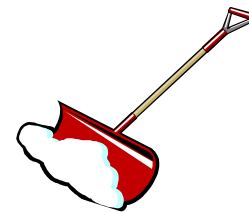


The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

January-February 2018



President's Message

In six months someone else will be writing this message. Who that is will be up to the membership and the new Board. Two positions will be open for this election. Serving on the Board is both challenging and rewarding. I encourage any member who is interested, to talk to past and current Board members and file an application for the Board. I have asked that the application form for the Board be included in every issue of the Beachcomber for the next several issues.

If serving on the Board is not for you, then please consider joining one of our committees: Emergency Preparedness, Water, Roads, Parks, Small Boat Docks, Transportation or Technology. If interested in any of these committees please contact Mike Shettlesworth at (253) 330-2482 for Emergency Preparedness, Charles Smith at (206) 707-4645 for Water, Jack Wells at (253) 884-0850 for Roads, Jim Davies at (253) 884-9350 for Parks, Alan DeGood at (620) 242-6301 for Small Boat Docks or the Island Manager regarding the Transportation Committee and the Technology Committee.

In my last President's Message I talked about the need to clear the ditches between the members property and the road. Please refer to Herron Island Rules C-9.

C-9 Ditches and Culverts

Owners shall maintain ditches and culverts between their property and the maintained roadway to keep them flowing freely and to prevent erosion and flooding (Class C). Work done by property Owners to keep roadside ditches and culverts clean does not require a permit or permission from HMC.

At this months Board meeting, the Board approved a form letter to be sent to members who have not cleared their ditches that either have the potential of flooding or have already flooded causing damages to our roads. Last

year, the membership approved a fee for cleaning the ditches of \$175 per hour. If a recipient of the letter fails to clear their ditch of plant growth or debris between their property and the road, the Roads Committee will clear the ditch and all charges for the work will be applied to the members account. If your ditch needs to be excavated of dirt this will be done at HMC's expense. In clearing these ditches Roads anticipates numerous loads of spoils from this work. While we do have several areas where we can dump this material it is limited. If any members are in need of fill dirt please contact the office. They will dump but will not spread or process the spoils. Please be aware that the spoils will consists of clay, sand, gravel, wood and sod.

I had planned on letting the membership know the amount of the Special Assessment for the Dolphin replacement project in this issue. Unfortunately, we are awaiting completion of the As Built survey of the small boat docks by APS as required by the DNR. Apparently, this survey of the small boat docks is necessary for DNR to determine the boundaries of our Tidelands Lease, and to adjust the cost of that lease to represent the new boundaries at the dolphins and the small boat docks. APS has indicated that this should be completed before the end of the month, and then we should see final billing from PND. As soon as that invoice is paid, we can determine the project's total cost and the amount that would be required for each prepaid assessment.

The Board approved, this month, the wording of the pre-pay letter, and will allow the President or Vice President to fill in the final amounts. This will allow HMC to get the letter in the mail as soon as possible to minimize further interest charges. Members will have 30 days from the date of the letter to prepay their special assessment by cashier's check. Thus far 92 members have expressed interest in making this prepayment.

At the last meeting of the Board, the Board authorized payment from reserves in the amount of \$381,908 to reduce the outstanding balance on the interim KeyBank

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loan. This reduced the outstanding loan balance to \$784,794.30, from \$1,166,702. Remaining project expenses are estimated at about \$40,000, including final engineering and survey, project management, legal and bank interest expenses. That should leave HMC with a USDA loan of approximately \$830,000, to be retired over a 40 year period at 2.75%.

Arrangements have been made for this year's dry dock at Stabbert Marine for the second half of September. Senior Captain Joe Taylor has submitted a list of items that he feels should be addressed at the next dry dock. The Board has requested that the Island Manager arrange for a representative from Stabbert to come to the island and inspect the M/V Charlie Wells along with Senior Captain Taylor and Gary Wanzong to determine if other work is necessary, what is the cost and time to complete the work and help in the development of a maintenance schedule in the out years.

The Water Committee has recommended that owners, who have shut off their water service as part of their winterization, lock the shutoff valves. We have had at least

one case of water being turned on by others resulting in a large water bill for the owner. In addition, we have once again had someone opening the water meters for reasons unknown.

Included in this Beachcomber is a article on ferry usage. The Board requests that all members read the information provided. The Board is currently writing an RFP regarding the possible outsourcing of ferry operations to determine if any cost savings can be achieved by such a decision, which would be subject to a vote by the membership. In addition, the Board has requested that the Finance Committee take into account the forecasted increase in ferry usage for the 2018/2019 budget and a budget if the membership elects to outsource ferry operations.

Last, Jim Davies has requested assistance in uncrating the air raid siren in preparation to sale the unit over the Internet. The proceeds of this sale will be used to purchase an island fire alarm more suitable for our needs.

That's it.

Michael Graham,
HMC Board President

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Fred Fath, Technology Committee (206) 246-7016

Carolyn Anspach, Transportation Comm. (253) 380-3852

Claudia Ellsworth, Dolphin Project Mgr. (253) 884-9350

Carolyn Snyder, Office Manager (253) 884-9350

Ken Freeman, Beachcomber/Webmaster (231) 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

Member Input to Board: 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

January 13, 2018

Administration:

Thank you to the ferry crew for their terrific service, new standby Captain, Steve Pierson, has begun training and will continue to do so next week. We are working on the March/April crew schedule. Charlie Folk and Dan Morgan are switching their schedules at times to accommodate Charlie training as a volunteer fire fighter. The office staff have been busy getting through various internet service delays, these are getting better but still slow and it is catch up time. Thank you to Carolyn for all her hard work and to Carol for keeping the reception area questions answered. A Windows 10 update has caused major delays and problems for Carolyn, we are working diligently to get this resolved.

Audit:

We await a bid from a CPA firm to manage taxes, annual audit and USDA A133 audit requirement. Using a firm that can handle all of this will ensure continuity of service.

Maintenance:

Gary will report on his return from vacation. This month Joe Taylor replaced batteries and a defunct radar unit.

Parks: Jim Davies to report

Roads: Jack Wells to report

Emergency Preparedness – Mike Shettlesworth to report

Rules: No report

Water: Charles Smith will report.

There is a continuing problem with the email for the water department at times causing Charles to be unable to provide timely responses, this is still being addressed. Please call Charles at 206-707- 4645 for immediate needs

Legal Liaison:

There are 10 delinquencies; 5 are with our attorney for action. A report from the attorney is requested for an update on these.

Thank you to our Ferry Crew!

So far, this fall and winter season has been wet and windy. And that can make for some wild ferry rides! But thanks to the skill and tenacity of our wonderful crew, ferry service has been uninterrupted. Thank you Captain Joe, Captain Kathy, Dan and Charlie! And to all of our standby crew.

Safety is always the number one priority and it is never more important than during inclement weather. Our crew is trained for all weather conditions. Always follow the crew's instructions for the safety of all.



Herron Island Roads

Water Truck Needed

We have lost the battle with the rust and are searching for a replacement water truck. The last thing to go was the fuel tanks, which rusted out on the bottom and cannot be used. We are reaching out to the members for any help they can offer in locating a replacement. We can use the water tank from the old truck, so all we need is a flatbed truck that will handle the following:

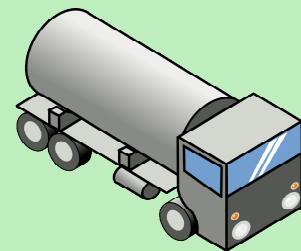
Capacity: 7 Tons

Minimum Bed Length: 13 ft

Standard transmission preferred over automatic due to low speed.

Diesel engine preferred

Price: Approx. \$17,000 (Depending on condition)



Contact Jack Wells, Roads Chairman

jackonherron@gmail.com

253-225-6377

Thank you!

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.



Mailboxes

If you would like to obtain a mailbox on the mainland contact Judy Gage at 253-884-9933. Leave a message that includes your name and phone number so you can be contacted.

Thirteen new mailboxes will be available provided there is enough interest to fill them. The cost would be \$150.00 per box. The Cluster Box Unit would be installed later this year.

While Board approval was required to add another mailbox cluster to the mainland property, this is a member-sponsored project and is not being managed by HMC.





COME CELEBRATE!

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018

6 PM POTLUCK and PARTY

HERRON ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

WEAR GREEN!

EVERYONE WELCOME, EVEN LEPRECHAUNS!

Sponsored by Herron Island Boosters

Welcome, New Islanders!

HMC welcomes new Members to Herron Island:

- Richard and Minnie Sydney
- Eric Johnson & Maureen Hill
- Leo & Dana Church



Are You on the List?



HMC now has 376 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.

HERRON ISLAND BOOSTER NOTES

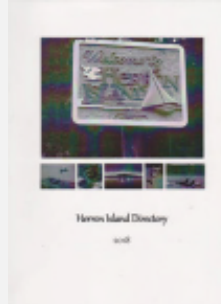
February Potluck and Meeting Sat Feb 10, 6 PM at the Community Center
 In lieu of March meeting, we will have a St. Patrick's Day party on March 17th
 (See special page in Beachcomber)

2018 CALENDARS



It's only January, so it's not too late to buy a 2018 calendar. Get yours now, while supplies last. Please email Robin Kelly at d_kelly@centurylink.net, call 253-884-1883, or pm her on Facebook if you would like to purchase one. \$15 each ~ they make wonderful gifts for family and friends.

HI DIRECTORIES



We still have some 2017 directories for sale for \$5.00. *Please check your listing.* It would be appreciated if you would *notify Robin if you have any changes to the information listed in the directory, so that we can keep the data base current and accurate.*

d_kelly@centurylink.net, call 253-884-1883 or pm her on Facebook

If you are new to the island, or did not get into the 2017 edition, here is the information you can send to Robin, so that you will be in the next (2018) printing:

Names (Last, First)

Island Address

Mailing Address

Email Address(es)

Home Phone

Cell Phone(s)

If you list multiple phones, it helps to put a name with each.

You can opt to put any part or all of the above information in the directory.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIP OF THE MONTH**Power Outage Food Safety****Before the Power Goes Out**

Place a couple of ice cubes in a baggie and store them in your freezer. If you are away and a power outage has occurred you will know by checking to see if your cubes are intact when you return. If you discover a baggie holding a frozen puddle of ice, you know to check with neighbors to learn the duration of the outage.

Protecting Stored Foods When the Power Goes Out

Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. A full refrigerator will maintain safe temperatures for up to six hours. A full freezer will maintain safe temperatures for up to two days; a half-full freezer for one day. If it isn't practical for you to keep your freezer full of food, consider placing gel ice packs in your freezer to maintain optimal temperature in your freezer when the power goes out. These gel packs can also be used to keep fresh foods cold while the power is out.

Foods to Be Concerned About

Foods are categorized into groups:

- **Potentially hazardous foods** are the most important. These include meats, fish, poultry, dairy products, eggs and egg products, soft cheeses, cooked beans, cooked rice, cooked potatoes, cooked pasta, custards, puddings, etc.
- Some foods **may not be hazardous** but the quality may be affected. These foods include salad dressings, mayonnaise, butter, margarine, produce, hard cheeses, etc.
- Some foods are **safe**. These are carbonated beverages, unopened bottled juices, ketchup, mustard, relishes, jams, peanut butter, barbecue sauces, etc.

Remember to keep your raw foods separate from your ready-to-eat foods.

When do I save and when do I throw out food?

Refrigerated foods should be safe as long as the power is out no more than a few hours and the doors have been kept closed.

- **Potentially hazardous foods** should be discarded if they warm up above 45°F. If possible, use a thermometer to check the temperature of the foods. Frozen foods which are still frozen are not a problem.
- If **potentially hazardous foods** are thawed but still have ice crystals, you should use them as soon as possible.
- If **potentially hazardous foods** are thawed and warmer than 45°F, you should discard them.

Never taste food to determine its safety.

You cannot rely upon appearance or odor. Foods may look and smell fine, but if they've been warm too long, food poisoning bacteria may have grown enough to make you sick.

What to do when the power goes back on?

Allow time for refrigerator to reach the proper temperature of lower than 45°F before restocking. Start with all fresh foods.

Remember! When in doubt, throw it out!

Rainy Weather is Here!

If you haven't already noticed, the rainy season is upon us. How is your ditch handling the onslaught?

Cleared ditches and culverts are very important in keeping the rainwater contained and off of the roads. (Mother Nature does enough to water the roads!)

Please make sure your ditch is clear of debris or any new growth that may have appeared over the summer. (This month's President's Message has more on this subject.) And please drive around those potholes whenever possible!

Thank you!



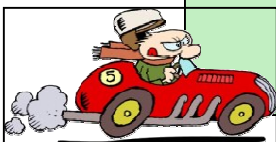
Speed Limit on the Island

A reminder to members about our 15MPH speed limit on the island. This applies to all motorized vehicles regardless of who is driving. That speed limit is imposed for a variety of reasons: Dust (in the summer), safety of people, pets, and wildlife, and protection of our fragile roads.

Please honor the speed limit and let your guests and renters know that we will be enforcing the speed limit whenever a member advises the office of a speeding offense. Unfortunately, without members' help HMC is not able to control speeders. Members should record the license plate number of the speeding vehicle whenever possible and file a complaint with the office. Our new 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 guest/s were speeding.

HMC sincerely thanks you and wishes to create a safe and peaceful environment for all who visit our shores.

Please slow down! You're on island time.





May I Post Signs Around the Island?

Our Herron Island Rules do not allow signs to be posted around the island except on a member's property; and only then in accordance with the Pierce County Sign Code. This includes real estate signs which must be posted on the actual property that is up for sale and includes "Open House" signs with pointing arrows. The same thing goes for contractor signs where construction or other work is underway. Real estate and construction signs must be removed when the work is complete or the property is sold. With specific permission of the Board, other signs may be posted around the island for special events that benefit all members. This rule is in place for the benefit of all. No one wants to see signs posted all over the roadways. It's unsightly and detracts from the ambience and beauty we all enjoy here on Herron Island.



No Beachcomber in February

The Beachcomber is published nine times per year. There are no issues in October, December, or February.

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HMCKarenStarns@herronisland.org

HMCFerdReichlin@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.



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HMCTechnology@herron.island.org

HMCRoads@herronisland.org

HMCEmergPrep@herronisland.org

HMCLandUse@herronisland.org

HMCTransportation@herronisland.org

Pierce County is Changing our Addresses



Addressing Changes Affecting Key Peninsula, Fox Island, and Anderson Island

Is my address changing?

All properties on Key Peninsula, Fox Island and Anderson Island will have the directional in their address changed. These updates will affect about 17,000 properties. This will change the directionals KPN, KPS, AI, FI in the following ways:

- KPN directional becomes NW
- KPS directional becomes SW
- FI directional eliminated
- AI directional eliminated

About 375 of these properties will also have their street name and/or house number changed. These properties have been identified, because their addresses do not match a standard that allows first responders to easily locate them.

Why Is my address changing?

Pierce County is required to update addressing for the Next Generation 911 update to happen. Next Generation 911 will update the existing 911 infrastructure from a phone system that accepts only voice calls to an Internet-based system that will allow voice calls, photos, videos, and text messages.

Map: Current directionals used for Key Peninsula, Anderson Island, and Fox Island





HMC is Joining Facebook!

That's right! Social Media, by way of an official HMC Management Facebook page is here. The page is public and open to all so you won't need to join. HMC Management encourages open discourse between the Board and the membership on all subjects is-land-related. There are some rules to follow and these are described below. A link to the page will be placed on the HMC website and in the links section at the bottom of all broadcast emails. We hope you participate and join in the discussion. And members may still communicate directly with the Board through the Member Input process.

Engagement in HMC Management Social Media

HMC Management sponsored social media is intended for the engagement of HMC Members and friends of Herron Island.

Members and followers of HMC social media may comment on the pages and posts created by the Board Members and Administrative Staff.

Posts and follower comments containing any of the following items are prohibited and will be deemed a violation of this Policy:

- Vulgar language
- Inappropriate images
- Personal attacks of any kind against any person or group
- Comments or content that promotes or perpetuates discrimination
- Spam or links to other sites
- Advocating illegal activity
- Promotion of services or products, except for HMC Board contractor referrals deemed in best interest of the membership
- Promotion of political organizations
- Infringements on copyrights or trademarks
- Personally identifiable medical information
- Information that may compromise the safety, security, or proceedings of any legal action pertaining to HMC Management.

HMC Management reserves the right to remove any content the Board or Administrative Staff, at their sole discretion, deem inappropriate or harmful to the Association, Board, Committee, or any individual. Any posts in violation of this Policy may be deleted by the Board or Administrative Staff and repeat offenders may be denied future access to view and/or post to the site.



Board Candidates Needed!

Please consider running for the Board of Directors. An application is printed on Page 16 of this issue and must be turned in to the office by 10:00 AM on May 12th. There are two positions open this year which will be filled at the Annual Membership Meeting on June 9th.

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

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.⁵

HMC BOARD CANDIDATE APPLICATION

(Please complete and return to HMC office by 10:00 AM, May 12, 2018)

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

YEARS AS A MEMBER OF HMC: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

PROFESSIONAL OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

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

Institution

Type of Training

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

HMC EXPERIENCE ON THE BOARD, COMMITTEES OR OTHER ACTIVITIES:

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

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

Candidate's Signature: _____

HERRON ISLAND FERRY SCHEDULE													
Departure times from ISLAND (IS) AND MAINLAND (ML)													
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SUMMER SCHEDULE ONLY Apr 1—Sep 30 ADDED RUNS INDICATED BY * AND SHADING (Not available Oct 1—Mar 31)													
HOLIDAY SCHEDULES (Ferry runs start from Island)													
Thanksgiving	8:30a—9:00a		11:30a—Noon		6:30p—7:00p		Memorial Day		Same as Sunday				
Christmas Day	8:30a—9:00a		—————		6:30p—7:00p		Independence Day		Same as Sunday				
New Years Day	8:30a—9:00a		11:30a—Noon		6:30p—7:00p		Labor Day		Same as Sunday				



Ferry Brochure

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

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

Tide Tables

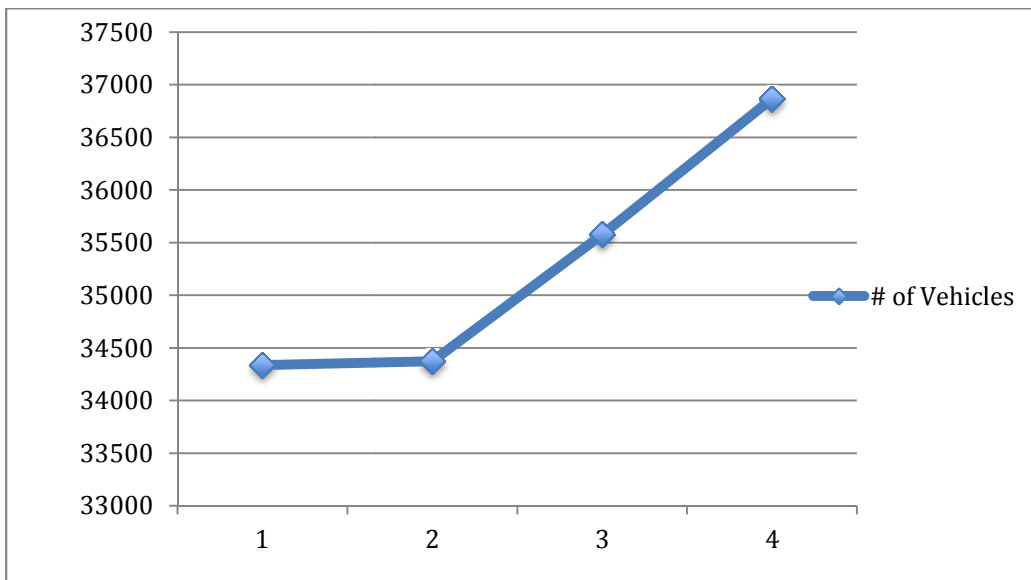
Plots of the monthly tide tables are available on our website (herronisland.org). The plots are for nearby McMicken Island, which is the NOAA data point closest to Herron Island.



FERRY TRAFFIC PAST AND FUTURE FORECAST

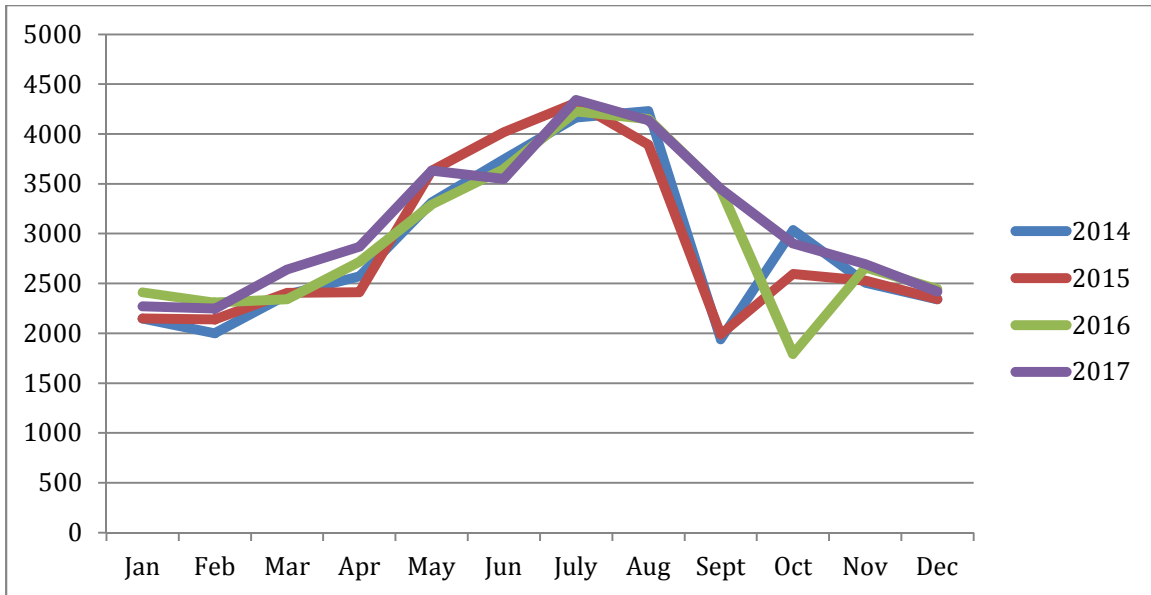
During the last four years the Board has collected statistics regarding our ferry service. These data come from the captain's logs, which are on file at the office for review by any member upon request by any member. They include the number of vehicles transported from the mainland and from the island as well as number of trips and the total captain's hours. These data, which were originally collected to forecast fuel usage, have been collated so that the same time periods can be compared down to a day-by-day basis.

The graph below shows the total number of vehicles transported to and from the island during the last four calendar years. In 2014 the ferry transported 34,338 vehicles. In 2017 the ferry transported 36,866 vehicles, a 7.4% increase.



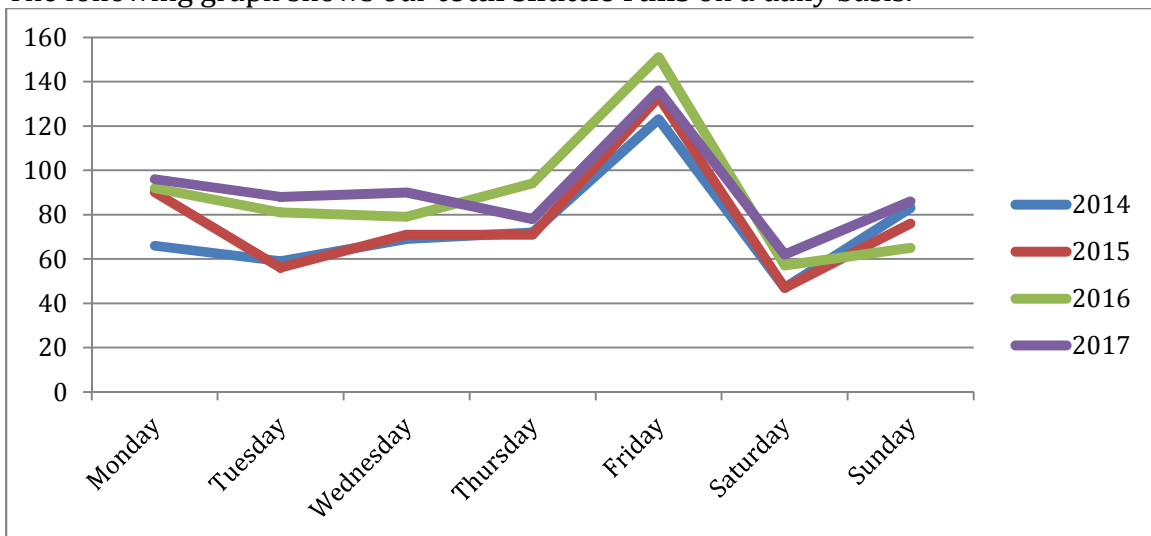
During the last two years the number of vehicles transported has increased by 3.5% and 3.6% respectfully. This is self evident to anyone who has been to the island during this time. We have more fulltime residents and we have more visitors during our high season resulting in longer wait times for our members and guests.

Looking at the numbers by month and year we can clearly see the seasonal aspect of our ferry utilization as shown by the following graph of total vehicles on a month-by-month basis over a four-year period.



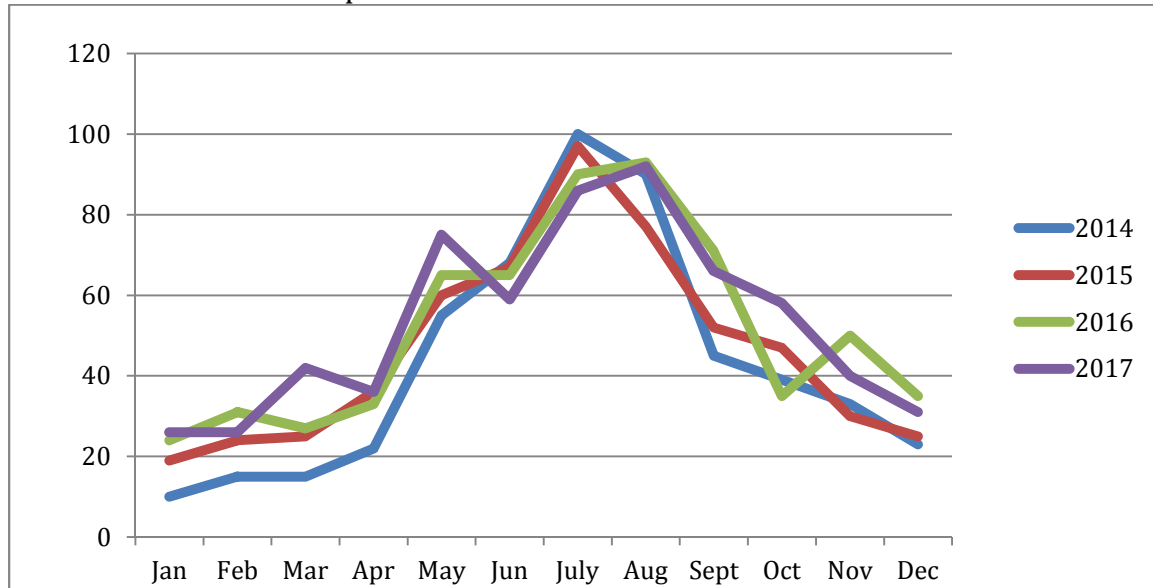
We clearly have an increase in overall ferry traffic and our “high usage season” has extended; now going well into October. Graphs of Captain’s hours and number of shuttle runs also show the same trend, which is to be expected. And of course with increase traffic we have increases in crew hours, more shuttle runs and more fuel usage. Our costs are going up, but our revenue stream is also going up. For “calendar” year 2017, we had an increase of 12.6% in revenue or \$23,270. This does not mean that this increase in revenue covers all our cost increases, but it does help offset part of these increases. As a point of interest these data also show that our ferry crews have increased the average number of vehicles per run, which helps lower the number of shuttles runs overall, increasing efficiency. While our number of vehicles increased by 3.6% last year our overall shuttles numbers only increased by 2.75%

The following graph shows our **total shuttle runs** on a daily basis.



But if we look at our shuttles on a per month basis we see that most of our shuttles take place during high season.

Number of Shuttles on a per month basis.



So what does this all mean for 2018? If this trend continues we will see upwards of 38,000 vehicles transported together with corresponding increases in overall ferry costs. It means we need to rethink our ferry schedule for the high season and how we crew the ferry. Last year, due to Coast Guard rules, we had to cancel ferry runs because our ferry captains were working too many hours and not getting needed breaks. If we do not make changes and continue this rate of growth we will see more cancellations.

So what can we do in the near term, 2018 high season? The Board has asked our Island Manager to work with our ferry captains to develop a new ferry schedule, breaking the work load more evenly between the two crews and/or hiring a third crew, part-time, to give our full-time crew relief. This option could cause the membership to experience an increase in their assessment and/or ferry fares. (A financial estimate to increase the ferry staffing to three captains and three deckhands would cost each Member an additional \$470 per year in dues), but would be unavoidable as violating Coast Guard rules could shut down our ferry service. Nothing comes for free.

Second, the Board is in the process of writing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for ferry operators, to evaluate the outsourcing of ferry operations, with the goal of saving the membership money and potentially increasing service. If the result of our RFP is that the Board recommends outsourcing, a vote by the membership would be required this summer. Any contract would most start with the new fiscal year on October 1, 2018.

Next, the Board will be asking the Finance Committee to present two budgets to the membership. They will be asked to take into account these increases in ferry usage. The first budget would assume status quo ferry operation. The second budget would assume a contract operation using the cost supplied by the contractors.

What can the membership do to help? First and foremost become informed. Read the “White Papers” and RFI responses that are posted on the website. When the RFP responses are returned the Board will post them for the membership to review minus any proprietary competition-sensitive information that cannot be published. If you have ideas on what can be done to help, **BRING THEM FORWARD!** This impacts every member.

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- **906-908-910 Madrona Blvd:** (MLS # 1211189): 3 contiguous lots, .37 acre each for a total of 1.11 acre. Water, power, & drain field (installed 2009). **\$69,500**

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