



The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

September/October 2019



President's Message

Greetings and Happy Fall – I hope you are all enjoying our last few sunny summer days and preparing for what Mother Nature throws at us this fall and winter. Hopefully, we will not have a repeat of last winter's epic snowfall. Here are a few items you might be interested in:

ANNUAL ASSESSMENT – This year's assessment is \$2,710 to support the 2019-2020 budget. You will be billed \$1,199 in October and \$1,199 in April. There will be a special assessment of \$312 due in January 2020. Unfortunately, this represents a significant increase over last year. The cost of everything has gone up. Unexpected critical repairs to the ferry are required. We have to start funding our reserve accounts. We are required by law to have reserve accounts and, at 10%, our reserves are underfunded.

FERRY REPAIRS & RAMP INSPECTIONS – This fall we need to do work on a ferry engine and our ramps will be inspected. Work will be scheduled on weekdays to minimize impact on ferry traffic. Look for an e-mail announcement of the exact dates.

NON-911 FERRY SERVICE – Last year the HMC Board decided that, with the exception of medical 911 emergencies, we cannot provide unscheduled, non-911 emergency service off Herron Island. The current Board was asked if we could reconsider this decision. Unfortunately, we would risk violating United States Coast Guard rules. We discussed it at length and voted to uphold the decision of the previous Board. We will look into the possibility of a network of volunteer boats to get members off the Island outside of ferry service hours. Prescheduled special ferry runs are still available as staffing allows.

OSPREY NEST REMOVAL – You may have noticed that the Osprey nest is gone from the mainland ferry terminal. The crew removed the vacant nest under US Fish and Wildlife guidelines.

Unfortunately, members were not told in advance this would be happening. We apologize and pledge to communicate with you better next year should the nest return.

SMALL BOAT DOCKS – The small boat docks will be removed on Saturday, October 19th, starting around 8:30 – 9:00 am. Volunteers are encouraged and always welcome.

ORV TASK FORCE – Over the years we have consistently had members complain about the use of Off Road Vehicles on our roads. Noise, speeding and road damage are common problems. We are forming a Task Force to study this issue. Member Laurie West has agreed to be chairperson. Please contact her at mrswest@comcast.net with comments or if you would like to participate.

DOG PARK? – Should we have an off-leash dog park on Herron Island? This question has been raised many times over the years. A group is forming to look into the possibility of a dog park and will work in cooperation with the Parks Committee. Kathleen Nelson has agreed to take the lead on this project. Her contact information is in the Herron Island directory. You can also contact memberinput@herronisland.org to get involved.

WILDLIFE ISSUES – At the September Board meeting, a member expressed concern about the health and welfare of wildlife on Herron Island. The Board agreed it would be useful to gather information about our interaction with wildlife. Again, please use Member input memberinput@herronisland.org to let us know what you think or to participate.

BOOSTERS' POTLUCKS – The Boosters are planning an "Oktoberfest" potluck the evening of Saturday, October 12th. The event will feature German food and live music. The annual Boosters'

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President's Message
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Thanksgiving Dinner and celebration will be held the evening of Saturday, November 9th. This is one of the social highlights of the year. Look for more information from the Boosters. There is additional information on the HMC Calendar on our website.

MEMBER INPUT – What is the best way to bring your concerns to the HMC or have your questions answered? Email MemberInput@herronisland.org . Go to the HMC Website, www.herronisland.org . Near the top, in green type, you will see Member Input. Click on it. This directs your concerns and questions directly to the HMC Board. We check member input emails frequently and will respond. We want to hear from you.

This is a combined Beachcomber for the months of September and October. Please consider joining us at the October 12th Board meeting. I hope you all have a great fall. You'll hear more from me again in the November Beachcomber.

Reed West, President
Your Board of Directors

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Important Phone Numbers**Island Manager**

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Frank Harrison, Water Repair (253) 884-9350

Frank Harrison, Water Committee (253) 884-9350

Gary Wanzong, Finance Committee (253) 884-9350

Dan Marten, Roads Committee (253) 884-9350

Beth Owen, Rules Committee (253) 884-9350

Dale Miller, Parks Committee (253) 884-9350

Ken Higgins, Emergency Preparedness (253) 884-9350

Alan DeGood, Small Boat Docks (253) 884-9350

Carolyn Snyder, Office Manager (253) 884-9350

Ken Freeman, Beachcomber/Webmaster (253) 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.

Office Phone: (253) 884-9350

Office Fax: (253) 884-5047

Website: <http://www.herronisland.org>

Office email: Office@herronisland.org

HMC Water email: HMCWater@herronisland.org

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Beachcomber email: beachcomber@herronisland.org

Parks email: HMC Parks@herronisland.org

Roads email: HMC Roads@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 September 14, 2019

Administration:

- Thank you to all the volunteers including those who manage the whiteboards, parks, roads, water, N Beach clean-up, errands and pump-house generator repair.
- The migration of the Osprey has begun, they fly to their Winter grounds in Central/South America. This year's young fledged in mid-August allowing HMC to remove the nest over Labor Day week-end. The US Fish & Wildlife allows removal once the birds have fledged, defined as when the young can fly out of the nest.
- HMC is looking for a back up to the Office Manager position. The position requires advanced skills in Excel, Word and QuickBooks and previous Accountant experience. This is a part-time position. If qualified, and interested, please call Jane Wooster in the office: 253-884-9350 or email: hmcmanager@herronisland.org.
- HMC will soon have ramp inspections on the island and mainland ramps. This is done every two years on the mainland and every four years on the island and is required.
- HMC is also due for cables and pulleys inspection and replacements, this will be done in October, more to follow.
- Frank Harrison will step up to chair the Water Committee; Charles Smith may still be on the committee when he returns.

Departments/Committees

Maintenance: Gary Wanzong to report

Parks: Dale Miller to report

Policies: Mike Gage -no report

Roads: Dan Marten – no report this month

Emergency Preparedness: Ken Higgins to report

Water:

Frank Harrison will Chair the Water Committee going forward.

Charles Smith is out on leave, please contact Jane Wooster in the office, 253-884-9350 for immediate needs

Small Docks: Alan DeGood reports that the small boat docks will be removed October 19th around 8:30 – 9:00, volunteers welcome. Repairs needed will then be assessed and made prior to winter storage.

Rules: Two cases are open with hearings scheduled

Legal Liaison: There are 13 delinquencies; 11 with our attorney for action.

October 12, 2019 at the Community Building

Come one, come all to Herron Island's 2nd Annual Oktoberfest Sponsored by Herron Island Boosters



Dr. Roes' band will start with music approximately 4:30 pm before the potluck and Dr. Roes will give flu shots for those that want them.

Boosters' Oktoberfest will start at 6pm

Bring your favorite Oktoberfest entre, side, or dessert

Bring your own stein to show it off (and beverage)! Bring German music that can be shared.

Wearing of lederhosen and dirndls are encouraged, but not required.

Brigitte Vogel will be coordinating again this year and any and all help is welcome. Those interested in setting up and decorating please meet at the community center at 2pm.

Welcome, New Islanders!

HMC welcomes new Members to Herron Island:

- Allan & Linda Wehrman
- Nicholas & Nancy Moffitt



Are You on the List?



HMC now has 398 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.

Carla Vierra will be heading up the Raffle, if you plan to contribute a basket please contact her at 206-633-2822. She will be available Nov 1 on island if you plan to drop off your basket early.



Diane Thynes, Jack & Nancy Wells, Gary Wanzong, Scott & Michelle Young, Gladys Dulyea, David Hancock, Eric Perser, Kathy Deuster, Karen Ducharme, Robert Axt, Mike & Judy Gage, Bob & Diana Hartnett, Ted & Stephanie Jensen, Lonnie Kelly, Chet Latimer, Jael Lee, Kim Oo, Tony Spiotto, Mark McNerney, Dale Miller, Steve Ohlsen, Leslie Sanderson



Roads Work Party

The Roads committee is planning a work party for Saturday 11/16 from 830-noon. We will be cutting and collecting fallen branches alongside the road in preparation for the chipping process on 11/23. The forecast is for beautiful weather so come out and meet some new neighbors!

Where: meet at community center at Goodpastor park

Who: all genders welcome including teens. Some tasks are considered "light duty."

What to bring: gloves, rakes, chainsaw, weed whacker, large pruning loppers, eye protection, sturdy shoes.

Boosters will be providing a light lunch at 12:30 for those participating.

Contact Dan Marten for more information 310-488-2397



**Fall is coming... It will soon be time to
remove the Boat Docks....**

All hands on "dock"!

When: October 19th at 8:30 a.m..

Where: North Beach

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

**Potluck style Brunch....for all
participants when job is completed**
Volunteers are invited to help by preparing a
breakfast or lunch potluck dish to share!
All are welcome,

Task Force on the Use of Off-Road Vehicles (ORVs) on Herron Island

The ORV Task Force's proposed objective would be to create a report for the Board and the HI community to promote safety and courtesy, prevent property damage, and manage risks. Input from the community - members, applicable HI committees, and the island manager will be collected. Our current HI documents will be reviewed with an eye to clarifying what we already have that is applicable to the use of ORVs on HI. Some research into county and state law may be necessary. New recommendations to the Board may be included in the final report.

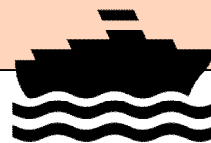
As facilitator for this project, I would like to hear from you. Your comments, views, ideas, and experience will be welcome even if you cannot commit to an in-person meeting. If you have bandwidth for doing research, writing, or editing, please let me know. If you want to come to a meeting to talk about this stuff, I propose having an initial meeting at 1pm October 12th. Location TBD.

Please email me mrswest@comcast.net
Thank you for your interest in advance.
Laurie West



Winter Ferry Schedule Starts October 1st

Our winter ferry schedule kicks in on October 1st. The Winter schedule differs only slightly from the Summer schedule by adding back in the 2:30-3:00 runs on Saturday and Sunday and removing those runs on Fridays. There are no 7:30-8:00 a.m. ferries on Saturday and Sunday in the winter schedule.



Burn Ban Lifted

Effective September 11th, the Pierce County Fire Marshal lifted the county-wide burn ban. [Click here](#) for details.



HERRON ISLAND DIRECTORY

Deadline October 1st for the 2020 edition

If you would like to be included, but haven't already sent in or given your information, please send it by October 1st to Robin at d_kelly@centurylink.net or call her at 253 884-1883.

You can have any or all of the following information included:

Last name, First name(s)
Island Address
Mailing Address
Phone # --home and cell(s)
Email address

We are making every effort to have correct and current information. If you have any updates or corrections to your data, please contact Robin at the above email address by October 1st. Thank you.

*** * Calling on all islanders. We need your input. * ***

The paid advertising section of the HI Member Directory serves two purposes:

- Helps pay for the printing of the directory, and
- Helps residents find contractors, service people and vendors who are willing to come to the island, and who are aware of the ferry schedule, etc. In other words, they want our business.

A half-page ad only costs \$25, and a full-page one is only \$50.

If you have any **suggestions as to whom we might contact**, please give us the name of the company or individual and the phone number (if you have it). We would like to have listings for as many types of services as possible, but we need your help in order to do so. Please email any suggestions and/or information to Robin Kelly by October 1st d_kelly@centurylink.net
Please be assured that we do not give advertisers any personal contact information.

The Board will be sharing brief biographies of HMC staff with HMC Members. This is the second in the new series.

Manager

Carolyn Snyder

Office Manager

Carolyn manages the HMC office. Carolyn brings 35 years of Administrative experience including: Personnel Management, Purchasing, Financial Services, Benefit Analyst Services and five years representing the State of Washington in Administrative Hearings. Carolyn has lived on Herron Island for 19 years and is working on her 13th year as the Office Manager.

Part-Time Office Manager Wanted

HMC is seeking a part-time back-up to the Office Manager . The successful candidate will have advanced experience using Microsoft Excel, Word in addition to QuickBooks. A strong background in Accounting is also necessary.

Please send your resume to Jane Wooster, Island Manager.



Emergency Preparedness

Home fires - In just two minutes, a fire can become life-threatening. In five minutes, a residence can be engulfed in flames. [Click here](#) to learn about causes and prevention of these fires.

We will have an Emergency Preparedness meeting Saturday October 12 after the HOA board meeting.



Board Member Email Addresses

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HMCFerdReichlin@herronisland.org

HMCMaryKogut@herronisland.org

HMCkathyDeuster@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.

Committee Email Addresses

HMCRules@herronisland.org

HMCRoads@herronisland.org

HMCEmergPrep@herronisland.org

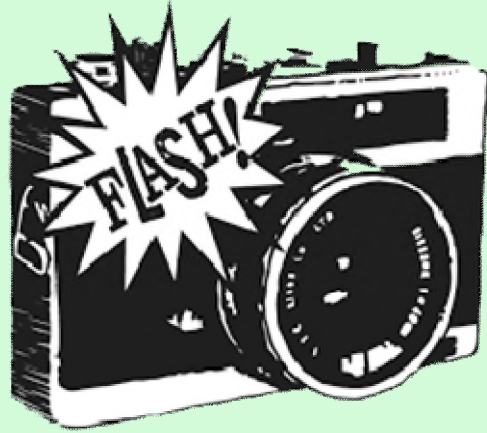


FREE CLASSIFIED ADS

Missing camo kayak from the North Beach. Missing during first 2 weeks of August. Enclosed cockpit. About a 10 footer. A current HMC sticker is on it.
Any info: please see the weekend ferry Captain: Joe LaPoint

Non-commercial ads of 100 words or less will be accepted for inclusion in this section free of charge. Please email your ad to beachcomber@herronisland.org. Subject: Beachcomber Ad. The ad must be resubmitted for each issue in which it is to be printed.

2020 Herron Island Calendar



CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS
DEADLINE OCTOBER 1st

We are now collecting photo entries to be considered for the 2020 Herron Island calendar. Please send your best to Howard Owen at hvo_guitar@yahoo.com. Limit 3 per person. Landscape format, please---and as high a resolution as you can get.

There are many terrific photographers out here who have captured very special glimpses of the island's beauty or uniqueness. That's what we are looking for. Send yours in soon!

Captain's Corner

Hello again from the Friday afternoon to Monday morning ferry Captain: Joe LaPoint.

The following are some more questions we've had regarding the ferry operation.

"How can I help my guests and vendors more efficiently at the mainland ferry terminal?"

1. If you left a pass with the ferry crew, the guest needs to know the member's last name. That is how we file them. (You'd be surprised how many guests are here to visit "Bill...somebody") When practical, it is quicker if they have the pass filled out to give to the purser.
2. It's quicker to log in vendors when they know your member number. The vendor should tell us if they are on a Form 18.
3. Only members can authorize charges to their account for vendors, guests cannot do so.
4. Exact change, tickets or a check make paying faster for guests. Avoid paying with any bill larger than a \$20; we are rarely able to make change for larger bills.
5. Encourage guests and vendors to arrive early so we have more time to work our minor problems.
6. If there is any chance the member has delinquent fees, be sure to contact the office and ensure there is no delinquency before your guest arrives.

(Thanks to Relief Deckhand, Scott Young, for this detailed question and answer)

"I called ahead and have a reservation on the ferry, for my trailer, right?"

When you call ahead and talk to the ferry Captain we find out about the particulars of your tow. We look at the tide and schedule you on our calendar as a reminder to keep the center lane open for you. Please arrive early enough for us to stage you.

If it's summer and the lines form early, or you arrive 5 minutes before our departure with 9 cars ahead of you, then plan on being on the next run.

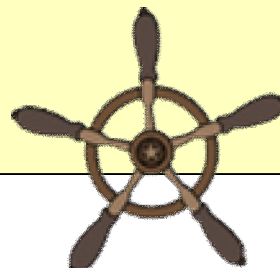
"My car died in the parking lot or on the hill and needs a battery jump to get on the ferry..."

If we can stay on schedule and are not shuttling, then we will jump your battery-dead car. If we are shuttling or otherwise time constrained then you'll have to wait until we have time or solicit help locally. This Captain (Joe LaPoint) has learned the hard way not to rush to bring on dead cars since it may not be the battery but something else. Then we lose a few parking places as we shuttle the new large paperweight to and fro and figure out how to remove it.

This is also a great time and reminder to check your battery and the cables attached to the battery for corrosion. This weekend we've had half a dozen battery jump-starts needed. As the weather gets colder batteries that were just getting by, now don't.

Thanks,

J. LaPoint



SUMMER FERRY SCHEDULE - APRIL 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30													
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*** ferry will not operate during these times to allow for mandatory crew breaks. This includes shuttle runs.													
HOLIDAY SCHEDULES - SUMMER													
Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day run on the Sunday schedule.													

WINTER FERRY SCHEDULE - OCTOBER 1 THROUGH MARCH 31													
MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
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HOLIDAY SCHEDULES - WINTER													
Thanksgiving		8:30am - 9:00am		11:30am - noon		6:30pm - 7:00pm							
Christmas Day		8:30am - 9:00am				6:30pm - 7:00pm							
New Years Day		8:30am - 9:00am		11:30am - noon		6:30pm - 7:00pm							

NOTE: Check for low tide ferry cancellations. They are posted on the HMC website.

Reservations must be made with the ferry when towing or a vehicle exceeds 25 feet prior to arrival.

Ferry Cell Phone: 253-691-1457

Ferry Rates		
Ferry User Fees	Member	Guest
Vehicle (up through 20') & Driver	\$8.00	\$20.00
Passengers & Walk-Ons		
Age 12 and Over	\$3.00	\$3.00
Age 5 - 11	\$1.00	\$1.00
Under Age 5	Free	Free
Vehicle Length Fares		
21' through 30'	\$16.00	\$32.00
31' through 40'	\$24.00	\$48.00
41' through 50'	\$32.00	\$64.00
51' through 60"	\$40.00	\$80.00
Special Runs	\$175.00	\$175.00
911 Medical Runs off the Island	Free	Free

Basic Ferry Safety Rules
Smoking is not permitted.
Marijuana is not permitted.
Open alcoholic beverages are prohibited (RCW 46.61.519)
Passengers must remain behind the safety lines in place across each end of the ferry.
Passengers must remain in vehicles or passenger cabin while ferry is loading/unloading vehicles.
Passengers under the age of 13 must be under adult supervision at all times. Passengers ages 13-17 who are unaccompanied by an adult must remain in the cabin until a crewmember tells them they may leave.
Propane tanks must be shut off and sealed prior to boarding.
Gasoline is allowed in CG/UL-approved portable containers no more than six (6) gallons in size with no signs of deterioration that could affect sits integrity. Containers must be properly secured for transit and cannot exceed a total volume of twelve (12) gallons on any one trip.

Access Policy Main Points
Member vehicles must have a valid HMC Sticker. (If sticker is invalid guest rates apply.)
Guests must provide a completed guest pass to the deckhand/purser, filled out and signed by a Member, to be admitted onto the ferry.
Roundtrip payment is required on the mainland side by cash or check.
Charges to Members can only be authorized for utility, service or delivery services.
A reservation must be made in advance and confirmed by the ferry Captain to transport any combination (in-tow) of any length and/or single vehicles longer than 25 feet.
Maximum gross weight is 40,000 pds.
Maximum vehicle length is 60 feet.

Loading/Unloading Procedures
Speed limit on the ramps and boat is 5 MPH.
Follow all directions given by crew.
Set parking break and turn off engine when loaded.
Do not start engine until directed by the crew.
Turn off all vehicle lights while on the ferry, ramp or pier during loading and/or unloading.
To load vehicles proceed to the concrete pier when light turns green. Proceed one vehicle at a time down the wooden ramp and wait at bottom until directed by crew to drive onto the ferry. Follow instructions of crew where and when to park.
To exit the ferry restart your engine and release parking break only when directed by crew. Exit ferry as directed by crew.
Foot passengers may not board when light is green. Passengers are to remain in cabin when ferry is docking or at dock.

Boarding/Shuttling
Ferry crew may begin boarding 10 minutes prior to scheduled departure.
Vehicles/passengers must arrive no later than five minutes before the scheduled departure time to ensure a place either on the current run or a shuttle.
Vehicles/passengers arriving after the five minute cutoff time are not assured a place either on the current run or shuttle.
If additional vehicles/passengers arrive after the cutoff and prior to the final shuttle departure they will only be accommodated as space permits on the shuttle. Any remaining vehicles must wait until the next scheduled run.
The ferry may not make shuttle runs if the ferry crew reach legal work hour limits. Some shuttles may not be made to assure the ferry crew gets required breaks.

Holiday Restrictions
Combinations (in-tow) of any length and/or single vehicles longer than 25 feet will not be transported after noon, the Thursday before Memorial and Labor Day holiday weekends. Restriction dates will be posted for the Independence Day holiday.

Ferry Cell Phone
253-691-1457
Call the ferry to schedule heavy loads, when towing vehicles and any vehicle longer than 25 feet. Confirmed reservation is required by the ferry Captain prior to loading.

Member Responsibility
Members are responsible for their guests actions at all times and to assure a completely filled out guest pass is issued to their guest prior to the guest arriving at the ferry.



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