

THE BEACHCOMBER

January/February 2023

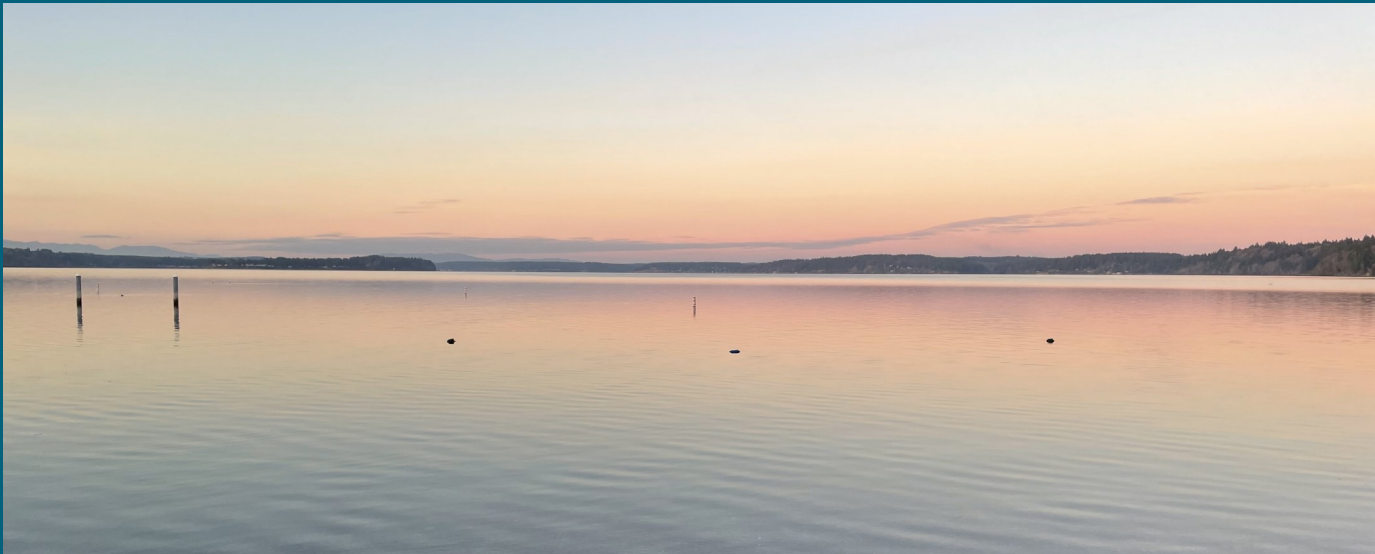


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President’s Message

*Janet Podell, President
HMC Board of Directors*

Wow, it’s 2023! Happy New Year to all. Here’s hoping that everyone had a safe, wonderful, and prosperous holiday season.

Well, we made it past the first winter snow, a killer ice storm, and last month’s enormous king tides. There are more king tides projected for January 23rd through the 25th so be aware and batten down anything floatable. Also have your guests bring their cars to the island instead of parking them at the mainland parking lot. Over the years several cars have been totaled after being flooded in that parking lot during a king tide. This picture was taken on December 27, 2022:

Photo Credit: Katri Rahkonen



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And this sign is posted at the mainland parking lot:



We have probably not seen the last of the inclement weather events, and while HMC attempts to keep everyone informed if a weather event affects our ferry operations, it's not always possible to provide real time information about interruptions when inclement weather comes on without warning. We use two different methods of communicating to the members; our broadcast email system, and text messages. You must sign up for both. If you are not currently on the master email distribution list and wish to be included in all HMC emails, send your request with your email address to the office (HMCmanager@herronisland.org).

For text notifications:

- Text the word "JOIN" to (971) 415-4252
- 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 (917) 415-4252
- Important Note: Please do not respond to texts; return texts are not monitored

Removal of Kayaks from North Beach

Members are reminded that all kayaks must be removed from the kayak rack at North Beach by January 31, 2023. The Parks Committee will be performing maintenance on the rack for the upcoming year which requires it to be empty. Any kayaks remaining at North Beach after Jan. 31 will be moved to the Community Center and will probably be auctioned off at the next Boosters event.

Astound Broadband Status

Our Island Manager has been working closely with the Astound folks from the beginning of the project. In that time, we have been faced with County permitting and financial issues facing the Astound company who is now working to team with Pierce County to provide broadband service in rural areas. The Federal Infrastructure Plan signed into law last year provides \$65B for broadband coverage to rural areas across the country. Teaming with Pierce County allows us to participate through Astound in that program and bring improved broadband service to our little island. Unfortunately, administrative issues with Pierce County can take longer than we would like. The schedule for a fully installed broadband system keeps moving to the right to the point where "projections" are more wishful thinking than firm dates. We will continue to keep you informed as events are known.

That's all the news I have for you now. See you next month. ●

WELCOME, NEW ISLANDERS!

Mike & Kathleen Bamford
Secured Holdings
Scott & Tisa Smith
Kenneth Grant

We're glad you're here!



ARE YOU ON "THE LIST"?

HMC now has 457 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 and request that your email address be added.

This will be used for HMC purposes only.

Emergency Preparedness Committee

Upcoming Events: *(All events held at the Community Center)*

- CPR Classes
February 4th, 2023—9:00am & 1:00pm
- Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting
February 11th, 2023—12:00pm
- CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Training
We are trying to put together a CERT training course here on the Island. It will give you training in first aid, how to use a fire extinguisher, basic search and rescue techniques and more. If you are interested in CERT training, please contact **Carol Smith**.
April—date TBD ●

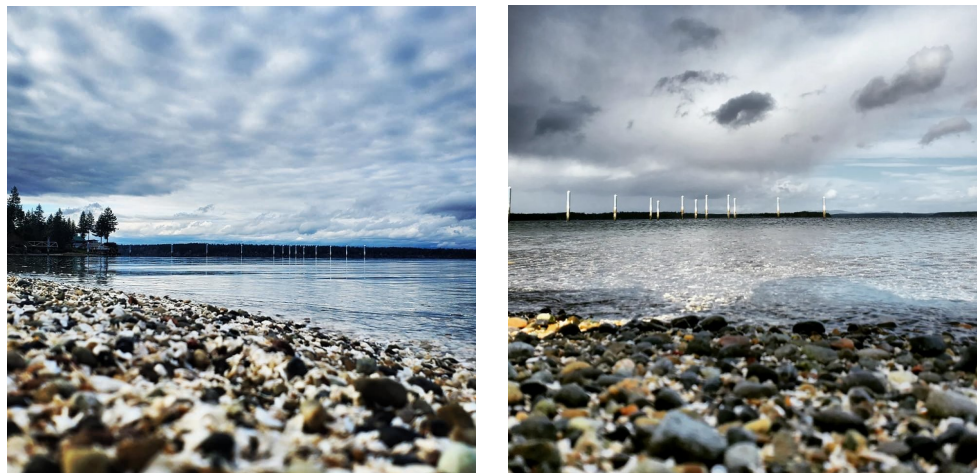
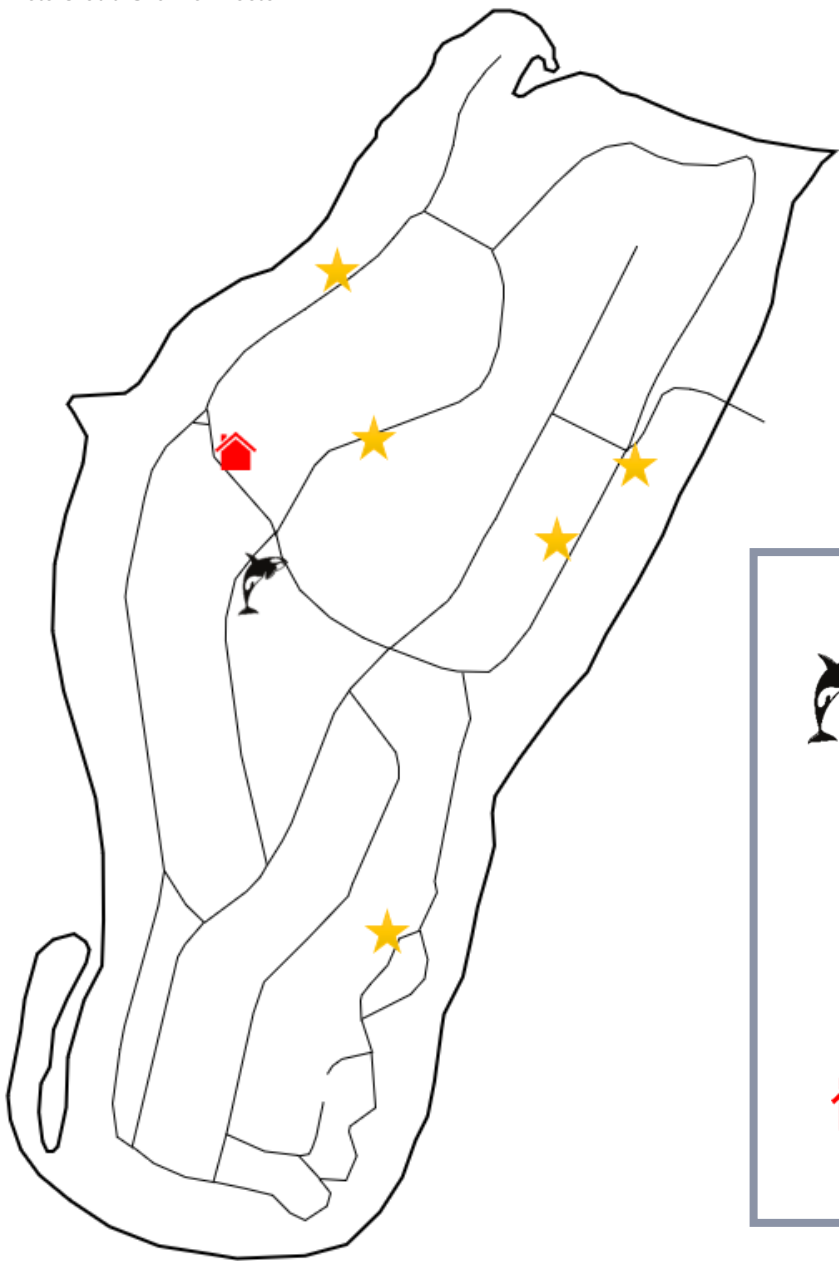


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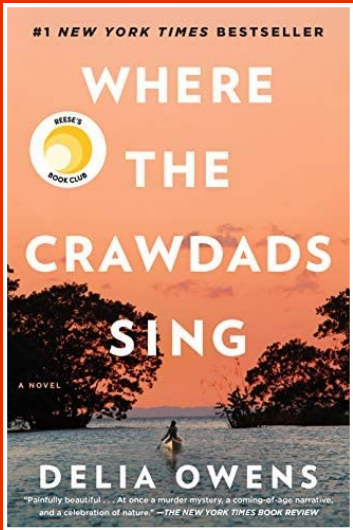


BOOK OF THE MONTH

Find this title in a LFL on the island or check it out (in person or digitally) from your local library!

Where The Crawdads Sing

by Delia Owens



For years, rumors of the “Marsh Girl” have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say...
Now a Major Motion Picture!

LFL Map Key



Little Free Libraries

- 22418 Maple Drive
- 1216 West Herron Blvd NW
- 1009 West Yew Blvd NW
- 306 North Fir Lane NW
- 21928 Ferry Street
- 826 & 828 East Herron Blvd NW



LFL for Kids

- 22509 Maple Drive NW



FUTURE EVENTS*

Every Saturday
9:00am-10:00am

Yoga

@ The Community Center,
hosted by Joyce Major

****Sat, Feb 11 Yoga
moved to Sun, Feb 12**



Every 3rd Saturday
11:00am-12:00pm

Craft Party

@ The Community Center,
hosted by Cindy Estlund

Sat, Feb 11, 2023
5:00pm

BOOSTERS Annual Meeting/Potluck

@ The Community Center

**Dates subject to change.
Visit the [Herron Island
Calendar](#) and [join our email
list](#) today to be notified of
any updates!*

Monthly Message

Robin Kelly

Boosters President

Greetings!

Well, I have to say that 2022 was a really fun year for Booster Events! We had pickleball, baseball, a fishing derby, a new island game called Street Scrambles; live bands (RetroRockets, Sanders Family Band, and Free Rain) and karaoke; an art festival and a food truck, Boosters merchandise sales and morning treats; a Memorial lantern ceremony and a flag raising ceremony; a parade, BBQs and fireworks; an awesome Thanksgiving Dinner, raffle and auction, followed by a Holiday Gift Bazaar; holiday wreath and swag making; and last, but not least, all the island elves decorating the island for the holidays.

Both Yoga with Joyce and Crafts with Cindy have also been a big hit for islanders, and will continue throughout the coming year.

Hopefully, 2023 will be just as fun, if not even more fun. But we are not just solely about sponsoring fun events, we also help subsidize special projects to help enhance and maintain the beauty of this little island. Last year, we scrubbed the Community Building, painted the pavilion at North Beach, subsidized the building of new kayak racks, ear-marked funds to purchase new soccer ball goals and equipment, and bought a large event tent.

None of these things would have taken place without volunteers to help with the planning and execution of the events and special projects. Whether your contribution was small or huge, it was/is greatly appreciated by ALL. And even

if all you did was attend one of our events, that is still participation and is also greatly appreciated...it is why we do it in the first place!

So, what shall we focus on this year? Bring your ideas to our **Annual Meeting on February 11** (at 5:00pm followed by a potluck dinner). If we are able to set up Zoom, we will send out a separate Boosters blast email with instructions for those who wish to attend, but are unable to be here physically. All are welcome, which includes your family and guests (although only HMC members should vote, but that does not exclude non-members from participating in discussions and the potlucks).

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This year we have two Officer positions that need to be filled: **Secretary** and **Treasurer**. We will send out a Boosters blast email soon that will explain what each position entails. If you have not already signed up to receive these emails, please email herronislandboosters@gmail.com with “REQUEST TO BE ADDED” in the subject line.

There have been a lot of changes over the past few years. We have said goodbye to many of our friends and neighbors here on the island, but we are also anxious to welcome all the new Members. Coming to the Booster meetings, potlucks, and events is a great way to make friends and really become a part of this community. Volunteering to help with the events and special projects is also fun and a good way to give back to the community in a meaningful way and make even more friends!

We will begin to work on updating our database for the next **Herron Island Member & Services Directory** soon, so if you have not already submitted your information please do so soon. HMC can not give us your personal information; it has to come from you. Please email herronislandboosters@gmail.com to submit your request and/or changes to information previously provided. Stay safe, healthy and happy! ●

GET THE LATEST SCOOP!

If you want to get the most up-to-date info on BOOSTERS-sponsored events, special projects, volunteer opportunities, or monthly membership meetings, get on our email list!

Email us at herronislandboosters@gmail.com today to be added.

This will be used for BOOSTERS purposes only.



Valentine **LOVE**



BOOSTERS ANNUAL MEETING

(INCLUDING ELECTION OF OFFICERS)

Saturday, February 11th

5PM ~ Community Center

followed by

Potluck Dinner & Themed Desserts

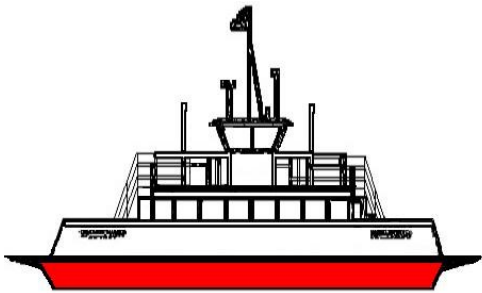
Music ~ Dancing ~ BYOB



Text (253) 313-2784 for info

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.

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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Misc. Contact Info

Member Input email: 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

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

THE BEACHCOMBER PUBLICATION

Submissions

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

Paid ads to be arranged with the HMC office prior to publication.
Please include your name and phone number with your submission to 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

Paid Advertisement

My Herron Island Properties for Sale:**January 2023**

- **1207 E Madrona Blvd:** (MLS # 1991016): 1,370 sq. ft. cabin on large 0.80-acre double lot – bring tool belt & HGTV ideas! **\$224,900**
- **124 E Herron Blvd:** (MLS # 1991017): 904 sq. ft. cabin with 2 beds/1 bathroom plus finished attack & filtered water view! **\$229,000**
- **311 Herron Lane:** (MLS # 2012647): 1,548 sq. ft. cabin with 2 beds/1.5 baths with peek-a-boo view! **\$379,000**
- **209 W Herron Blvd:** (MLS # 1984194): 3,440 sq. ft. with 3 beds/3.75 baths + double lot. **\$475,000**

2022 = 23 Closed Sales on Herron Island!**www.DiscoverHerronIsland.com**

Karen Dorans, Island Resident Broker

Call/Text: 253.219.4076

Email: 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 this document on our website:

Ferry Schedule

Effective July 8 2022 TEMPORARY through September 8, 2022

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	
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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.

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

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.