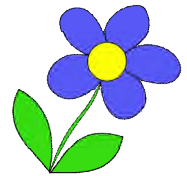




The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

April 2019



President's Message

Good grief! It's April already! The official start of our busy season is upon us. Know how you can tell? The ferry is operating on the Summer schedule, we have this year's Low Tide Ferry Cancellations taped to our refrigerators, the small boat docks are in the water, colorful kayaks are starting to dot the landscape, and the ferry lines are getting longer! And in case you hadn't noticed, the sun is making a renewed appearance on a more regular basis. Got your personal fan in the car for waiting in those hot ferry lines?

Seriously though, we all look forward to the Spring and Summer season on the island. Which brings me to a reminder about the rules governing the use of our small boat docks. While there is an article about this further down in this Beachcomber, it doesn't hurt to remember that the small boat docks are there for the enjoyment of all. And since our population is growing, more boats are going to be vying for a spot on the docks. Please follow the 24 hour docking rule and be aware that the far north side of the dock is now designated for loading and unloading only. No docking and/or leaving your boat there unattended! There are stiff fines for violations of rules governing the use of the small boat docks. Members are encouraged to notify the office if they observe continued violations of this rule.

Have you noticed the clean up as you travel along our island roads? The Roads Committee and many volunteers worked very hard to limb overhanging trees and remove dead branches. After that another group of hardworking volunteers followed a chipper around the island to clean up the piles of cut debris. That's hard work and the effort was truly appreciated. Thank you to all of the volunteers who stepped up to help. And a great big thank you also goes to all of the volunteers who assisted in

returning the small boat docks to the water. Think about it for a minute. If we had to pay a contractor to perform these labor intensive and arduous tasks, it would cost us thousands of dollars that would ultimately be added to our annual assessment. Volunteer labor can never be underappreciated or taken for granted. Volunteers are the backbone of our community. See the article further down in the Beachcomber for a complete list of the volunteers who contributed their time and energy for the benefit of our community.

Got those Guest Passes ready for your visitors? There's an article further down in this Beachcomber about the use of Guest Passes. Please make sure that your guests have their passes filled out and ready to present to the deckhand when asked. If not, and in order not to hold up the ferry loading process, they may be asked to wait for the next ferry run or shuttle. Remember, it's not the crew's job to fill out guest passes or make phone calls to members who forgot to give their guests adequate instructions.

Taking Fido for a walk? Herron Island is very pet friendly. We love your fur babies but not their leavings. Please remember to carry bags with you to pick up after him or her. There's nothing pleasant about finding a pile of dog droppings as you wander around our island paradise. And then don't forget to take the bag with you on the rest of your walk. There have been reports about members finding those happy bags at various locations along the road.

One more reminder (at the risk of sounding like a broken record), is a point about vehicles parked on Herron Road while waiting in line for the ferry. You must keep drivers side doors closed so as not to obstruct traffic going up or down the open lane on the left. And please remind your guests about this too.

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President's Message
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Three seats are open in this year's Board election. Please consider running for a Board spot and be part of shaping our community as we move into the future. An article and Board Candidate application can be found in this Beachcomber.

And a last thought before I sign off this month.....How often have you driven around the island and seen a property that is an unsightly mess? Trash, tools, discarded furniture and other debris littering a property is not only unpleasant to see but can have a deleterious effect on

neighborhood property values. Not to mention that Pierce County has an ordinance against solid waste and garbage on private property. But since it is always preferable not to have to go that route, members are encouraged to keep their properties looking presentable, free of solid waste/garbage, and perhaps offer to help out their neighbor whose property could use some help. We love our island. Let's work to keep it pristine.

Until next month at this time and space.....

**Janet Podell,
HMC Board 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 13, 2019

Administration:

- Thank you to the crew for steering with one engine for a few days, quite a feat while waiting for a repair to the fuel injector system
- Thank you to the office for everything you do
- Thank you to all the volunteers that cleaned and chipped debris from the roads
- Thank you to all the volunteers that worked on the Small Boat Docks
- HMC's CPA will attend the May Board Meeting to discuss the annual audit
- 2019 USDA regulatory review/compliance complete
- Reserve Study, HMC on-site/Water off-site underway, will be complete by end of April

From our tree and clean-up volunteers:

- There was quite a lot of trash picked up while work was going on, a good time to remind guests, etc. about littering.
- Due to storms many trees on private properties were seen with broken limbs, please check for safety. Many Maples on the island have hollow cores making them vulnerable to decay, also, many Alders have dead tops and may not be healthy trees.
- If you have dead tree debris to burn remember to do so prior the summer burn ban that will likely happen as soon as it is dry.
- There are wood chips at Nature Park from roads clean up – please help yourself

Osprey

The Osprey are testing the nesting platform built by Gary Wanzong and installed by Gary and Joe Taylor. Hopefully the raptors will build their nest on the platform and raise their young.

Volunteer Opportunity

Pierce County Noxious Weeds Program requires that Tansy be removed annually. HMC is looking for a volunteer(s) to hand pull Tansy at Nature Park and check Goodpastor and North Beach for same. The time to pull is in June prior to the inspector coming to Herron Island at the end of June. Please contact me at the office: 253-884-9350 or email: hmcmanager@herronisland.org. Thank you!



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Departments/Committees

Maintenance: Gary Wanzong to report

Parks: Jim Davies – Work Party – May 18, 9-3 @ Goodpastor

Policies: Mike Gage to report

Roads: Curt Haney to report

Emergency Preparedness: Mike Shettlesworth to report

- LIKE the following for emergency information on your FaceBook feed:
 - Peninsula Light to receive regular communication including safety tips and line repair
 - Pierce County Dept of Emergency Management

Water: Charles Smith will report.

Please call Charles at 206-707- 4645 for immediate needs

Legal Liaison: There are 18 delinquencies; 10 with our attorney for action

Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 21st, 2019, 8:30 AM

For information, please contact:
Brigitte Vogel at 253.884.4777



Welcome, New Islanders!

HMC welcomes new Members to Herron Island:

- David Moreno
- Michael & Catherine Howe



Are You on the List?



HMC now has 388 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.

Just for Giggles

One of the findings from our March in-water Coast Guard inspection pointed out that the reflective tape on the ferry's life jackets had faded. That finding was quickly corrected and in a moment of inspiration Captain LaPoint thought a spread of the newly taped life jackets on the ferry deck was a good way to demonstrate that we are now in full compliance with Coast Guard standards for life jackets. Thanks Capt. LaPoint. We needed that!



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

A great big thank you goes to the following road cleanup volunteers who helped to clean up storm debris, trim dead and broken branches that were overhanging the roadway and then pumped all of that debris through a chipper over a period of 10 days last month: **Curt Haney, Charlie Folk, Scott Young, Michele Young, Gary and Beth Wanzong, Sherie Leadon, Bob Hartnett, Kathy Deuster, Mark McNerney, Jessica Mercado, Diane Thynes, Eric Bergson, Merry Kogut, Janet Podell, Mike and Judy Gage, Leslie Sanderson, Dana Gruber, Jim Davies, Frank Lee, Todd Stone, Paul Rohrbach, Pearl DeSure, Don Kelly, Nick Kelly, Gary Vetsch, Carol Miller, and Joe LaPoint. And a special Thank You to Kim Oo and Tony Spiotto for the use of their dump truck!**

To all of the volunteers who stepped up to repair, power wash, and reinstall the small boat docks at North Beach over the course of 3 days. And to those who provided food to the weary workers: **Dale and Carol Miller, Bob and Dana Clark, Tracy and Carolyn Anspach, Robin Kelly, Andy and Sherri Anderson, Dave Royer, Jason and Kerrie Mayans, Chris Gorman, Mike and Diane Thynes, Scott Schultz, Jim Davies, Mike Shuttlesworth, Frank Lee, Leslie Sanderson, Alan and Dianne DeGood, Jessica and David Mercado, Cindy Feist, Val Peaphon and Sean and Alicia Cline.**

What would we do without you?

Docking your Boat at North Beach

The North Beach Small Boat Docks are available to HMC members to dock their boats on a short term basis only. This rule was put in place (and voted on at the Membership level) to provide fair and equitable access to members wishing to utilize the small boat docks. Only members with HMC stickers and authorized guests (with fully completed guest passes) are permitted to park at the small boat docks. And for periods no longer than 24 hours. The Rules are clear and read as follows:

E-17 North Beach Boat Docks

- c. Boats may only be docked at the North Beach Boat Docks (in any location) for a continuous period of no more than twenty-four (24) hours. (Class B). This Rule shall not apply during any period of time during which the ferry is out of service.
- *Example of Permissible Use:* Daily use of your boat, including a spin around the Island, or boating over to the mainland or out into an inlet.
- *Example of Impermissible Use:* Tying one's boat at the North Beach Boat Docks and moving it from spot to spot, or placing a boat on the dock and leaving it there day after day.

*******The docks are not intended to be used for summer moorage*****
This is a Class B Rules violation with fines up to \$500 for a first offense. Members are encouraged to notify the office when they observe continued violations of this rule.**

NOTE: A section at the far north side of the docks has been designated for loading and unloading only. Vessels may not remain docked at that location.

Please be fair to your fellow HMC members. If your boat has been there longer than 24 hours and does not meet the requirements described above, please remove it from the boat docks.

Thank you.



PARKS WORK PARTY

When:

Saturday, May 18, 2019 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Meet at Goodpastor Park



Help Needed:

Spread Wood chips at Goodpastor Park playground

Paint Dolphin statues at Triangle Park

Repair siding on the Pavilion at North Beach

Sweep Roof Pavilion at North Beach

Paint new shed for sports equipment at Goodpastor Park

Stain or paint railing at small boat docks

Install split rail fence at Goodpastor Park parking lot

Equipment Needed:

Rakes, shovels

Contact:

Jim Davies (Parks Chairman) 253-432-2365

The Captain's Corner

Hello, this is your weekend ferry Captain, Joe LaPoint. I appreciate the opportunity to serve you! The Charlie Wells is a challenging hoot to drive!

I have noticed some questions (or questioning looks) that I receive from long-time residents and visitors alike.

Questions like:

"Why did you park me here"

While parking cars on the ferry we take into account safety (yours and ours) and also minimizing loading and unloading damage and the overall efficiency of moving vehicles.

We also consider the weather, turning radius of your car and cars next to you, vehicles and trailers soon to load, fuel load of the boat, history of your parking ability, distracted drivers, amongst other factors. But rest assured, regardless of where we park you or what factors we are factoring, we want you to have a safe journey.

"Why do I have to look at you when loading?!"

Whoever is loading you has a clear view of both sides of your vehicle and other hazards. Especially if you are being directed to turn, you will only see the side of the other vehicle. Or stare at the hazard you're trying to drive into. While we can see that there is plenty of room, or a different angle. And on this small ferry, a few inches is plenty.

"When do I look at my mirrors?"

When your vehicle has been directed to leave the ferry is when I concentrate on the next vehicle departing. I am no longer monitoring you. You are beyond 'my span of control' That's a good time to check and make sure you are not going to scrape the guards rails.

"I showed up at 1127 for the 1130 ferry, why did you leave me, or leave early?"

A ferry shuttle is guaranteed if you make it up to 5 minutes before the scheduled departure time. We need time to raise the ramp, un-tie lines, chock the final cars and other such departure activities.

If you show up after the 5 minute mark, and we have started to raise the ramp, you are guaranteed a front row on the next scheduled run! If we leave early or are not on time then there is a good chance we are shuttling. Which means we will return and load you as soon as possible. For a resource I'd like to also refer any questions to the Herron Island 'Ferry Access Policy' which we refer to when we have questions. This policy can be found on the front page of the HMC website. (www.herronisland.org)

Stay turned for possible future question such as.....

'Why is the boat running backwards?'

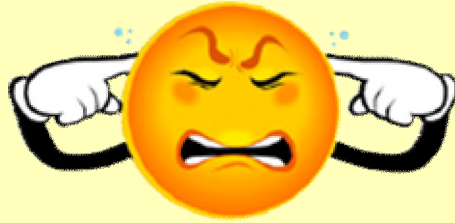
'Why is the Ferry worker talking to me when he can see I'm clearly on the phone?!'

'How come if I make huge steering adjustments for just a few inches?'

'If something is wrong with the ferry, should I call them and find out what's going on?'

Thanks,
Capt. J. LaPoint

Noise Compliance



Our HMC Rules Committee has seen several noise complaints on the island lately, and would like to remind everyone that Herron Island does have a noise ordinance that "prohibits frequent, repetitive, or continuous sounds made by any animal or machinery, vehicles, and sound amplifiers that unreasonably disturb or interfere with the peace, comfort, and repose of property Owners or possessors." HMC Rules Section H addresses this issue and also defines the Pierce County noise limitations . Violations of the HMC Rule can result in fines from \$500 up to \$2,000.

Noise pollution disrupts the peace and serenity of our surroundings, Impacts our quality of life, and depresses the value of our properties. Please be considerate of your neighbors on the Island.





Pet Waste

Pick It Up, Bag It and Put It in the Trash!

Landfills are designed to handle pet waste safely. Yards, trails, roads and parks are not. Please be considerate when walking your dog. Remember to take a bag with you on walks, pick it up and take it home for disposal.

What is the problem with pet waste?

Pet waste is a health risk to people, especially children. It is full of bacteria that can make people sick. Some of these organisms can survive in the soil for years. Children who play in the yard and adults who garden are most at risk of infection. Pet waste contains roundworms, E.coli, giardia and many other microorganisms that can be transmitted to people.

If it's washed through culverts into Puget Sound, the bacteria can end up in fish and shellfish. People who eat contaminated shellfish or drink the water can get very sick.



It's Tansy Time!

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

One especially wicked (ob)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. 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 call 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.



Ferry Guest Passes.....Everything you always wanted to know

As we move into the busy season on Herron Island and with so many new members it is a good time to remind members about Ferry Guest Passes. Briefly, here's a summary.

Ferry Guest Passes are required if passengers are not an HMC member. These passes are provided by the member and authorize passage on the ferry. Passes must be completed and ready to hand to the crew. Payment of the guest fare is the member's or their guest's responsibility. Also, Guest Passes are required every time a guest comes across from the mainland. So if you have a guest staying over several days and they leave the island they must have a new Guest Pass to return. Remember, it is not the crew's responsibility to provide Guest Passes or contact a member for approval for passage. A member may, however give a completed Guest Pass to a crewmember in advance of their guest's arrival.

Inspectors and other government officials are provided free passage if they are coming to the island for a general purpose that affects HMC as a whole. (i.e. Sheriff's Dept., Health Dept., Fire Marshall, etc.) If you have an inspector coming to the island to perform construction inspections, pre-sale property inspections, or any other purpose directly affecting a member's property, it is the member's responsibility to arrange and pay for that service in advance.

Contractors coming to the island to perform services for a member are also required to have a Guest Pass. Members can also provide passes or authorize access for their contractors through the Form 18 process.

Realtors coming to the island for real estate business do not require a Guest Pass but must show their Real Estate license to the crew and pay the Guest rate for ferry passage.

HMC Management wishes to ensure that our community remains a safe and protected environment for our members and their authorized guests or contractors. Please help our crew by adhering to this process. We need to keep those ferry lines moving!

Thank you!



Coast Guard urges Pacific Northwest mariners to secure, label paddlecraft

SEATTLE -- The Coast Guard is urging paddlecraft owners to properly secure and label their vessels after responding to two unmanned-adrift vessel cases Tuesday evening.

Coast Guard crews treat every unmanned-adrift vessel as a search and rescue case and immediately launch a search for potential mariners in distress.

“Every unmanned-adrift vessel is treated as a potential distress situation, which takes up valuable time, resources and manpower,” said Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Brook Serbu. “When the craft is properly labeled, the situation can often be quickly resolved with a phone call to the vessel owner, which minimizes personnel fatigue and negative impacts on crew readiness.”

Helicopter and boat crews individually search an average of two hours per response and a similar amount of time is spent by other government agency personnel. Additionally, Coast Guard command center and 911 center personnel spend an additional four hours investigating the incident.

Coast Guard officials encourage all paddlecraft owners to label their vessels using a permanent or waterproof marker covered with clear, waterproof tape for increased durability. You can also check with a local outdoor recreation retailer or [Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla](#) to obtain a [Paddle Smart Identification Sticker](#). At the very least, the label should include the name of the vessel’s owner, a number to reach them and a secondary point of contact.

In the event that the vessel is adrift, crews can use that information to contact the owner and avoid launching an unnecessary search.

If the owner of a vessel is unable to be located after a reasonable amount of time, Coast Guard crews are forced to destroy the vessel or turn it over to the state for disposal.

Mariners who encounter unmanned-adrift vessels or other hazards to navigation are encouraged to contact the Coast Guard 13th District Command Center at 206-220-7001 or via VHF-FM Channel 16.



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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The Speed Limit on the island is 15 MPH

That speed limit is imposed for a variety of reasons: Dust control, safety of people, pets, and wildlife, and protection of our fragile roads.

Please respect this limit and let your guests and renters know that we will be enforcing the speed limit. Unfortunately, without members' help HMC is not able to control speeders. Friendly communications is always preferred as a first step, but if all else has failed, members should record the license plate number of the speeding vehicle whenever safely possible and notify the office. Our ferry ticket iPad system records vehicle license plate information for all guests and renters coming to the island. This information can be retrieved and tied back to the member who sponsored the guest.

HMC Rules impose fines up to \$500 for a first offense against the member who's guests were speeding.

HMC wishes to create a safe and peaceful environment for all members and those who visit our shores. Thank you!

Please slow down!



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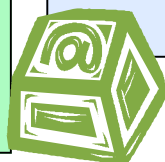
Please use these email addresses for all future communications to Board Members. They can be accessed on our website (herronisland.org) under the HMC Board tab.

Committee Email Addresses

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HMCRoads@herronisland.org

HMCEmergPrep@herronisland.org





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 8, 2019.

A Board candidate application can be found below or get one from the office. **Applications for a Board seat must be received at the office no later than 10:00 am, May 11, 2019.**

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 required by state statute that lists 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.

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

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 sits 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.

2019 HMC Scheduled Ferry Low Tide Cancellations and Adjustments

April 2019

Sun 4/21	No shuttle service 1:15-2:55
Mon 4/22	No shuttle service 1:50-3:35 3:30 delayed until 3:45

May 2019

Mon 5/06	No shuttle service 1:00-2:15
Tue 5/07	No shuttle service 1:15-3:15
Wed 5/08	3:30 delayed until 4:00 No shuttle service 2:00-4:00
Thu 5/09	3:30-4:00 cancelled; 4:30 delayed until 4:45
Fri 5/10	4:30-5:00 cancelled; Add 5:30 -6:00
Fri 5/17	12:00 delayed until 12:10
Sat 5/18	11:30-12:00 cancelled; Add 2:30-3:00
Sun 5/19	11:30-12:00 cancelled
Mon 5/20	12:00-12:30 cancelled; Add 11:00-11:30
Tue 5/21	No shuttle service 1:00-3:30
Wed 5/22	3:30-4:00 cancelled; Ferry leaves island at 4:00

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 23, 2019 through the end of the day Monday, May 27, 2018.

Note: Monday, May 27 the ferry will operate on the holiday schedule which is the same as the summer weekend schedule.

June 2019

Sun 6/02	11:30-12:00 cancelled
Mon 6/03	12:00-12:30 cancelled; Add 11:00-11:30
Tue 6/04	12:00-12:30 cancelled; Add 11:00-11:30
Wed 6/05	12:00-12:30 cancelled; Add 11:00-11:30
Thu 6/06	3:30-4:00 cancelled; Ferry leaves island at 4:00
Fri 6/07	2:30-5:00 cancelled; Add 1:00-1:30
Sat 6/08	3:30-5:00 cancelled; Add 12:30-1:00
Fri 6/14	No shuttle service 10:15-11:00
Sat 6/15	10:30-12:00 cancelled; Add 12:30-1:00
Sun 6/16	10:30-12:00 cancelled
Mon 6/17	12:00-12:30 cancelled; Add 2:30-3:30
Tue 6/18	12:00-12:30 cancelled; Add 2:30-3:30
Wed 6/19	12:00-12:30 cancelled; Add 11:30-12:00
Thu 6/20	3:30 delayed until 3:45
Fri 6/21	2:30-3:00 cancelled; 3:30 delayed until 3:45
Sun 6/30	10:30-11:00 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 2019

Mon 7/01	12:00-12:30 cancelled; Add 12:45-1:00
Tue 7/02	12:00-12:30 cancelled; Add 1:45-2:00
Wed 7/03	12:00-12:30 cancelled; Add 10:30-11:00
Thu 7/04	12:00 leaves at 11:45. No shuttle after 11:45
Fri 7/05	2:30-4:00 cancelled; no shuttle after 12:45
Sat 7/06	3:30-4:00 cancelled
Sat 7/13	9:30-11:00 cancelled; Add 12:30-1:00
Sun 7/14	9:30-12:00 cancelled; Add 12:30-1:00
Mon 7/15	12:00-12:30 cancelled; no shuttle after 10:30 Add 12:50-1:15
Tue 7/16	12:00-12:30 cancelled; Add 1:45-2:00
Wed 7/17	12:00-12:30 cancelled; Add 2:30-3:00
Thu 7/18	12:30 leaves at 12:15
Fri 7/19	2:30 leaves at 3:00
Mon 7/29	9:30-10:00 cancelled; Add 11:15-11:30
Tue 7/30	12:00 leaves at 12:30, 12:30 delayed until 12:45
Wed 7/31	12:00-12:30 cancelled; Add 2:30-3:00

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, Friday June 28, 2019 through the end of the day Thursday July 4, 2018.

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

August 2019

Thu 8/01	12:00-12:30 cancelled
Fri 8/02	12:00-12:30 cancelled; Add 11:00-11:30
Sat 8/03	No shuttle service 1:00-3:15
Tue 8/13	No shuttle service 10:45-11:55
Wed 8/14	12:00-12:30 cancelled; Add 12:45-1:00
Tue 8/27	No shuttle service 09:30-10:15
Wed 8/28	9:30-10:00 cancelled
Thu 8/29	12:00-12:30 cancelled; Add 1:00-1:30
Fri 8/30	12:00-12:30 cancelled; Add 1:30-2:00
Sat 8/31	No shuttle service 12:30-1:45

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 August 29, 2019 through the end of the day Monday, September 2, 2019.

Note: Monday, September 2nd, the ferry will operate on the holiday schedule which is the same as the summer weekend schedule.

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