



The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

March 2016



President's Message

Spring is here, we hope soon. We all would like to see the rains and winds dissipate some. It has been a soggy past couple of months.

The Summer Ferry Schedule was approved by the Board at the March Board meeting to start effective March 18th. The Board also approved to have the Membership vote on whether they would like to see the Summer Ferry Schedule start one month earlier, March 1st, and to extend one month later, through October 31st. Look for this on an upcoming ballot to cast your vote.

Just a reminder to check the low tide ferry cancellations as they begin April 10th this year. The low tide schedule is posted on the HMC website, along with substitute ferry runs, when they can be scheduled.

It is getting to be that time again to put in the Small Boat Dock. This is scheduled for April 9th. Parks Committee is also planning on work party which is scheduled for April 23rd. Please see further detail on these and other activities within this issue of the Beachcomber. Volunteers are needed and your participation is much appreciated.

April Assessment billing: This is a reminder that your April Assessment billing will be mailed out first part of April. Just wanted to be sure you will be prepared to pay \$1,132 by April 30th to avoid late payment fees. The breakdown of the assessment is \$852.50 Regular General Assessment, \$78.00 Ramp Painting shortfall and \$201.50 Dolphin Replacement reserve buildup.

HMC applied for a USDA loan for the Dolphin Replacement project and is awaiting for approval. This application does not commit HMC in any way to a USDA loan. Membership will have to vote on approving a loan as the chosen source to pay for this project. This is expected to be in an upcoming ballot.

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

Have a great day!

Sincerely,

Sherri Anderson
HMC President

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Mike Shettlesworth, Emergency Prep. (253) 884-6919

Land Use Chair, Vacant

Fred Fath, Technology Committee (206) 246-7016

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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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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
March 12, 2016

Administration:

Volunteers: Recognizing our faithful regular volunteers – Mike & Judy Gage (white boards); Kathy Deuster (office support); Karl Schafer (facility and office support); Mike Shettlesworth (trash removal).

Housekeeping: Carol Miller has been hired as our monthly cleaner, and the office staff are extremely grateful!

HMC Emails: We used ConstantContact to send out an email, and then compared the email list with the member list. We still do not have email contacts for 55 Members. Some probably don't use email, but we will attempt to track down the others and add them to the list. There are 350 addresses on the list. Several families have duplicate email addressees. The most recent email was opened by 66% of the addressees within a few days.

2015 Audit: The draft audit has been reviewed, and the final audit should be received and posted within a week.

Insurance: We've begun the process of updating our insurance profile to obtain premium quotes for the next budget.

Water Operations: Charles Smith

Exception Report/Leak List - We are down to three noted service leaks from a high of 31 leaks on the Exception Report. The members have been notified via letter/email that they are on the Leak List. Cooperation has been outstanding.

As a reminder, The HMC Water Department has adopted a revised policy approved by the Water Committee and the HMC Board that as part of the Herron Island Water Department Administrative and Operation Rules – Section H, Section M and Section P, the following paragraph has been added to Section P – Discontinuing of Service, Subsection 4 – Suspected Leak Termination by WDM.

“If a member is on the Leak List (Exception Report) and that member is not resident on the island at the time of the water meter reading, the Water Distribution Manager will visit the property within 48 hours of the meter reading and assess the issues related to the potential leak. If it looks to be that the member is not returning to the property prior to the next meter reading, the Water Distribution Manager will turn the water service off at the meter. The water service will not be locked. The member will be mailed a notice that their water service is suspected of having a leak and has been turned off at the meter. “

If a member has received this notification and has not effected repairs, then there still may be a leak and the member is reminded to be cautious when first turning the water service back on at the property.

If you have discovered and repaired your leak, an email to the HMC Water Department (HMCWater@herronisland.org) or phone message (206-707-4645) would be appreciated.

The Non-Disclosure Agreement - The HMC Board, attorney and Water Committee have approved the use of a non-disclosure agreement for members of the Water Committee when it comes to the discussion of individual member information.

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The Water Department and Water Committee are reviewing the new and revised State of Washington Department of Health Revised Total Coliform Rules that go into effect 01 April 2016. The rule does not change the routine monthly sampling requirements, but does change how the detection of coliform is addressed, treated and documented. A pamphlet from the Department of Health is available at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/DrinkingWater> or by calling 253-395-6750.

The next meter reading is scheduled for Tuesday, 15 March 2016

Water Committee: Charles Smith

Fire Department Liaison: The Fire Chief would like to come out to the island again to make a presentation regarding an upcoming levy, and also to answer any remaining questions about establishing a volunteer fire fighting crew. As a recent article in the KeyPen News made clear, fire insurance rates for many homeowners are going to take a big jump at renewal.

Land Use: HMC policy requires the Land Use Committee to annually advise the Board regarding lots for sale, minimum pricing, and more. Any change in sales prices must be presented first to the membership for approval by vote. Presently, there are no members of the Land Use Committee. There are nine lots for sale, and all are posted on the HMC website.

Emergency Preparedness: Mike Shettlesworth, Chairman
Meeting following Board meeting.

Parks: Tracy Anspach, Chairman

Roads: Jack Wells, Chairman

The Committee met to discuss project status. Much planned work has been delayed because of the wet weather. The Committee discussed with a Member the condition at the foot of his driveway, where the road is saturated and drainage is poor. HMC will clear the ditch and lay in gravel rock; the member will improve his driveway. North Beach Road work and the pond on East Herron are two other high priority projects.

Rules Committee: One complaint remains to be heard by the Committee.

Herron Island Ferry:

HMC is working simultaneously with the PND Engineers regarding design of the dolphins and with USDA regarding permits. We are trying to get a loan guarantee by USDA so that we know how much of the project could be supported by loan funds and how much from reserves or special assessments.

The employment recruiter has provided us with one candidate so far, whom we will meet on Tuesday. Tom Gall, one of our standby captains, has taken a job with Washington State Ferries, and is removed from our roster.

On March 10, Thursday, strong winds, coupled with high tides, flooded the mainland parking lot. Winds also knocked out the power for several hours. A member sent photos to the office of the flooded parking lot (next page).

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Transportation Committee: The Committee has sent a meeting notice, with Call in #s and an agenda to all individuals who have signed up to be on the Transportation Committee. This list include members who initially responded to Gary and those who attended the 1st and 2nd meeting.

We have been focused on our foundation and with that building a charter and discussing ways we can add benefits, such as adding regular communication with the manager and the Board. This foundation, of course will be agreed upon and discussed by the committee members at the Saturday afternoon meeting.

Technology: No report.

Legal Liaison: We currently have 19 delinquencies, 8 of which are with the attorney for collection. 6 are in amount of less than \$200. Delinquency rate of 5.3%. Last year at this time we had 14 delinquencies, with a delinquency rate of 3.6%.



Board Candidates Needed!

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

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

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

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

HMC BOARD CANDIDATE APPLICATION

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

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

YEARS AS A MEMBER OF HMC: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

PROFESSIONAL OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

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

Institution

Type of Training

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

HMC EXPERIENCE ON THE BOARD, COMMITTEES OR OTHER ACTIVITIES:

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

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

Candidate's Signature: _____



A SALUTE TO OUR ISLAND MANAGER

CLAUDIA ELLSWORTH



In July 2016 Claudia Ellsworth will celebrate her seventh year anniversary as our Island Manager. In that time we have seen the wealth of knowledge, experience and expertise that she has brought to our little community. Claudia's long career in public service, including the running of the Shoreline Fire Department, Assistant Budget Manager for the City of Seattle, and Assistant City Manager for University Place is the perfect combination of experience that is needed to manage the day-to-day operations of this island. And it's no easy task! Claudia has proven herself more than capable in so many ways. Just a few of Claudia's formidable accomplishments over the years:

- Was primarily instrumental in managing our new water delivery system, securing the USDA loan and overseeing the construction through to completion.
- Improved HMC's insurance coverage while reducing premium costs wherever possible.
- Managed every aspect of the recent ramp painting project.
- Currently managing each successive phase of the extremely comprehensive dolphin replacement project in anticipation of upcoming construction. (Including obtaining another USDA loan to ease the financial burden on our members.)
- Negotiated with Fire District 16 to allow HMC to keep the fire truck on the island, thereby preserving a significant benefit to the membership both in terms of fire safety and homeowner's insurance issues.
- Manages the Government underwater Dock inspections and biennial ferry shipyard events.
- Took the initiative to manage and remove (in compliance with Pierce County regulations) many of the derelict vehicles that dot the island.
- Is an active participant on the Emergency Preparedness Committee and worked with Pierce County Emergency Management to help bring the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan to fruition.

In addition to her daily tasks, Claudia interfaces with nineteen (count 'em 19!) different government State, County and Federal agencies to ensure that we are in full compliance with the multitude of regulations by which we are governed.

She has responsibility for all HMC employees (including the ferry crew, office staff, water department and parks employees) which in part, includes payroll, taxes, health insurance, retirement benefits, employee schedules and interfacing with the Inlandboatman's Union (IBU).

Claudia does all of this (and more) on a schedule that authorizes only two days per week and one Saturday a month. And as a part time employee Claudia receives no employee benefits. (No vacation, sick leave, health insurance, or retirement.)

We think that Claudia is pretty remarkable. She deserves our most heartfelt appreciation. Please take the time to say thank you to her whenever you get the chance.



(Submitted by former Board Member Janet Podell)



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

TIP OF THE MONTH

SPRING CLEANING SAFETY

Ah, Spring! Yes, it *is* coming. Those lazy days of summer are just around the corner but there's much to be done before we can relax and play. Before we list the general Spring Cleaning Safety Tips, we want to highlight a couple of chores that create dangerous hazards if left undone. Put these two "Spring Cleaning" chores at the top of your "To Do List".

Moss Removal

Did you know that Mother Nature grows moss at her fastest clip as we transition from cold, dark and wet days to warm, sunny and dry ones? Nothing is more slippery than a mossy, wet deck, staircase or roof. **Don't fall victim to moss.**

Chimney Cleaning

Have your chimney or stove pipe inspected and cleaned. This is best done by a certified professional. It's not a fun thing to spend money on, but doing so can save your home and even your life. Fall is the busiest time for Chimney Cleaners so scheduling this now can give you more scheduling flexibility and possibly save you a few dollars.

SPRING CLEANING SAFETY TIPS

Chores such as cleaning dirty windows and moving patio furniture are hard work. Here are some tips to keep you safe as you brush off the winter doldrums and get ready for summer fun.

Don't rush or work when you are tired. The work will wait for you. When you are tired or rushing to get done, safety gets forgotten and the risk of injury escalates.

Prevent falls.

- Keep stairs, walkways and floors clear of clutter.
- Carry loads so that you can see over them.
- Use the handrails on stairs.
- Make sure that area rugs are secured with non-skid pads.

Protect your back.

- Plan your lift. Look at both the starting and ending point.
- Bend at the knees, not at the waist and keep your back straight. Lift with your strong leg and thigh muscles.
- Keep the object you are lifting close to your body. Do not twist at the waist.
- Move your feet to turn your body when moving objects.
- Wear shoes when moving heavy objects so you don't hurt your toes.
- Get help when lifting very heavy objects.

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Emergency Preparedness (Continued from Page 9)

Use Chemicals Safely.

Read labels carefully.

Ventilate by opening windows, turning on the exhaust fan, or place a fan in the room.

Do not mix chemicals. Ammonia and bleach create toxic fumes when combined.

Wear rubber gloves and safety glasses.

Store chemicals in their original containers safely and securely away from children.

Use Ladders Safely – When you need to climb, use a ladder (not a chair, table, or box).

Place stepladders on level ground and open them completely. Make sure all locks are engaged.

Before using a ladder outdoors, choose a location that is at least 10 feet away from all power lines.

Use the 4-to-1 rule for extension ladders: for each 4 feet of distance between the ground and the upper point of contact (such as the wall or roof), move the base of the ladder out 1 foot from the wall.

Always face the ladder when climbing and wear slip-resistant shoes.

Keep your body centered on the ladder and gauge your safety by your belly button. If your belly button passes beyond the side rail of the ladder, you are overreaching and at risk for falling.

Make sure the rungs are dry before using the ladder.

Stand at or below the highest safe standing level on a ladder. For a stepladder, the safe standing level is the second rung from the top. The safe standing level for an extension ladder is the fourth rung from the top.

**Please join us for our next Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting,
May 14, 12:30 in the Community Building.
For further information, contact
Mike Shettlesworth 884-6919**



Herron Island Calendar

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



HERRON ISLAND BOOSTERS

Upcoming Booster Meetings: Saturday, April 9th 6 PM
Saturday, May 14th 6 PM

Upcoming Events:

April 9 Small docks install April 9th. Potluck style lunch to follow immediately after at the pavilion. All are welcome. Contributions and helping hands are both needed and appreciated

April 23 Boosters to provide lunch meal for Parks Appreciation Day (more info to follow after April 9th meeting)

May 29-30 MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

Softball Games
Hot Dog Sales
Pickle Ball Tournament
Rolls and Coffee
Junk-In-The-Trunk
Herron Island Merchandise Sales
and more...!

We need volunteers to help with some of the events. If you can help out, please contact Lisa McCormick ljm7015@yahoo.com or Leslie Sanderson Ldsanderson@ps.net

Boat Races: Anita and Paul Bray are ready to put on the sailboat race *if there is enough interest*. We can also have kayak races if there is enough interest. If you would like to participate in the races, please contact Anita and Paul Bray at fishbug2000@hotmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you!

Community Garden News

Time to get out your tools and put on your work gloves – it's the start of the 2016 growing season. This is an excellent time to be planting peas, lettuce, radishes, beets, and kale; as well as other cold weather crops. If you are like us, your mouth is already starting to water in anticipation of the taste of FRESH VEGETABLES.

Hoping you will consider requesting a Community Garden plot. Returning gardeners must confirm their desire to use their last year's plot by calling or e-mailing Betty (contact information below) by April 15, 2015. Any gardener not returning should clean up their plot for the next gardener. New gardeners will be assigned a plot on a first come basis. Multiple plots will be assigned when there are less than 20 requests. Consequently, no one will have multiple plots when there are 20 requests.

Like all organizations, there are common responsibilities. These include: keeping your garden weed free, maintaining the paths that abut your plot (keep them clear and weed free), cleaning and maintaining garden equipment and tools you use and returning them to the sheds; locking the gates and tool sheds, and sharing annual expenses as they occur.

This amazing garden benefits our Community in so many ways:

- *Improves the quality of life for all who are part of it
- *Stimulates Social Interaction
- *Encourages Self-Reliance
- *Beautifies our wonderful Island
- *Produces Nutritious Food
- *Reduces Family Food Budgets
- *Creates opportunity for recreation, exercise, and therapy
- *Gives us a connection to the environment
- *Creates a Sense of Community

Wow, how can you not want to be part of this?!

Call or e-mail to reserve your plot.
Happy Gardening to all of us in 2016.

Betty Eccles
bettyeccles@comast.net
206-940-5439



Join our Annual Parks Appreciation "Spring Clean-up" Day

Celebrate Earth Day
April 23rd, 2016

Help Make a Difference

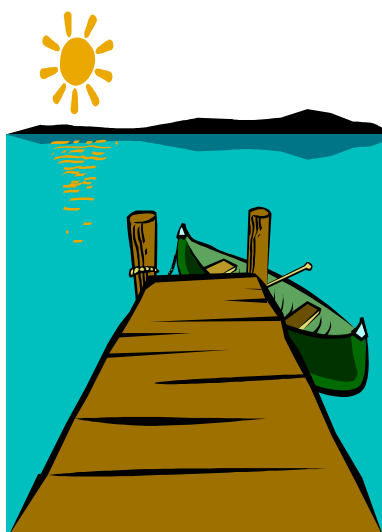
Lots to do this year after the wet winter we've had.

Let's make our parks shine!

Meet at 9:30 am at Goodpastor Park

Repair the signage at Goodpastor
Remove branches from Nature Park
and South Beach
Spread gravel

Clean up the beach
Prevent the Erosion
Put in new swings
Move logs
Replace wood on benches



**Spring has sprung.... It's time to install the Boat Docks....
All hands on "dock"!**

When: April 9th at 8:30 a.m.

Where: North Beach

Dress warm, bring your gloves and community spirit. Join the activities.

Potluck style lunch....for all participants at 12:00 p.m.

Other volunteers are invited to help by preparing a potluck dish to share!

All are welcome,

Is Your Ditch Clear or Clogged?

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



SAFER TANSY and WEED CONTROL

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

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

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

Many thanks to the Island residents who submitted this recipe.

SUMMER GUESTS

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

Here is what you need to do:

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

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



Board Member Email Addresses

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HMCMikeGraham@herronisland.org

HMCSamArgo@herronisland.org

HMCEricBergson@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.

Are You on the List?



HMC now has 347 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.



Reminder for Everyone

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



Reimbursements

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

Welcome, New Islanders!

HMC welcomes the following new Members to Herron Island:

- Brandia & Philip Tanaka



Assessment Reminder

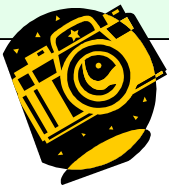
The second half general assessments will be billed on April 1st. Payments are due no later than 4/30/2016. Payments that are not postmarked or received by April 30th will incur a \$30.00 handling fee.

Fallen Behind on your Assessment?

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

Website Photos

If you have any photos from island activities that you would like to share on our website, please send them to webmaster@herronisland.org.

**Package Delivery**

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

**Concerns or Ideas**

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

MemberInput@herronisland.org

Reminder:

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



HERRON ISLAND FERRY SCHEDULE Departure times from ISLAND (IS) AND MAINLAND (ML)													
MON		TUE		WED		THU		FRI		SAT		SUN	
IS	ML	IS	ML	IS	ML	IS	ML	IS	ML	IS	ML	IS	ML
6:15	7:00	6:15	7:00	6:15	7:00	6:15	7:00	6:15	7:00				
7:30	8:00	7:30	8:00	7:30	8:00	7:30	8:00	7:30	8:00	*7:30	*8:00	*7:30	*8:00
8:30	9:00	8:30	9:00	8:30	9:00	8:30	9:00	8:30	9:00	8:30	9:00	8:30	9:00
9:30	10:00			9:30	10:00					9:30	10:00	9:30	10:00
										10:30	11:00	10:30	11:00
12:00	12:30	12:00	12:30	12:00	12:30	12:00	12:30	12:00	12:30	11:30	12:00	11:30	12:00
								*2:30	*3:00	2:30	3:00	2:30	3:00
3:30	4:00	3:30	4:00	3:30	4:00	3:30	4:00	3:30	4:00	3:30	4:00	3:30	4:00
4:30	5:00	4:30	5:00	4:30	5:00	4:30	5:00	4:30	5:00	4:30	5:00	4:30	5:00
5:30	6:00	5:30	6:00	5:30	6:00	5:30	6:00						
6:30	7:00	6:30	7:00	6:30	7:00	6:30	7:00	6:30	7:00	6:30	7:00	6:30	7:00
								7:30	8:00	7:30	8:00	7:30	8:00
								8:30	9:00				
SUMMER SCHEDULE ONLY Apr 1—Sep 30 ADDED RUNS INDICATED BY * AND SHADING (Not available Oct 1—Mar 31)													
HOLIDAY SCHEDULES (Ferry runs start from Island)													
Thanksgiving	8:30a—9:00a	11:30a—Noon	6:30p—7:00p	Memorial Day	Same as Sunday								
Christmas Day	8:30a—9:00a	—————	6:30p—7:00p	Independence Day	Same as Sunday								
New Years Day	8:30a—9:00a	11:30a—Noon	6:30p—7:00p	Labor Day	Same as Sunday								

Ferry Brochure

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

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

Tide Tables

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



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

April 2016

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

MAY 2016

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



Memorial Day Holiday Ferry Restrictions

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

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

JUNE 2016

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

Terms:

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

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JULY 2016

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



Independence Day Holiday Ferry Restrictions

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

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

AUGUST 2016

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

Labor Day Holiday Ferry Restrictions

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

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

Check www.herronisland.org for schedule updates

As of: 3/15/16

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