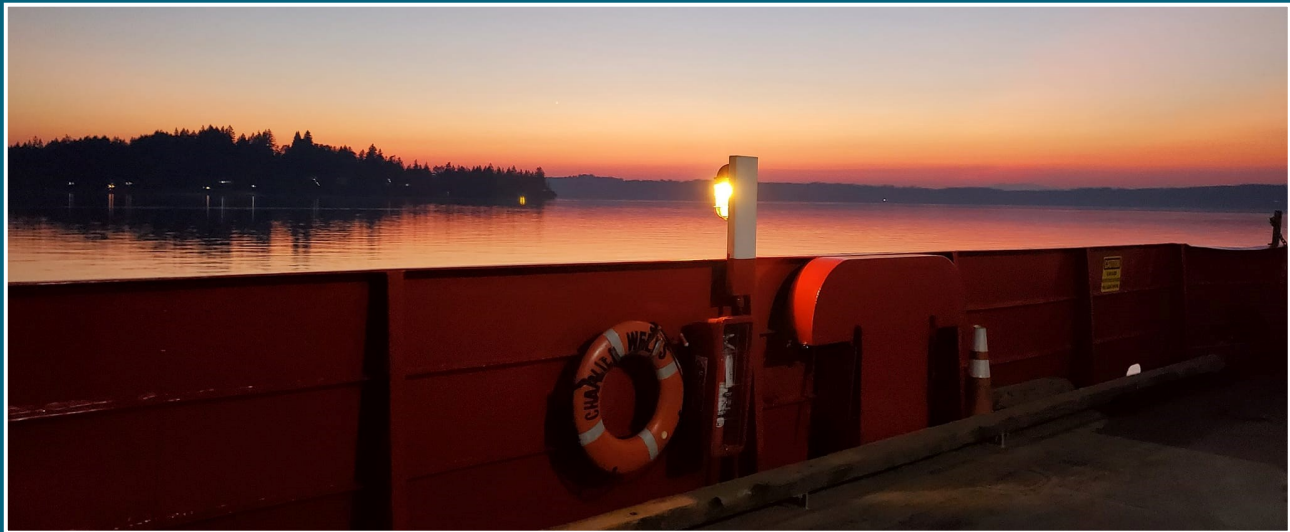


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President's Message

Janet Podell, President

HMC Board of Directors

With this being the final *Beachcomber* of the year, it's appropriate to reflect on the year just passed. I believe we can safely say that 2022 was a year that members will remember with greater nostalgia than the previous two years. It seems that the worst of COVID is behind us and we were able to return to relative normalcy.

Our holiday events returned with great fanfare thanks to the **BOOSTERS**. Our Parks are looking better than ever thanks to the **Parks Committee**; our Roads (and our beautiful new street signs!) are well maintained thanks to the **Roads Committee**. The small boat docks were successfully installed and then removed from the water to be stored for the winter thanks to the **Small Boat Docks Committee**. Our Emergency Preparedness plans took us safely through the year thanks to the **Emergency Preparedness Committee**. Our ferry operations saw significant improvements made to the ferry, and a hugely successful shipyard event that resulted in our biennial trip to dry dock coming in ahead of schedule and approximately 58% under budget, thanks in large part to the work of the **Ferry Committee**. The **Finance Committee** should be recognized and commended for the endless hours they spend dedicated to budget planning, audit and audit findings, reserve analysis, financial process and procedures, and reviewing of the financials. The **Rules Committee** worked hard to manage rules violations fairly and modified a couple of important rules that needed updating. And let's not forget the **Beachcomber Editor** and the **Webmaster** who bring us their electronic skills in the form of information. We thank you all!

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Does anybody see a trend here? Volunteerism has been the bedrock of the Herron Island community since the Island was incorporated more than 64 years ago. We couldn't function as well as we do without the help of volunteers. Not only do volunteers provide services that help to maintain and beautify their own community, but the cost savings realized from the support of volunteers is nothing to sneeze at. We are always looking for new volunteers to donate their time and skill to help keep this community the wonderful island paradise that we all enjoy. Anyone interested in volunteering their time is urged to contact the Island Manager at HMCmanager@herronisland.org. There's an array of opportunities for everyone.

Ferry Schedule News

At the October Board meeting the Board of Directors voted to permanently adopt the Summer Friday Schedule Pilot. From now on, the **Friday** schedule in the **summer** months will eliminate the 2:30-3:00pm runs and insert 5:30-6:00pm runs. This is in keeping with traffic shuttle patterns that have been studied. Given that our population demographic is rapidly changing, and the future improvements to our internet capabilities, there may very well be more changes to the ferry schedule in the near future. We will be looking at traffic patterns using the information collected from the ferry ticketing iPad to help us. Your input is important. If you have any ideas that you would like to see implemented to our ferry schedule please send those to us at Memberinput@herronisland.org.

Wave/Astound Broadband Installation

As reported in the last *Beachcomber*, the Wave/Astound project is still working through some Pierce County permitting issues, but Katri, our Island Manager, meets with them weekly to stay current on the progress. When definitive resolution on the permitting issue is accomplished, we will update the membership on when they plan to break ground for the towers.

UWILD Program

First of all, what is the UWILD Program? It stands for "Underwater Inspection In Lieu of Drydocking". This Coast Guard program is granted to some vessels if they meet certain requirements. For us it means that if granted, the *Charlie Wells* will only have to go to the shipyard once every five years instead of its current two-year cycle. Underwater hull inspections will be conducted by the Coast Guard every two years, most likely at the mainland ferry dock. Does that mean that "above the waterline" maintenance will only happen every five years? In a word, no. Normal maintenance on the engines, transmissions, electrical and mechanical systems will still be conducted, but the ferry will remain in the water for that work. The community's savings will be realized by avoiding the huge cost of taking the boat to the shipyard.

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WELCOME, NEW ISLANDERS!

Josh Lee & Kristin Geary

Peter & Lisa Renn

Navia Nguyen & Spencer Marshall

Nhat Nguyen & Trang Tran

Richard Nguyen & Jenny Do

Bang Nguyen & Jennifer Huynh

We're glad you're here!



ARE YOU ON "THE LIST"?

HMC now has 451 Member email addresses on our notification list!

If you want to get the latest on windstorms, power outages, water line breakages, or other news, or even be notified when the latest edition of the *Beachcomber* is published, please send an email to office@herronisland.org and request that your email address be added.

This will be used for HMC purposes only.

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

The HMC office will be closed for the holidays:

Thur, Nov. 25th
Fri, Nov. 26th



The *Beachcomber* will return in January for a new edition...

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HMC applied for the UWILD program in June of this year with the invaluable help of our very own Kris Mullan whose experience, expertise, and working relationship with the Coast Guard guided us through every step of the process and was on site at the shipyard with the CG inspectors. At the shipyard event in September the hull was marked with welded identification points to enable successful underwater mapping for inspection. Following this, a video was prepared showing the identification points which Kris sent along to the Coast Guard with hull drawings. We cannot thank Kris Mullan enough! One of the Coast Guard qualifications is the age of the vessel. Typically, they will approve a vessel if it meets all of the requirements and is under 15 years old. Our ferry is 33 years old. However, with Kris's help we made a very compelling case for approval: 1. The ferry operates in protected waters (there's no commercial traffic in Case Inlet); 2. Our points of departure and destination are less than a mile apart; 3. Our workhorse engines and transmissions were newly installed in 2013; and 4. We have maintained our ferry very well over the years. We are hopeful that this puts us in a favorable position with the Coast

Guard. We will notify the membership when we hear back from the Coast Guard. Keep your fingers crossed.

The next *Beachcomber* will be the January edition. I would like to wish all of our members the very best holiday season this year in celebration of whatever religious or cultural affiliation you follow. Peace and harmony to all. See you in January. ●

This Month's Emergency Preparedness Committee's Safety Tip:

GENERATOR SAFETY

Now is a good time to check your generator before the season of long power outages.



Check/change the oil and make sure your fuel is fresh

Use portable generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas away from all doors, windows and vents

Install/check carbon monoxide alarms in your home

Do not use a generator in a wet area (can cause shock or electrocution)

Use heavy-duty extension cords when connecting appliances to the generator

Do not fuel your generator when it is running (spilling gas on a hot engine can cause a fire)

HMC Emergency Text Notifications

HMC has set up an emergency text notification with “Text-Em-All”.

Sign up to be notified of:

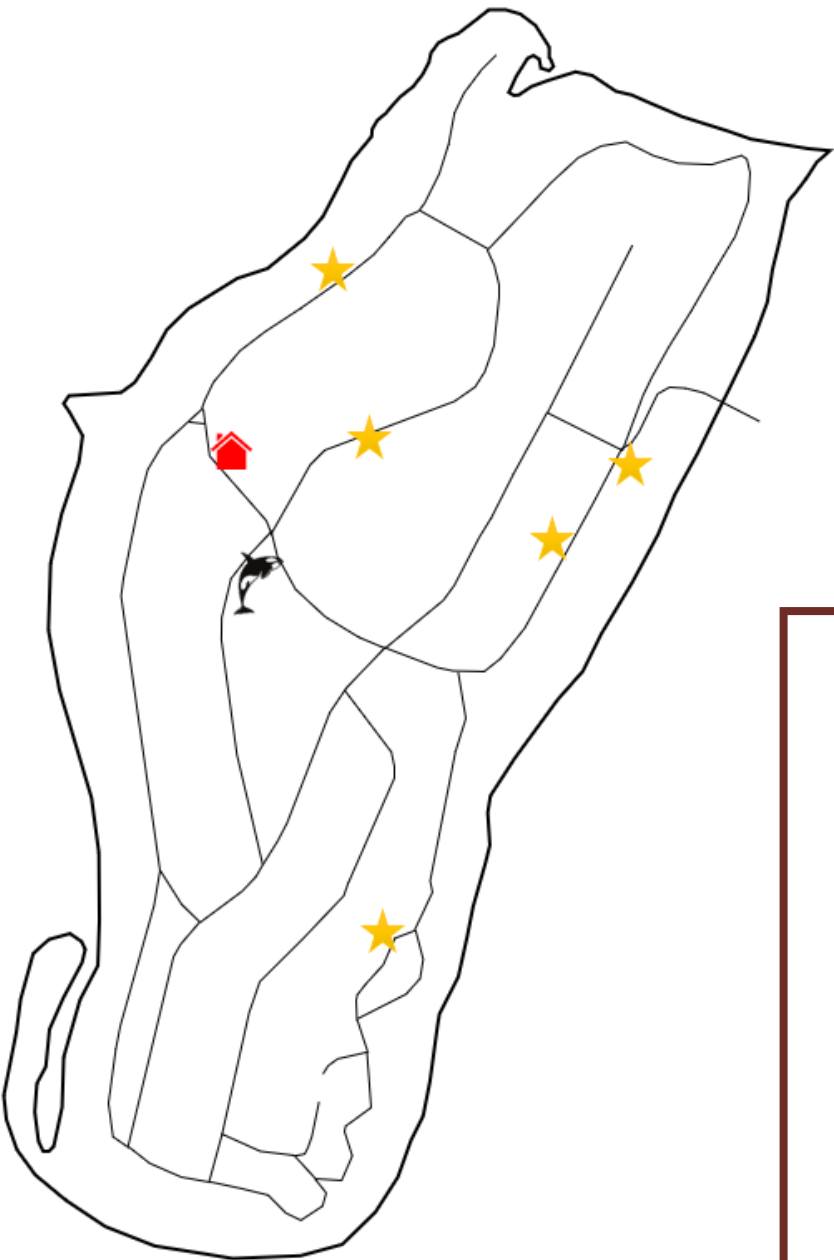
- Notification of Emergency Infrastructure Failures for the Ferry System/Water Department/Roads/Fire
- Notification when Failure(s) are resolved

Important Note: Please do not respond to texts; return texts are not monitored

Email broadcast messages will continue to be sent in conjunction and will allow additional detail that text may not.

TO JOIN:

- Text the word "JOIN" to (844) 567-3582
- You will receive a text reading “SYSTEM MSG: You have signed up and will now receive text alerts from HMC Management.”
- Text the word "STOP" to prevent future messages
- If you accidentally opt out of texts, text the word "UNSTOP" to (844) 567-3582 ●



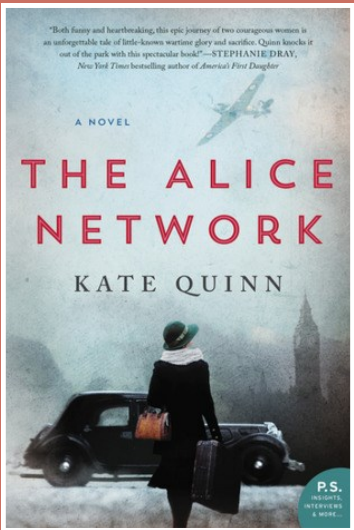
BOOK OF THE MONTH



Find this title in a LFL on the island or check it out (in person or digitally) from your local library!

The Alice Network

by Kate Quinn



In this enthralling historical novel, a female spy recruited to the real-life Alice Network in France during World War I and an unconventional American socialite searching for her cousin in 1947 are brought together in a mesmerizing story of courage and redemption.

LFL Map Key



Little Free Libraries

- 22418 Maple Drive
- 1216 West Herron Blvd NW
- 1009 West Yew Blvd NW
- 306 North Fir Lane NW
- 21928 Ferry Street
- 826 & 828 East Herron Blvd NW



LFL for Kids

- 22509 Maple Drive NW



FUTURE EVENTS*

Every Saturday
9:00am-10:00am
Yoga
@ The Community Center,
hosted by Joyce Major

**Sat, Dec 3 Yoga
moved to Sun, Dec 4



Every 3rd Saturday
11:00am-12:00pm
Craft Party
@ The Community Center,
hosted by Cindy Estlund

Sat, Dec 3
9:00am
Wreath-Making Party
@ The Community Center,
hosted by Cindy Estlund

Sat, Jan 14, 2023
5:00pm
BOOSTERS Annual
Meeting/Potluck
@ The Community Center

**Dates subject to change.*
Visit the [Herron Island Calendar](#) and [join our email list](#) today to be notified of any updates!

Monthly Message

Robin Kelly
Boosters President

Greetings!

We had a great turnout for the Annual Herron Island Thanksgiving Dinner this year. It was so nice to be able to share this special holiday event with our friends and neighbors, as well as welcome so many new islanders and their families. For those of you who were unable to attend, please know that you were greatly missed and we really hope you will come next year.

We have such an awesome community!

A huge thank you to the hordes of volunteers who came together to make this event such a success. The building was beautifully decorated, creating a festive atmosphere that could be felt by everyone. The food was not only delicious, but a lot of effort was put into ensuring that there would be more than enough of all the traditional Thanksgiving dishes for everyone to enjoy. The food team worked tirelessly throughout the evening to keep the food hot, monitored the food tables making sure there was always plenty to serve, and helped clean up afterwards. To-go plates were delivered to not only the ferry crew, but also to many of the elderly and disabled individuals in our community who could not attend.

The new event tent worked great to display all the fun baskets that were donated for the raffle and also provided more room in the building and on the patio for seating. The raffle and auction were also a huge success and a whole lot of fun for everyone.

As always, everyone rolled up their sleeves after the dinner to clean up and help transition the building and patio for the BOOSTERS Merchandise Sale and Art Bazaar to be held Sunday morning. Coffee, hot chocolate and apple cider were available for all to enjoy, including leftover desserts and pastries. It was quite the transformation from the night before. I think we might just have started a new tradition!

Attendees and volunteer caterers enjoying the Annual Thanksgiving Potluck



New event tent with donated gift baskets and raffle auction winners

GET THE LATEST SCOOP!

If you want to get the most up-to-date info on BOOSTERS-sponsored events, special projects, volunteer opportunities, or monthly membership meetings, get on our email list!

Email us at herronislandboosters@gmail.com today to be added.

This will be used for BOOSTERS purposes only.



Sunday Art Bazaar booths at the Community Center

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The next BOOSTERS event will be **Wreath and Swag Making** at the Community Center on **Saturday, December 3rd at 9:00am**. Holiday Elves will be decorating the island that day and could use a little help. Tubs of ornaments will be at the Wreath/Swag party so come out and play!

The BOOSTERS will be holding our **Annual Meeting** on **Saturday, January 14 at 5:00pm**, followed by a potluck dinner. Lisa McCormick, our current and long-time Treasurer, and Joyce Major, our current Secretary, will both be stepping down, so anyone interested in filling these positions please let us know. We thank both Lisa and Joyce for all they have done to make the BOOSTERS a fun and productive non-profit organization. For more specific information about these positions, please contact me at (253) 313-2784 or email me at robin.kelly712@gmail.com.

Happy Holidays, everyone! ●

HOLIDAY WREATH-MAKING PARTY

WHEN: Saturday, December 3 at 9:00am

WHERE: Herron Island Community Center

WHO: All members, kids of all ages, visiting friends—
no creative talent is required, just enthusiasm!

SUGGESTIONS OF WHAT TO BRING:

- Gloves
- Wire cutters
- Hot glue gun
- Green garden wire
- Hand foliage cutters for shaping materials
- Various decorations for your wreaths (ribbons, etc.)
- Metal wreath hoops (can be purchased at Michaels)
- Misc. greenery, interesting branch limbs, and pine cones to use and/or share
- Ornaments (plastic only) to donate to the Boosters, used to decorate the island



We also encourage folks to bring a plate of finger-food snacks to share.

AFTER-PARTY: Take a bag of Christmas ornaments to hang on the roadside tree limbs, signs, or huckleberry bushes near your property!

This is always a fun get-together. Hope you can join us for the chance to make something creative and beautiful for your island home—or even for the home of a friend!

CONTACT:
Cynthia Estlund
(253) 632-9941

Happy Holidays!

2023 HERRON ISLAND CALENDARS
The Perfect Holiday Gift!



2023 HI Calendar: \$15.00 each

Please arrange to pick yours up on the island.
Mailing available upon request; cost of postage
will be added to price.

Contact:
Jen Hancock
herronislandcalendar@mail.com
(note: not @gmail)

**Cash or checks made out
to “Herron Island Boosters”**

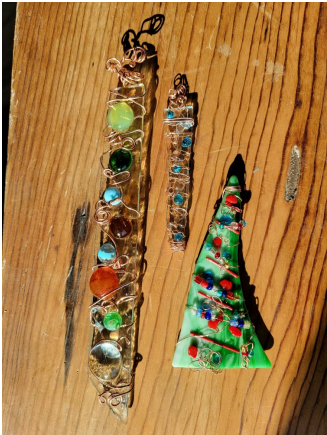
Get yours today, before they run out!

Monthly Craft Party

Craft Party held every 3rd Saturday—all
are welcome!

RSVP: Cindy Estlund at (253) 632-9941 ●

Top: October’s monthly craft: Pumpkin succulents!
Photo Credit: Betty Eccles
Below: November’s monthly craft: Stained glass ornament
crafting with Guest Instructor Dana Gruber
Photo Credit: Cindy Estlund



PARKING LOT FLOODING

Both the mainland ferry and
North Beach parking lots can
flood this time of year.
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!

Please consider checking tide
tables and weather reports
before parking in either the
North Beach or Mainland
Ferry lot areas.

Kayak Removal

Is Your Kayak Still at North Beach?

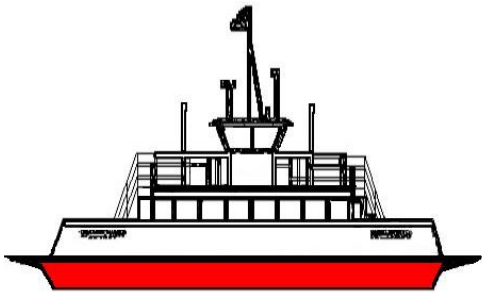
Members with kayaks located in the kayak racks at North
Beach are being asked to remove them and return them to your
properties. HMC policy requests removal of all boats from
North Beach at the time that the small boat docks are removed
from the water.

The Parks Committee will be performing maintenance and
upgrades to the kayak rack and needs to have it clear of all
boats.

Thank you! ●

Ferry Corner

A trip on the *Charlie Wells* is a special thing for Herron Islanders and their guests! Please do your part to make it a safe one by following the tips outlined below.



- **Fill out guest passes completely.** Incomplete passes will not be taken, causing the holder to wait for boarding—potentially on the next ferry run!
- **One car on the ramp** at a time. Speed limit on ramp is 5 mph. Do not leave ramp until motioned aboard by the crew.
- **Stay off the phone.** We appreciate your full attention as you board the ferry. Pay special attention as you drive down the ramp onto the ferry or when turning to load on an outside lane. The crew will point to the lane you should be in and guide by indicating if you need to move a little left or right.
- **Turn off the engine** and set parking brake once loaded.
- **Do not start your engine** until guided by the crew.
- **Turn off all vehicle lights** while on the pier, ramp, or ferry, while loading or unloading. Lights make it difficult for the crew to see!

The ferry is governed by the United States Coast Guard and the Master of the Vessel (the Captain) is in charge at all times. If you are not paying attention to the rules and guidance in the policies, or the signs on the ferry, the crew will direct you to pay attention. There is no time to challenge the crew; if you wish to report a problem please email the Island Manager at HMCManager@herronisland.org.

The ferry crew’s instructions must be followed at all times. At the captain’s sole discretion, driver or passenger behavior may prevent them from boarding the ferry or cause them to be removed from the ferry. The captain may choose to contact the Sheriff’s Department for assistance.

Alcohol, cigarettes, vapes, and similar products may not be used on the ramps or on board the ferry. Vehicle drivers and passengers must remain inside their vehicle while vehicles are loading or unloading from the ferry. They must return to their vehicles prior to docking. The same rule applies to motorcycle riders and passengers.

The ultimate responsibility for safely loading your vehicle is in your hands. Please review the last page of the ferry schedule for additional rules required for all passengers.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation! ●

TIPS FOR SMOOTH SAILING

- **Call ahead** if you are planning to use the ferry for a trailer, boat, or large vehicle!
- **Plan ahead** and arrive at the dock at least 5 minutes before the scheduled time of departure.
- **Walks-ons** are not allowed on the dock or ramp while cars are being loaded. Watch crew for permission to board.
- **Bring exact payment.** Only service and delivery people may charge fares.
- **All visiting parties must have a ferry guest pass***—vendors, service people, guests, and visitors alike. Be sure to fill it out completely before boarding!

**Our ferry guest pass system is part of our current Ferry Access Policy ([found on the website here](#)) and was put in place for all of our security. Please make sure your guest has a valid—signed—guest pass 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.*

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Emergency: 911
Ferry Cell: (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.*

Office Info

Phone: (253) 884-9350
Fax: (253) 884-5047
Email: office@herronisland.org

Office Hours

Monday	closed
Tuesday	8:30am-4:30pm
Wednesday	closed
Thursday	8:30am-4:30pm
Friday*	8:30am-4:30pm
Saturday	closed
Sunday	closed

**Closes at 2:00pm on Fridays before Board meetings.*

www.herronisland.org

THE BEACHCOMBER PUBLICATION

Submissions

- HMC Board Meetings: 2nd Saturday of every month
- Beachcomber Submissions Due: Wednesdays after each Board Meeting, by 5:00pm

Paid ads to be arranged with the HMC office prior to publication.
Please include your name and phone number with your submission to beachcomber@herronisland.org.

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Feedback? Photography? Questions?

Are you a Committee Chair who wants to advertise an upcoming meeting or work party?
Did you take a great island picture you're just dying to share?
Or do you just want to give a little feedback and tell us how we're doing?
WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!
beachcomber@herronisland.org

Paid Advertisement

My Herron Island Properties for Sale/Pending:

- **1207 E Madrona Blvd:** (MLS # 1991016): 1,370 sq. ft. cabin – bring tool belt & HGTV ideas! **\$224,900**
- **NEW ON MARKET: 311 Herron Lane:** (MLS # 2012647): 1,548 sq. ft. cabin with 2 beds/1.5 baths with peek-a-boo view! **\$379,000**
- **209 W Herron Blvd:** (MLS # 1984194): 3,440 sq. ft. with 3 beds/3.75 baths + double lot. **\$479,000**
- **615 W Yew Blvd:** (MLS # 1941229): 1,164 sq. ft. with 2 beds/2 baths plus double lot. **PENDING SALE!**
- **NEW ON MARKET: 213 E Madrona Blvd:** (MLS # 2005585): 832 sq. ft. with 2 beds/1 bath on 2 lots (1.117 acre). **PENDING SALE!**

2022 to date = 21 Closed Sales on H.I. plus 2 Pending!

www.DiscoverHerronIsland.com

Karen Dorans, Island Resident Broker

Call/Text: 253.219.4076

Email: Karen@HerronIsland.com



Karen is a full time resident; call her anytime to view any listed property or to discuss selling your island home!

"Living here, Working here"

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Please include your name and phone number with your submission to
beachcomber@herronisland.org.

Note: HMC Management neither endorses advertisers nor vouches for their being properly licensed.

Find these documents on our website:

[Ferry Schedule](#)
[2022 Cancellations](#)

Effective July 8 2022 TEMPORARY through September 8, 2022

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.

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

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

www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html

It can also be found 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 on 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.