

# THE BEACHCOMBER

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## President’s Message

*Scott Young, President*

*HMC Board of Directors*

Aloha Herron Islanders!

I hope the winter weather didn’t cause you any serious problems. As my grandmother once said, “It’s nice when it snows, and it’s nice when it goes.”

We have a new Board member to replace Jim Davies, who recently sold his property and resigned. Please welcome Ken Phillipson! He’ll serve until the elections in June. Ken has quite a bit of experience with other homeowners’ associations and can give us some insight on how to modernize ours.

I would like to thank Jim Davies for his short but valuable service to the Board. I wish him and Anne the best of luck and hope they return to visit the community from time to time.

On the subject of Board elections, we will have three openings this year. Now is the time to urge fellow members to throw their names in the hat to help manage island business.

Our Island Manager, Jane Wooster, has taken a short leave of absence and plans to return in a few weeks. Until then, it’s up to the Board, the staff, and the crew to make sure things run smoothly. We may not be as effective or efficient as Jane, but we will do our best.

WAVE Broadband has a plan to bring high-speed fiber optic internet to the island later this year. You can check their website for service rates, which will be the same as for their customers on the mainland. This has the potential to be the most significant upgrade to island services in many years. We need high-speed internet to meet the Board’s technology goals for upgrading member services. I know some people have concerns about it and we will address them before we commit. I have high hopes for the project, but I will only approve it if it benefits the members. I’m sure the rest of the Board feels the same.

Happy New Year! ●

## Island Manager Report

Jane Wooster, Island Manager

January 8, 2022

- Thank you to the ferry crew for working so hard, in very cold conditions, to remove snow and keep service running. Joe L. worked noon runs so Joe T. could bring his tractor over to clear the island side hill. Charlie, Robert and York all worked snow removal to keep service going.
- Thank you to Andy Anderson for putting his boat in the water and bringing PenLight and generator repair people back and forth.
- Thank you to Joe Taylor and Dave Hancock for troubleshooting the mainland generator.
- Thank you to many others that always show up to volunteer during inclement weather.

### Website

Thank you to Josh Roppo for working on the website. Josh is making changes behind the scenes to make the website easier to upload information to and ultimately easier for all to navigate.

### Emergency Preparedness Committee

The committee has created Emergency Guidelines, these have been posted on the website and will be printed in the next Beachcomber: [Herron Island Emergency Policy and Procedures](#)

### Ferry Committee

The committee has been working on a list for expected maintenance and repairs for the September 2022 shipyard. The shipyard has this list, a mid-September date is anticipated. After review of the list and tides HMC will secure a firm date. Date will be published when this is provided.

### Generators

The Island and Mainland generators have been repaired, annual service is in the scheduling process.

### Mainland Ferry Terminal

Every two years Pierce County requires the mainland ferry terminal to be inspected. This has been completed. The Ferry Committee is reviewing recommended maintenance and repairs. The island side is inspected every four years, both will be inspected again in 2023.

**Legal Liaison:** There are 31 delinquencies; 9 with the attorney's office

### Departments/Committees

Parks: Tracy Anspach  
Roads/Water Maintenance: Dan Marten  
Emergency Preparedness: Ken Higgins  
Rules: Mike Fassio, one matter pending  
Small Boat Docks: Sherri Anderson  
Ferry Committee: Dave Hancock ●

## WELCOME, NEW ISLANDERS!

Alicia & Ryan Sanders

Brian Muyllaert

Samir Diwan &  
Allison Smedley

Katherine & James Palmer

Dean & Jennifer Gannon

Rebecca & William McFarland

**We're glad you're here!**



## ARE YOU ON "THE LIST"?

HMC now has 453 Member email addresses on our notification list!

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

This will be used for HMC purposes only.

PARKING LOT FLOODING

Both the mainland ferry and North Beach parking lots can flood this time of year. Flooding is caused by a combination of high tides and windstorms. On occasion, the water has been high enough to reach the mailboxes in the mainland lot!

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



Updated Emergency Preparedness Guidelines

Ken Higgins, Co-Chair / Merry Kogut, Co-Chair  
Emergency Preparedness Committee

The Herron Island Emergency Preparedness Committee has published new Emergency Guidelines on the Herron Island website here: [www.herronisland.org/home/committees/ep\\_guidelines.pdf](http://www.herronisland.org/home/committees/ep_guidelines.pdf). Please review these from time to time to become and remain prepared for emergencies.

We would like to put together a list of community volunteers and share your names and contact information with island members through the Boosters' Directory:

**First Aid Volunteers:** You could be called upon to help with First Aid and CPR until the medics arrive on the island to take over. You can volunteer even if you haven't had the training recently and we'll help make arrangements for your training.

**Hose Brigade:** You could be called upon to drive the hose trailer to the fire plug closest to a fire and provide water to the homeowner for the fire from a safe distance. Discussions are underway to get a small vehicle to attach to the trailer.

In addition, we hope that all the prior committee members continue to participate when we can start meeting again after COVID dies down, and we will welcome new members with open arms and gratitude.

Please contact [Ken Higgins](#) or [Merry Kogut](#) if you are interested in volunteering; our contact information is also in the Boosters' Directory.

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, Happy New Year! ●



HMC Emergency Text Notification NOW AVAILABLE!

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

Sign up to be notified of:

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

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

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

TO JOIN:

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

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

**HERRON ISLAND EMERGENCY GUIDELINES**

**ARE YOU READY? ARE YOU PREPARED?**

- In an emergency, call 911; tell the dispatcher you're on Herron Island, off the Key Peninsula, in Pierce County – they don't always know where the island is located.
- Be prepared to take care of yourself, family, and pets for 7 to 10 days minimum with food, water, medicine, and basic disaster supplies. Get training, make a kit, and maintain it.
  - Practice and maintain a plan. Have a communication plan to friends and family off island and out of state. Purchase and maintain a wind-up radio.
- Make sure that your home, other structures, and vehicles are not close to a tree or heavy branch that may fall on them.
- If you can afford it, purchase a standby generator and have it professionally installed and maintained, or at least a portable gas-operated generator. Never bring a generator into a home; the gas fumes will result in death or severe illness.
- Keep extra “blue ice” in your freezer; this will help keep your food cold in case of a power outage.
  - Sign up for medical helicopter evacuation through Airlift Northwest: 1-888-835-1599, [www.airliftnw.org](http://www.airliftnw.org), [membership@airliftnw.org](mailto:membership@airliftnw.org) (Note: they will only fly to Herron Island upon request of Fire Department personnel). It's also recommended that you install the PulsePoint app and a first aid app on your phone.
- If you have experienced a major emergency or disaster, but you still have a signal on your landline or cellphone, change your outgoing voicemail to state your location, where you may be headed later, and the state of your health. If you live alone, consider wearing a medical alert device with fall detection and/or a watch that can detect falls and can call 911 if your cellphone is nearby.



**Excerpted from recent updated guidelines. To view the full update, visit:**

**[www.herronisland.org/home/committees/ep\\_guidelines.pdf](http://www.herronisland.org/home/committees/ep_guidelines.pdf)**



Photo Credit: Joyce Major



Herron Island

# BOOSTERS



## FUTURE EVENTS\*

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Every Saturday  
9:00am-10:00am

Yoga

@ The Community Center,  
hosted by Joyce Major

Sat, Feb. 5

10:30am

BOOSTERS Annual

Meeting

via Zoom (info to be sent via  
Boosters email blast)

*\*Dates subject to  
change. Join our email  
list today to be notified  
of any updates!*

## Monthly Message

*Robin Kelly*

*Boosters President*

Greetings!

The Boosters would like to thank each and every person who has volunteered his or her time to help organize and/or participate in the many events and special projects-- as well as those who have made donations over the past year. Whether your contribution was relatively small or over and beyond, please know how deeply appreciated you are, even if you only attended one of the Boosters' events. 2020 and 2021 were particularly difficult for all of us, especially with the loss of so many loved ones. And we have had more than a few challenges adapting our activities to keep everyone safe. But maintaining our community spirit and encouraging members to come out and participate is so very important. We are hoping that 2022 will be a better year for all.

One of our main goals for this year is to find ways to improve our methods of communications. While we do post on

Facebook and put up signs, we have also established a blast email notification system. However, we need your permission to add your email address to the list. If you have not already done so, please contact me if you would like to be included. *Continued on page 6*

## 2022 HERRON ISLAND CALENDARS The Perfect Gift For Your Valentine!

2022 HI Calendar: \$15.00

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

Contact:

Robin Kelly

[Robin.kelly712@gmail.com](mailto:Robin.kelly712@gmail.com)

253-884-1883



**\*\*Cash or checks made out to "Herron Island Boosters"\*\*\***

Get yours today, before they run out!

*Monthly Message continued from page 5*

You can contact me via email ([robin.kelly712@gmail.com](mailto:robin.kelly712@gmail.com)), Facebook Messenger, or simply give me a call at 253-884-1883. *Important: Please note that this Boosters email is completely separate from the emails that come from the HMC office.*

Our annual meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, February 5th at 10:30am via Zoom**, following Joyce Major's **9:00am yoga class**. The instructions for participating will be sent via a Boosters' Blast email, so please sign up if you haven't already. Merry Kogut's last day of serving as Vice-President ended on January 8th, and Leslie Sanderson, current Member-at-Large, will also be stepping down. Although they will no longer be serving on the board, both will remain actively involved with Boosters' activities.

There are no adequate words that could express our gratitude for all they have done over the years. We will miss their leadership greatly, but the time has come for them to pass on the baton. So, if anyone is interested in serving on the Board of the Boosters, please come to the next meeting and raise your hand! New ideas are always welcome and appreciated.

We still have some 2022 calendars available, so get yours while supplies last. We should have a New Member Information and Services Directory available by Memorial Day Weekend and a Reserve List has already been started. Please contact me as referenced above if you would like to be included-- or if changes need to be made to your previously-listed information.

Wishing you all a healthy and prosperous New Year! ●

## GET THE LATEST SCOOP!

If you want to get the most up-to-date info on Booster-sponsored events, meetings, or volunteer opportunities, get on our email list!

Please send an email to [robin.kelly712@gmail.com](mailto:robin.kelly712@gmail.com) and request that your email address be added.

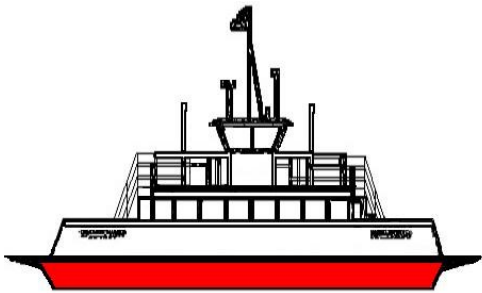
This will be used for BOOSTERS purposes only.



Photo Credit: Joseph Pentheroudakis

## Ferry Corner

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



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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your attention and cooperation! ●

## TIPS FOR SMOOTH SAILING

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

*\*Our ferry guest pass system is part of our current Ferry Access Policy ([found on the website here](#)) and was put in place for all of our security. Please make sure your guest has a valid—signed—guest pass to ensure they are able to ride the ferry. Blank guest passes are available to members at the office, by mail, and on the ferry.*



HMC Contact Info

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Carol Smith	HMC Calendar	
Josh Roppo	Webmaster	

Misc. Contact Info

Member Input email: [MemberInput@herronisland.org](mailto:MemberInput@herronisland.org)  
Emergency: 911  
Ferry Cell: (253) 691-1457

*\*Cell phone to be used for scheduling heavy loads, big vehicles or having something in tow, and for information regarding ferry services.*

Office Info

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

Office Hours

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

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

[www.herronisland.org](http://www.herronisland.org)

THE BEACHCOMBER PUBLICATION

Submissions

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

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Please include your name and phone number with your submission to [beachcomber@herronisland.org](mailto:beachcomber@herronisland.org).

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Feedback? Photography? Questions?

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



*Paid Advertisement***My Herron Island Properties for Sale/Pending:**

- **914 E Herron Blvd:** (MLS # 1860609): 2 bedroom/1.5 bathroom cabin with east facing filtered water view on 0.64 acres. **PENDING SALE!!**
- **22505-22507 Maple Drive:** (MLS # 1817260): Two adjacent lots with stunning view of Olympic Mtn range! Magnificent sunsets!! **PENDING SALE!!**

**2021 = 14 Closed Sales on Herron Island!**

**Coming soon – east side waterfront home!**

**Full information/images on ALL properties for sale  
(All brokerages):-**

**[www.DiscoverHerronIsland.com](http://www.DiscoverHerronIsland.com)**

Karen Dorans, Island Resident Broker

Call/Text: 253.219.4076

Email: [Karen@HerronIsland.com](mailto:Karen@HerronIsland.com)



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

*"Living here, Working here"*

## PAID ADVERTISEMENTS

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Find these documents on our website:

[Ferry Schedule](#)  
[2021 Cancellations](#)

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	
IS	ML	IS	ML	IS	ML	IS	ML	IS	ML	IS	ML	IS	ML
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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

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

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

[www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html)

It can also be found at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested on the form.

Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at:

U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Director, Office of Adjudication  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

Or fax to (202) 690-7442 or email to [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).