



# The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

August 2014



## President's Message

The summer is flying by and the push is on to get things done before the rainy season hits once again. We have two large projects to get finished this summer and the first is the roads. Our Road Committee has a few road drainage issues to finish before we bring the grader over to grade our roads. We also need everyone's help in cutting the grass between the roads and the ditch in front of your property so the grader can see where the edge of the road and gravel is located. You may have noticed there is a large amount of gravel in areas that has migrated to the edges of the roads and we would like to pull that gravel back to the center. This accomplishes two things; the first is that it cuts down on the amount of gravel needed to re-gravel the roads. The second is that it helps crown the roads for proper water drainage. In conjunction with the grading the plan is to gravel the roads as needed. Any surplus gravel will be stored at the pump station which is also showing signs of improvements and preparation for gravel storage. Our code enforcement agencies have signed off and given the OK to store gravel at the pump station which helps to push this whole process along. The roads are an ongoing improvement project and will take time to accomplish all the work that needs to be done. But we are staying within the budget, dealing with the worst areas first and knocking items off the very long repair list.

Our second pre-winter project is our Community Building. The west and south sides of the building are in need of preventative maintenance. Caulking needs to be replaced, some siding is damaged and the building needs painting. Claudia has put the call out for volunteers but the calls have gone unanswered. Now she is getting bids to have the work done. The importance of getting this work done is to prevent water damage to the building which would cost us even more money to repair. If you are interested in helping on this project please let Claudia know. We still have time to get enough volunteers together and save the cost of contracted services.

During this month's Board Meeting a group of Members volunteered to have kayak racks built, at no cost to HMC, and placed at North and South Beach for Members to use. A lively debate occurred between those Members that supported accepting the racks and those that opposed the racks. Both sides had valid reasons to support their positions. In the end the Board felt that the proposed benefits outweighed the potential drawbacks and voted to accept the kayak racks. The Board also stipulated that rules be posted and a policy be developed concerning some of the issues brought forth during the meeting. A basic policy had already been developed and will continue to be worked on. As suggested at the meeting if the racks should become problematic the Board can always vote to have them removed. Before we know it Labor Day will be here and then the rest of the fall and winter holidays will be coming up fast. So please enjoy the weather while we have it, relax when possible and watch out for the children heading back to school.

**Gary Wanzong, President**  
**HMC Management Board of Directors**

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**Emergency 911**

**Ferry Cell phone (253) 691-1457**

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

**Ferry Business**

- Call ahead if you are planning to use the ferry for a trailer, boat, or large vehicle!
- Only those guests with valid passes will be allowed on the ferry.
- Plan your arrival at the dock at least 5 minutes before the scheduled time of departure.
- Walks-ons are not to be on the dock or ramp when cars are being loaded. Watch crew for permission to board.
- Only service and delivery people may charge fares.

**WE HAVE EXPERIENCED GUESTS AND SERVICE PEOPLE EXPECTING TO COME OVER TO THE ISLAND WITHOUT GUEST PASSES. THIS VIOLATES THE ACCESS POLICY THAT WAS PUT IN PLACE FOR ALL OF OUR SECURITY. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR GUEST HAS A VALID GUEST PASS SIGNED BY YOU TO ENSURE THEY ARE ABLE TO RIDE THE FERRY. BLANK GUEST PASSES ARE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS AT THE OFFICE, BY MAIL, AND ON THE FERRY.**

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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](mailto: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  
August 9, 2014

**Administration:**

**Volunteers:** Terrill Chilson, who for many years has cochaired the Parks Committee with Tracy Anspach, has resigned her position. Terrill has earned the gratitude of all Herron Islanders for her hard work, organizational skills, and dedication to improving and maintaining the quality of HI parks.

Don Kelly deserves a round of applause for his near daily driving of the dust control truck and keeping the dust to a minimum this summer. Thanks to our other drivers, as well, all of whom have served a long time and are happy to see a new driver.

Joseph Pentheroudakis and Steve Ohlsen – thanks for removing the graffiti paint from our South Beach signs that were recently defaced.

And much appreciation to all those who helped on the Roads party, clearing unwanted vegetation from the roadways, and cleaning the ditches. All efforts that will pay off when the rains come again.

**Tansy Ragwort:** The word is that Pierce County Noxious Weed Control commented that the Herron Island roads had never looked so good. Thanks again to Pat Zazzo and Leslie Sanderson, who probably worked the hardest on eradicating tansy. We know of two members whose properties had to be cleared by the County, at considerable expense.

**Community Building:** Apparently, we have some bugs in the attic, and so have called for help. They haven't eaten any records, but we need to put a stop to them. Also, we are looking for a company to help with the caulking and painting of the Community Building.

**Tree Trimming:** HMC tree trimming is over for this year, as the budget is fully expended. Additional trees will be removed in October, when the new budget year begins. We are working from a list compiled volunteer members, and will address the highest priority first. Priority is determined by the danger the trees present to persons, property or HMC operations. No word from Pen Light as to when they will come to the island.

**Water Operations:** We still have a “phantom” who is turning on water meters. Advice to Members – put a lock on your meter if you are going away for a long period, to prevent the kind of water loss we experienced last month.

Northwest Water Systems has requested a customer/contractor meeting to discuss NWS performance, any contract changes we might want, or other issues. We have asked for this meeting Friday, September 5th, in the hope that Board members and the Water Committee will be able to attend.

**Cross Connection Control Program:** Finally, real progress on this WAC requirement. All Members have submitted the survey documents, and August 13 will be the date that Budget Backflows comes to the island to conduct inspections of six backflow devices. Judy Greinke organized this group inspection program, in order to reduce the cost to each member, as the contractor will make only one trip to the island.

Work continues at the pump station to create a parking area for equipment, as discussed in last month's manager's report. Discussion also includes use of the old reservoir as a covered storage area.

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**Water Committee Report:** The Committee met August 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss data gathering for rate setting, pump station improvements and other issues. Judy Greinke, Sue Pottorff, Kathy Deuster, Fred Fath, Janet Podell, and Charles Smith were in attendance.

**Water System:** Charles Smith will report.

**Fire Department Liaison:** The fire department informs us that the packets will now be distributed September 1, so we will collect packets and notify the volunteers.

**Land Use:** Committee Report.

We have heard nothing further from Pierce County, but receive weekly updates on the Comprehensive Plan process.

Another condemned property is being demolished, but there is no word on the status of others.

**Emergency Preparedness:** Committee Report.

**Parks: Committee Report:**

Tracy Anspach reports that Friday, October 3 or Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> would be good dates for dock removal, and that the rental of a lift will be needed.

The BOOSTERS have selected a swing set and are seeking permission to install it at a work party this fall. That work party would also install fencing around the sport court, as planned and approved last year. Additional work party items include benches, small boat dock and swim float.

Watch the website for future dates. If you have questions or input please email:  
[hmcparcs@herronisland.org](mailto:hmcparcs@herronisland.org) .

**Roads:** Committee Report.

**Rules:** No outstanding complaints.

**Herron Island Ferry:**

The ferry is scheduled to leave for the Tacoma shipyard on Monday, September 15, following the morning run, so that trash removal can be completed for residents. Please plan for the ferry to be out of service for two weeks, returning at the end of the month. During this trip, the ferry will receive its biennial "out of water" Coast Guard inspection.

Tom Stevens, a local resident, is now a standby deckhand, and has been working this past week. A third standby, Jerry Libstaff, also a local resident, is in training as a deck hand.

**Ramp Painting:**

No activity this month. We should be receiving information regarding permitting on or about August 15<sup>th</sup>.

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**Cable Replacement:** American Construction will replace the ferry ramp cables August 19, 20 and 21, necessitating a cancellation of the 12 and 12:30 ferry runs each day. This is the first time the cables have been replaced since 2007. The work will cost approximately \$25,000.

**Legal Liaison:** We currently have 15 delinquencies, of which 6 are with the attorney for action. Delinquency rate of 3.9%. Last year at this time we had 20 delinquencies with 7 at collections. Currently, HMC has 386 Assessable Units and 397 Water customers.

**COUNTY-WIDE BURN BAN**

A county-wide burn ban in Pierce County was announced as follows:

**COUNTY-WIDE BURN BAN  
EFFECTIVE**

**12 noon FRIDAY – JULY 11, 2014 – UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

A county-wide burn ban is declared by the Pierce County Fire Marshal in conjunction with the Pierce County Fire Chiefs' Association and the Department of Natural Resources. This ban is prompted by forecasts calling for continued dry weather.

This burn ban applies to all outdoor burning except for small recreational fires in established fire pits at approved camp grounds or private property with the owner's permission. The use of gas and propane self-contained stoves and barbeques will continue to be allowed under the ban.

Persons with approved DNR burn permits are advised to call 1-800-323-BURN for more information.

Thank you for your cooperation.



**BOOSTERS POTLUCK DINNER @ 6:00 P.M.**

Saturday, September 13th at the Community Center

Everyone is Welcome.



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## Labor Day 2014

**Saturday, August 30th**

**Goodpastor Park**

**12:00 Baseball— Kids followed by Adults**

**Hot Dogs, Chips & Soda—\$2.00**

**Sunday August 31st**

**Community Center**

**9:00 AM**

**Coffee & Cinnamon Rolls**

**Island Apparel Sales**

**Junk in the Trunk Sales**

**2014 Island Directory Sales**

**North Beach**

**10:30 AM**

**Sailboat Race—Sign up at the pink  
umbrella or call Anita @ 253-820-8030**



## Notice to Your Guests

For the past few holiday weekends the Board asked the ferry crew to hand a flyer to all cars coming to the island on a Guest Pass. The flyer is intended to advise your guests of some pertinent HMC's Rules that we ask them to follow while on Herron Island. The Board thought we would publish the flyer for you to see. And thank you for helping us to keep Herron Island a safe and enjoyable place for everyone.

### NOTICE TO OUR HERRON ISLAND GUESTS

Welcome to Herron Island! We're glad you're here, but respectfully request that you understand and follow the Rules of Herron Island during your stay. Members can (and have) been fined for the actions of their guests. Here are some of those Rules:

**Ferry:** The instructions of the Ferry crew must be followed at all times.

**Speed Limit:** The speed limit on Herron Island is **15 MPH**. This helps to protect the wildlife on the Island and to control dust. ***This rule applies to any motorized vehicle.*** Fines of up to \$500 can be assessed against the property owner. Please respect the rules and observe this speed limit during your time on Herron Island.

**Island Beaches** – Except for the North and South Beach areas, all beaches are **privately owned**. Island Members allow you to walk across their beaches but you may not dig for clams, remove rocks, have beach fires or otherwise occupy any of the private beaches on the island. Please respect the owner's private property rights. Remember: "Take nothing but pictures and leave nothing but footprints".

**Fireworks:** ***Fireworks are strictly prohibited on Herron Island,*** except for the North Beach area on the 4th of July itself. Herron Island is particularly vulnerable to fire and this Rule was established for the safety of all people and property on the island including you, our guests.

**Wildlife:** Herron Island is home to many, many deer who contribute to the natural beauty and ambience that is Herron Island. Most of the deer are very approachable and will accept food from your hand, but they are easily spooked. Please do not allow your dogs to chase them. Please note that Herron Island also has a Leash Rule. Please contain your dogs.



## 2nd Annual Roads Work Party Summary



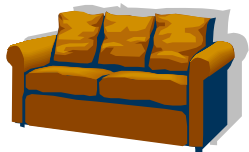
Notice anything along the Roads? With few exceptions the ditches along the island roads have been cleaned and trimmed. Our work party was a huge success. Many heartfelt thanks to the following volunteers who worked very hard that day: **Jack Wells** and **Dana Gruber** (Work Party Leaders), **Leslie Sanderson**, **Bob Garcia**, **Nancy Wells**, **Merry Kogut**, **Kathy Deuster**, **Kim Oo**, **Joseph Pentheroudakis**, **Joe Pence**, **Paula Trent**, **Steve and Vicky Drury**, **Beth and Gary Wanzong**, **Jan O'Connor**, **Tony Spiotto**, **Tracy Anspach**, **Steve Kramer**, **Pat Zazzo**, **Janet Podell** and **Michael Graham**. **Lee Forte** donated his chipper for the day, so everything could be mulched at the Pump House lot for future fill use in that area. **Carla Vierra** and **Deb Kraft**, from the BOOSTERS, provided everyone with a wonderful lunch of sandwiches, chips and a variety of deserts. A great big **Thank You** to all who came out to help!

This work focused on cleaning out numerous ditches and overhanging tree limbs that have grown into the road in preparation for road grading later this year. Some work still needs members' help. (1) Any brush between your ditch and the road edge needs to be removed. (2) Brush on your side of the ditch needs to be shaped back from overhanging into the ditch or overhead into the road. (3) All tall grass between your ditch and the road edge needs to be trimmed because it is a fire and visibility hazard. (Tall grass may help to control some dust, but fire danger is a far greater risk so please cut the tall grass.) (4) Debris within your ditch needs to be cleaned up. (5) Please be mindful of tossing trash into the ditches. (We made some interesting finds during the clean up.)

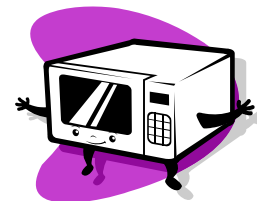
These volunteers contributed approximately 70 hours to making this island safer and more beautiful. This is a significant cost savings for everyone. (approx. \$1500) Please thank them when you see them. Look on the official HMC web site for the work party and beautification pictures.







# Got Junk?



## Please don't dump it here

Over the past year or so, HMC has been the recipient of an old couch, two vertical particle board bookcases, an end table, three TVs and so many microwave ovens we've lost count. All of these "gifts" have been left behind the Community Center in the dead of night. While we agree that it is nice to get rid of your junk, we don't want it. HMC must transport these items to the dump and absorb the cost. In the end it costs you, the members, in increased annual assessments.



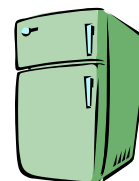
It doesn't matter how members acquired this junk; whether it was left behind by a previous owner, washed up on your beach or abandoned watercraft left at the beach, the Rules say:

"Dumping of personal items is prohibited in all Common areas" (Class B). This prohibition also applies to leaving items with a "free" sign on them." (E8)

At North Beach we currently have about 16 kayaks; many that don't have HMC tags. We have no idea if they are abandoned or still being used. Members should tag their kayaks so they are not considered abandoned.

Please be considerate. Take your trash off the island and don't leave your neighbor (or HMC) an unwanted gift.

Thank you.

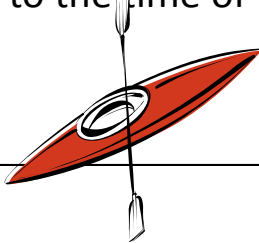


## Kayak Racks Coming Spring 2015!

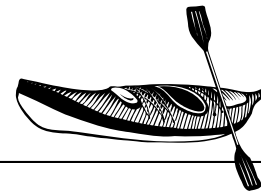
Have you noticed all of the kayaks on the ground at North Beach?



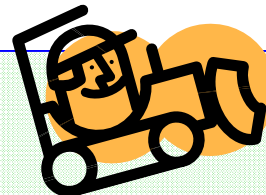
A group of member volunteers have generously offered to fund and build kayak racks for members to use during the Spring and Summer months on Herron Island. The Board has seen the plan and approved the installation of up to 3 racks, (holding 6 kayaks each) to be placed at North Beach and 1 rack at South Beach. In Spring next year the racks will be available for members to use on a first come/first serve basis at no charge. As with anything else there will be some basic rules to follow. But more details will be provided as we get closer to the time of installation.



**Stay Tuned!**



### LAND USE COMMITTEE



Volunteers sought for the Land Use Committee. You may also “sit in” meetings anytime, either by phone or in person. Read about the LUC here: <http://herronisland.org/home/committees/land.html>

We also welcome any and all comments about our work. Please see the minutes here: [http://herronisland.org/home/committees/luc\\_minutes/luc\\_minutes.html](http://herronisland.org/home/committees/luc_minutes/luc_minutes.html)

The next meeting is currently scheduled for August 26, 2014, 9:00 a.m., at Merry’s house. Please check with Merry for any last-minute schedule changes at 253.884.8484 or [merryakogut@gmail.com](mailto:merryakogut@gmail.com).

## HERRON ISLAND WATER DEPARTMENT

Facts and information about our Herron Island Water Department



### **Tentative Time Line for Water Rate Study** (subject to change):

**August 2014 – December 2014:** Individual meters are continuing to be read monthly and data recorded. Billing continues at a flat rate and leak lists continue to be generated where members are notified of continuous or high water usage. Research neighboring water companies usage and charges. Develop or purchase software that takes the multiple layers of usage per connection and provides individual member's billing statements.

**January 2015 – May 2015:** Billing continues at a flat rate. Herron Island 2014 water usage data is evaluated with seasonal usage component to set fair base fees and tiered water usage rates that will cover the expenses for all operations, maintenance, and reserves to run the Herron Island Water System. HMC may hold a community meeting to explain the proposed rate structure.

**June 2015 – September 2015:** Billing continues at a flat rate with the possibility of adding an unofficial draft example of a tiered water usage bill to each water customer to encourage conservation of water.

**October 2015:** Begin Tiered water usage billing. Field member's questions and concerns about new billing statement.

### **Example of Present Water Bill:**

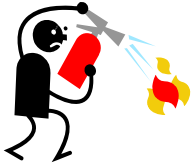
**Quarterly billing at a Flat Rate of \$63 (\$21 per month.)** This flat rate covers expenses for operation, maintenance, reserves, and unlimited water usage.

**Quarterly billing for Loan Fee Assessment of \$44.55 (\$14.85 per month).** This fee covers the repayment assessment for the Capital Improvement Loan from USDA. This fee is separate and distinct from water usage. There is no loan fee for those members who previously chose to pay their Capital Improvement Assessment in full.

### **Estimated Example of Water Bill starting October 2015:**

**Quarterly billing with a Base Fee of \$TBD.** The Base Fee will include some water usage as is standard in the water utility industry. Tiered water rates will be set for graduated water usage. (Costs and rates to be determined) These fees will cover expenses for operation, maintenance, reserves and water usage.

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## Emergency Preparedness

### Tip of the Month

#### Fire Extinguisher Facts and Maintenance (yes, maintenance!)



**If you don't have a fire extinguisher... get one TODAY!**

Now, take a look at your household fire extinguisher. Do you and every member of your household know where it is? Does everyone know how to use it? What type and size is it?

#### Where to Store it?

The best places to store a fire extinguisher are just outside the kitchen and by the garage door. These are the two most likely places to have a fire. You do not want to travel through a fire to get the extinguisher. Have at least one fire extinguisher on every level of your home. Consider an extinguisher for every room in the house and the workshop.

#### How to Use it?

The PASS method is a proven and effective system for putting out a fire.

P – Pull the pin.

A – Aim at the base of the fire.

S – Squeeze the handle.

S – Sweep the hose side to side.

Try to keep calm. It is VITAL to keep an escape route open between you and the *small* fire you are attempting to extinguish. If the fire is large or becomes too large, immediately get out of the house. Don't stop to gather anything or to do anything. Close the door on your way out to slow the spread of flames. Once you are outside, *stay outside*. The intense heat and toxic fumes can kill you in seconds.

#### What Class and size is it?

There are different classes of fire extinguishers for different types of fires.

The classes are A, B, C, D, and K.

**Extinguishers rated ABC are recommended for residential use and are considered "all purpose".**

"A" Fires – This class is for fires involving ordinary combustibles such as wood, paper, charcoal, cloth, and many plastics. Anything that leaves an ash falls into this category.

"B" Fires – This class is for fires that involve flammable liquids such as gasoline, paints, kitchen grease, and oils. A grease fire is liquid and if you spray an extinguisher straight into a pan you will splash burning grease and spread the fire – aim across the pan. Smothering the fire with a pan lid is the easiest and safest method of putting out a grease fire. *Never* attempt to carry a burning pan outdoors.

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"C" Fires – This class is for electrical fires including appliances, wiring, and circuit breakers and outlets. Once the electrical power is turned off, the fire is no longer a "C" class fire but falls back into the "A" or "B" category. *Never* use water on an electrical fire.

"D" Fires – This class is for chemical or metal fires (magnesium, potassium, titanium, and zirconium). These extinguishers use dry powder agents which smother metal fires that can produce their own oxygen. Dry powder is **not** the same thing as dry chemical. This type of extinguisher has few home applications.

"K" Fires - This class is for fires involving cooking oils and are usually only found in commercial kitchens. While highly effective, this type of extinguisher will contaminate your kitchen and food.

*Size can matter.* Consider the square footage of a room and the number of hazards the room contains. A smaller extinguisher is sufficient for a room smaller than 200 square feet. For larger areas with hazards, such as a kitchen, you may be better protected by choosing a larger extinguisher.

### **Maintenance**

Your extinguisher will most likely have a gauge with a green sector and two red sectors. If the needle is in the green sector you have no problem. If the needle is in the red sector you should have it serviced or replace it. Replacement every three years is recommended.

Give the extinguisher a tap see if the gauge changes, turn the extinguisher upside down and give it another tap. This action will loosen up the powder inside that can become packed down. *Don't shake the extinguisher.*

Check the hoses and nozzle for damage. If your extinguisher has a gauge it will most likely have a safety pin or similar device. Make sure it is in place.

Most extinguishers will have instructions on them. *Read the instructions!*

More information is available online @

<http://www.NFPA.org/safety-information/for-consumers/fire-and-safety-equipment/fire-extinguishers>

Your Herron Island Emergency Preparedness Committee Meetings are bi-monthly, the second Saturday of September, November, January, March, and May at the Community Center at 12:30. We look forward to seeing you September 13th.

Got Questions? Contact Mike Shettlesworth 884-6919 or Pat Zazzo 884-6719.





## Septic systems: keeping them healthy and legal

One of our most precious resources is our clean and plentiful groundwater. Our health depends on it, as does the value of everyone's property. Properly designed, installed, and maintained septic systems are key to preserving that resource and reducing the risk of groundwater and surface water contamination.

As you know, the size of a septic system is based on the number of bedrooms in a dwelling. Adding sleeping quarters, guest rooms etc. in excess of the number of bedrooms allowed by a septic system is illegal and can easily compromise our water quality. Trailer owners are required either to be connected to an existing septic system or to collect and remove grey water and sewage from the island, unless the trailer is merely stored or being used for storage. Owners of portable toilets similarly must have them emptied, or connect them to a septic.

Pierce County has jurisdiction over the installation and maintenance of septic systems. You can find more information about that here: <http://www.tpchd.org/environment/septic-systems/>.

Take care of your sewage so that our water can flow clear and clean for a long time to come!

Joseph Pentheroudakis and Merry Kogut

## FREE CLASSIFIED ADS

Bowflex Treadclimber, TC5000 for sale. It is a stair climber and treadmill in one and can be used either way by simply changing the setting. Has monitor and measures calories, time, and more. Advertised on TV new for over \$2,500, REDUCED \$550. Due to an injury I cannot use. Must sell, Call Rondi at 360.471.7499.

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### Tide Tables

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



### Board Member Email Addresses

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



### Are You on the List?

HMC now has 328 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](mailto:office@herronisland.org) and request that your email address be added. To be used for HMC purposes only.

### 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](mailto: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.

### Reminder

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.

### 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](mailto:MemberInput@herronisland.org)



### Volunteers

And as always, “Thank You” to the many volunteers who are always available to help on getting projects completed around the Island. Each Month the Island Manager has a list of those who have helped during the month in the Manager’s report. This saves Members lots of money that isn’t going out to paid help.

## Ferry Out of Service This Fall For Biennial Inspection

Our Ferry will be going in for inspection and routine maintenance as required by the Coast Guard. The ferry will depart for the shipyard after the 10 am return trip to the island on Monday, September 15 and could be out as long as two weeks. More information will be posted on the HMC website and in the Beachcomber in the coming weeks.



### SUMMER FERRY SCHEDULE (4/1 through 9/30)

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Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day same as Sunday

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