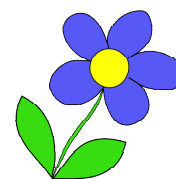




# The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

April 2017



## President's Message

Board elections are coming. I urge every member who has the time and inclination to submit an application. If you feel you can make a difference, apply. If you want a change on how things are done, apply. If you want to help, apply. The Board works for the Island. The Board works for all members. Come join us. If you are not elected, come join by volunteering. Herron Island is as great as all its parts when we join together. Three positions are open this year. Gary Wanzong will be stepping down after two terms. Sam and Sherri have only served 1 term and under the bylaws can run again. Please find the form for applying in this month's Beachcomber.

Last Saturday, April 8th, Senior Captain John Farris announced the sale of his home and his pending retirement. Captain Farris has been with HMC for 17+ years. Captain Farris has informed the Board that his last day is April 28. Please feel free to thank Captain John for his service to the island when you see him.

During his time Senior Captain John has been called upon numerous occasions to help maintain ferry service to the island and run the ferry during 911 calls. He has directed the maintenance of the ferry and been our onsite supervisor during dry docks. He has trained more deckhands and standby captains that anyone can remember. He has earned his retirement we wish him a long and relaxing one.

The Board will host a reception for Captain Farris on April 29 at 2:00 in the community center. This will be a potluck event. Please attend and bring finger food to share with other island members as we wish Captain Farris smooth sailing.

The Board has been discussing this eventuality and had started looking for ferry captain replacements. Several potential applicants have been identified.

On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Claudia Ellsworth Island Manager, announced her retirement. Claudia has been Island Manager for eight years. During this time she has been heavily involved with the new water system, added to the small boat docks along with the pile replacement project, cleared the island of abandoned vehicles and guided us through the Dolphin replacement project. Her skill and contacts have been instrumental in getting our infrastructure back into shape and controlling the costs. Her dedication to the island far exceeds her job requirements and we will miss her skill in working government systems and paperwork. A potluck reception will be held at noon on May 13 after the Board meeting. Please come and bring food to share and offer her our thanks and good luck with her golf game. The Boosters have offered to forego their potluck in the evening so that more members can attend.

The Board created a Selection Committee to find a Claudia's replacement. If you are not aware, the Island Manager cannot be a HMC Member or have an interest in HMC. Thus far the committee has collected over a dozen applications. The committee will conduct the first interviews and report to Board. The Board will conduct remaining interviews and make its selection.

The first phase of the Small Boat Docks repair has been completed. A small group of volunteers came together and flipped the docks to give access to the pontoons. A larger group, 20+ (see Managers Report for a list of volunteers), came out on a Saturday morning to help on the next phase. (The Boosters hosted lunch for all the volunteers.) All pontoons were removed, cleaned and remounted using new hardware. In addition, nine new pontoons were purchased and mounted. Again a small group came together and flipped the docks upright for the next phase, repair and replacement of loose and damaged decking. After cleaning, pressure washing, primer application and

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repainting the docks will be ready for another summer of fun. The crews will be adding zinc anodes to the docks to slow the effects of corrosion on the steel members.

The North Beach landscaping project has been delayed due to lack of some supplies in the small quantities that we need. Instead of spending money on material that we cannot use we are looking at a different approach and work will resume shortly.

Our dolphin project replacement is moving forward. On April 15, I signed the interim loan documents with KeyBank. Afterwards the preconstruction meeting was held with the USDA. The dolphins are scheduled to be replaced during the September/October timeframe with minimal if any impact to the ferry schedule. Financing of this project will eventually be through the USDA loan. Currently some of the bills for permits, engineering and inspections have been paid utilizing surplus funds. Normally surplus funds are put into reserve accounts but the Board has held off transferring these

funds knowing we had these bills coming. There was the option to move the surplus funds into the dolphin reserve account but there is a cost associated with moving money in and out of reserve accounts that made no common sense to incur.

The Membership took a previous vote on how we wanted to pay for the dolphin project. As a reminder the USDA loan is for 40 years but the consensus was to pay it off within 15 years. Also the Membership wanted the option to pay up front and this option will be allowed as we did in the water project. We still don't know the final costs of this project but the total cost is estimated to be less than 1.2 million dollars. We have already paid some of the upfront costs and still have approximately \$360,000 in the dolphin reserves. The special assessment will depend on the final costs of the project and the required amount that will have to be kept in the Reserve Account to meet the USDA loan requirements. The special assessment should be less the \$2,800.00 per Member and this number is projected to be high. If you plan on \$2,800.00 you should be well covered. This number is not final but it is the best estimate right now with some wiggle room for unexpected complications.

**Mike Graham, President**  
**HMC Board of Directors**

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**Important Phone Numbers****Island Manager**

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**HMC Board of Directors**

Mike Graham, President (253) 884-9796

Gary Wanzong, VP and Co-Treasurer (253) 884-9350

Ferd Reichlin, Secretary (253) 884-9350

Sherri Anderson, Co-Treasurer (503) 860-4888

Sam Argo, Member-at-Large (253) 884-9350

**Additional Contacts**

Charles Smith, Water Repair (206) 707-4645

Charles Smith, Water Committee (206) 707-4645

Gary Wanzong, Finance Committee (253) 884-9350

Jack Wells, Roads Committee (253) 884-0850

Max Hochanadel, Rules Committee (253) 884-9350

Eric Bergson, Parks Committee (253) 830-4413

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

Land Use Chair, Vacant

Fred Fath, Technology Committee (206) 246-7016

Carolyn Anspach, Transportation Comm. (253) 380-3852

Carolyn Snyder, Office Manager (253) 884-9350

Ken Freeman, Beachcomber/Webmaster (231) 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](mailto:Office@herronisland.org)

HMC Water email: [HMCWater@herronisland.org](mailto:HMCWater@herronisland.org)

Manager email: [HMCManager@herronisland.org](mailto:HMCManager@herronisland.org)

Beachcomber email: [beachcomber@herronisland.org](mailto:beachcomber@herronisland.org)

Parks email: [HMC Parks@herronisland.org](mailto:HMC Parks@herronisland.org)

Member Input to Board: [MemberInput@herronisland.org](mailto: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](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](mailto: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](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  
April 8, 2017

**Administration:**

**Our Volunteers:** This is one of the things that makes Herron Island a great place. So many turn out to help, and it creates a great sense of community.

**Did you miss the Dock Party March 18? These volunteers didn't. Thanks very much!**

Dan Marten	Mike Graham	Mike Shettlesworth
Andrea LoCicero	Paula Trent	Dave Royer
Dana Gruber	Bill Placek	Del Robertson
Janet Podell	John Holm	John Farris
Joe Hauth	Gary Wanzong	Charlie Folk
Joe Pence	Dale Miller	Leslie Sanderson
Jack Wells	Mike Thynes	Beth Wanzong
Jonathan Ross	Sam Argo	Alan DeGood
Frank Harrison	Dana Harrison	

**Auto Decals (this takes a lot of time):** Ginny Major, Jean Mellor, Robin Kelly, Dan & Jane Morgan, Mike & Judy Gage.

**Replacement Auditor and Accountant:** We have begun asking other HOA's in the area what auditors they are using, so that we can narrow the search geographically and by expertise.

**Sale of HMC Lot:** The parties to this settlement have agreed, for the sum of \$500, to sign the necessary documents transferring the property to HMC. There are two buyers in the wings, and as soon as the deeds are signed, the sale can proceed. This path was chosen by the Board in order to avoid the expense of litigation over a property transfer from the past that was not properly executed.

**Labor Contract Negotiations:** The 2017-2020 agreement between the IBU and HMC has been approved by the Board and by the IBU. A copy of this agreement is posted on the website. (The IBU also posts on its own website.)

**Reserve Studies:** The water reserve study has been received and will be posted on the website soon. The HMC reserve study is not yet in hand, but when both studies are available, a summary will be provided to Members, as required by law.

**Resignation:** I have offered my resignation, effective May 25<sup>th</sup>. The Island Manager job is posted on craigslist, and a committee will receive and review applications.

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

In September, a concrete truck backed into, and broke off, a fire hydrant on Maple Drive. The company repeatedly accepted responsibility and said they would "take care of it". But no reimbursement was forthcoming, and so we filed in small claims court last week. Not surprisingly, the next day we heard from the company's insurance agent who asked for details and a copy of the invoice. We are now optimistic about reimbursement.

Charles Smith will be conducting water maintenance trailer training at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 8.

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**Water Committee Report:** Charles Smith will report.

**Fire Department Liaison:** No report. We are awaiting two additional pagers.

**Emergency Preparedness:** Mike Shettlesworth will report.

**Parks:**

Efforts continue to get materials for the second project, maintaining the landscaping at North Beach. This project will require the use of heavy equipment, unlike the dock repairs.

**Roads: Committee Report.**

Erosion continues at 1430 North Beach Road. Materials have been ordered to repair this problem.

The Roads Committee/crew worked hard to repair the damage to the retaining wall at the corner of South Herron and East Madrona, apparently caused by a vehicle which went off the road. A second repair job to another retaining wall was completed at the corner of Maple and Yew, by Goodpaster Park. And a third project should be completed soon (if not already) at the corner of East/West Madrona, where more retaining wall work is required.

Roads work requires some tree work, lightening the tree canopy on East Herron so that dump trucks can maneuver; and a tree on East Herron growing in the ditch needs to be removed.

We heard from Pen Light in November that their tree trimming crews would be on the island within eight months, which places it at about July.

Thanks to the Roads crew for their hard work. That's Jack Wells, Charles Smith and Charlie Folk.

Drivers can help with road maintenance by NOT driving into potholes, which has the effect of opening them up again.

**Rules:** A member who was fined for a Rules violation filed a small claims action against HMC, asking to be reimbursed for the entire fine. HMC made an appearance at the small claims mediation and refused to undermine the work of the Rules Committee by reducing this fine. The matter is scheduled for District Court July 10.

**Herron Island Ferry:**

**Dolphin Replacement Project:** A preconstruction meeting with all the parties is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 12, at our attorney's office. If the meeting is successful, and USDA signs off, we will issue a Notice to Proceed to the contract and the dolphin replacement project will officially begin (happy dance!). Construction will take place during the summer, but disruptions to the ferry schedule, if any, should be minimal.

Interim loan documents remain to be signed by the Board President and are on hand for review and approval.

**Ferry Crew:** The revolving door continues to turn. We have perhaps two candidates for captain to interview and refer to John Farris for training. We will continue to look for another standby deck hand as well.

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In years past (when I started with HMC), we had two HMC members who worked both as standby deck hand and standby captain, and a third who lived in Grapeview, worked both positions, and came down to the island on his boat when he was needed to work. Plenty of backup personnel. Since those three quit or retired, we have been in a continual process of recruiting and hiring captains and deck hands. There are many reasons for this, but it is not a sustainable system to guarantee uninterrupted service to Members.

The Board has emphasized that the Ferry Access Policy is to be fairly and evenhandedly applied to Members. This has caught some folks without current stickers. Remember that if Herron Island is to be a private community there has to be a way to verify that vehicles and passengers actually have a right to cross to the island.

The weekend captain position is now vacant, and we hope to fill it soon with a suitable candidate.

**Transportation Committee:** No report.

**Technology:** No report.

**Legal Liaison:** We currently have 11 delinquencies, five of which are with the attorney for collections. Delinquency rate 3.2%. Currently, HMC has 379 Assessable Units and 397 Water customers.

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#### Welcome, New Islanders!

HMC welcomes new Members to Herron Island:

- Mark & Tracy Isherwood



#### Are You on the List?



HMC now has 371 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.

#### Herron Island Calendar

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





### **Board Candidates Needed!**

Please consider running for the Board of Directors. An application is printed on Page 8 of this issue and must be turned in to the office by 10:00 AM on May 13th. There are three positions open this year which will be filled at the Annual Membership Meeting on June 10th.

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



# Top 10 Things New Board Members Should Keep in Mind

(Adapted from Community Associations Journal March 2016)  
Documents referred to in this article can be found on the HMC website

**CONGRATULATIONS!** You are on the board! The contribution you are making to your association is valuable and necessary to keep things running.

With a little reading and talking to other board members, you'll be up to speed in no time.

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

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



# HMC BOARD CANDIDATE APPLICATION

(Please complete and return to HMC office by 10:00 AM, May 13, 2017)

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

**YEARS AS A MEMBER OF HMC:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OCCUPATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROFESSIONAL OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:**

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

Institution

Type of Training

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**HMC EXPERIENCE ON THE BOARD, COMMITTEES OR OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

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

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

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*Candidate's Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_



## Memorial Day Weekend

The HI Boosters have several events planned for Memorial Day Weekend! Please contact us if you would like to help with any of the following. We have a chair for each event, but the events will take several people to help out. Should be a lot of fun!

Contact: Leslie Sanderson   [Ldsanderson@jps.net](mailto:Ldsanderson@jps.net)   or   (253) 884-5153

Flag Raising	Time TBD	North Beach
Kayak Races*	Sat 1:30 (est.)	North Beach
Hamburgers and Hot Dogs BBQ	Sat afternoon	North Beach
Coffee and Rolls	Sun 9 AM	Community Center
HI Merchandise Sales	Sun 9 AM	Community Center
Pickle Ball	Both days?	Pickle Ball Court

\* Kayak races will be dependent on number of participants and having sufficient volunteers for making it a safe event. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather! No softball Memorial Day, but hopefully for July Fourth Weekend. If you are interested in being in charge of that, please let us know. We have all the equipment. Just need a "baseball commissioner" to be in charge of details.

## HMC COMMUNITY GARDEN

The HMC Community Garden is available for deer-proof gardening while enhancing community spirit and the aesthetic beauty for all islanders to enjoy.

### DESCRIPTION:

Located at 1003 East Madrona Blvd  
Provided for all members/renters use  
Property has a tool shed, green house, work table, and 2 picnic tables  
2 entrance gates onto fenced area  
20 equal sized growing plots

### MANAGEMENT

1. All gardeners must request a plot, and returning gardeners will continue to use the plot they had from last year. New gardeners will get a plot assignment on a first-come basis. Multiple plots will be assigned when there are less than 20 requests. Consequently, no one will have multiple plots when there are 20 requests to have a plot.
2. All gardeners must accept responsibility for the upkeep of their assigned plot; including maintenance of the gravel path area bordering their plot, clean up and disposal of weeds.
3. Annual expenses, as they occur, will be shared by all gardeners (i.e. hose replacements, etc)
4. The Community Garden will continue to be locked, both to assure the gate is not unintentionally left open (giving access to deer); and also to deter vandalism/theft.

Our garden is as much a destination as it is a source of food. It brings neighbors closer together, and adds beauty to our island. It saves money on food bills, and the freshness, flavor and wholesomeness of homegrown produce has no equal. It's a way to exercise and enjoy being out-of-doors. Hoping you will join us!

**To reserve your plot, please contact Betty Eccles by May 15, 2017:  
Phone: 206-940-5439 email: [bettyeccles@gmail.com](mailto:bettyeccles@gmail.com)**



## Herron Island Phone Directory--Please Read

HI Boosters is going to put out a new HI Directory this year. There are many new folks on the island, so the last one (2014) needs to be updated-- and we would like to have it as complete as possible. *As well as for social contacts, it can be a valuable resource if something happens at your place. That can be difficult if you are not around, the office is closed, and your neighbors have no way to get in touch with you.*

We know how much people value their privacy, but *you can choose which information, if any, that you want in the directory.* Island address and a phone contact are certainly the most used, but many opt to put in the rest, as well.

The set-up and printing for this is done by the Boosters, and is separate from the HMC office. We hope to have the 2017 edition for sale later this summer. Cost will be \$3.00.

Please fill out the following information asap and email it to Diane Thynes: 'The seafairqueen@gmail.com' Talk to your island friends and neighbors, and please encourage everyone to include at least some contact info. The first ten responders will receive a free 2017 Herron Island calendar.

Name (Last, First)  
Island Address  
Mailing Address  
Phone Contact(s)  
Email(s)



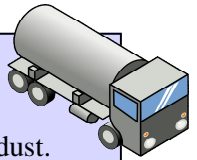
Whatever information you would like included needs to be received by July 1 to be included this year. Thanks!



## Feral Cat Spay/Neuter Clinic

Here is the update regarding the cat clinic. Some of the team will be out on Thursday May 18th to help set traps, and the neuter clinic will happen that Friday and Saturday. It is very important for people to call and let us know where they are seeing cats -- or how many cats they feel they will have. But the most important thing is to start feeding the feral cats in an open cage that has been wired open so that they acclimate to the cage to make it easier for them to be trapped. Please call *Carla Vierra* (206) 633-2822 to let us know how many cats you might have or for making a donation to this cause. She will be contacting people in the next week regarding donations. Thank you all for your help with this matter - hopefully we will have a successful weekend! The event is actually happening May 18th - 21st.

## Volunteer to Drive the HMC Water Truck!



We need volunteer drivers every summer to take turns watering the island roads to reduce the dust.

If you have a few hours to spare, at least once during the summer, to help with this, please notify the Island Manager at [hmcmanager@herronisland.org](mailto:hmcmanager@herronisland.org). Jack Wells, Roads Committee Chairman, will provide you with training, and you'll be covered by HMC's insurance while you are driving. We just need to know you have a valid license.

## Reminder for Everyone



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

## Is Your Ditch Clear or Clogged?

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



### SAFER TANSY and WEED CONTROL

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

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

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

Many thanks to the Island residents who submitted this recipe.

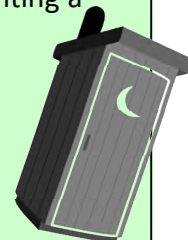
## SUMMER GUESTS

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

Here is what you need to do:

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

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



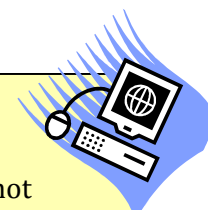
## Volunteers

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.



## Temporary Files

Some Members have informed us that they are not getting the latest website updates on their computers. Some older browsers seem to be caching files in an attempt to speed up internet access. If you suspect that this is happening to you, try the "Delete Temporary Internet Files" option in your browser.







### Lending Library

A new lending library has been installed at 1216 West Herron Blvd at Joyce Major's house near the road. Help yourself to a book and leave one in its place. Enjoy!

### 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.



### BEACHCOMBER INPUT POLICY

The Board is the owner and publisher of the Beachcomber. The Board approves Beachcomber articles and advertisements and has the right to refuse to publish items submitted. Beachcomber news items must be submitted by 5:00 PM on the Wednesday after the monthly Board meeting which is on the second Saturday of the month. Items MUST be emailed in electronic format such as word or publisher 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.

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### Fallen Behind on your Assessment?

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

### Website Photos

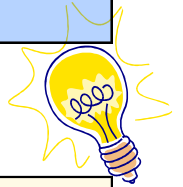
If you have any photos from island activities that you would like to share on our website, please send them to [webmaster@herronisland.org](mailto:webmaster@herronisland.org).



### 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)



### Reimbursements

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



### Utility Locating

What happens when 8-1-1 doesn't get it right?

First, thanks to all of you who have been calling 8-1-1 to get utilities located and marked before construction. Unfortunately, the locate system is good, but not perfect. Recently the installation of a phone line across East Herron Road resulted in about a 24 hour phone and Internet outage. Quite simply, the phone line wasn't where it was marked. CenturyLink came out the next day to make the repairs and is investigating the problem with the locale. The moral of the story is that no one really knows what's underground until they dig. Thanks to everyone who worked on getting this resolved. If there's more to the story, we'll let you know later!



**Reminder:**

It's that time again. Our summer Ferry Schedule began April 1st. Low tide Ferry Cancellations begin April 27th with the noon run. (See following page)

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

**Ferry Brochure**

A printable ferry brochure, along with the ferry schedule combining summer and winter schedules, is available on the HMC website at [www.herronisland.org](http://www.herronisland.org). Check under Ferry Schedule and Printable Brochure.

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

**Tide Tables**

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





# 2017 "Charlie Wells" Herron Island Ferry Schedule Low Tide Cancellations and Adjustments

## April 2017

Thu 4/27	12:00 noon—12:30 pm <b>CANCELLED</b>
Fri 4/28	12:00 noon—12:30 <b>NO SHUTTLES</b> 2:30 pm—3:00 pm <b>CANCELLED</b>
Sat 4/29	2:30 pm to 4:00 pm <b>CANCELLED</b>
Sun 4/30	2:30 pm to 4:00 pm <b>CANCELLED</b>

## May 2017

Mon 5/1	4:30 pm –5:00 pm <b>CANCELLED</b>
Wed 5/24	12:00 noon—12:30 <b>MAY BE LATE</b>
Thu 5/25	12:00 noon—12:30 pm <b>CANCELLED</b>
Fri 5/26	12:00 noon—12:30 pm <b>CANCELLED</b>
Sat 5/27	12:00 noon <b>LEAVES EARLY</b> 2:30 pm—3:00 pm <b>CANCELLED</b>
Sun 5/28	2:30 pm to 4:00 pm <b>CANCELLED</b>
Mon 5/29	<b>HOLIDAY</b> -same as weekend schedule 2:30 pm—4:00 pm <b>CANCELLED</b>
Tue 5/30	3:30 pm—4:00 pm <b>CANCELLED</b> 4:30 pm <b>MAY BE LATE</b>

### **Memorial Day Holiday Ferry Restrictions**



Vehicles towing anything (combinations of any length) and single vehicles longer than 25 feet will **NOT** be transported **after** the 12:00 noon-12:30 pm run, **Thursday, May 25, 2017 through the end of day, Monday, May 29, 2017.**

**Note:** Monday, May 29 the ferry will operate on holiday schedule, same as weekend schedule.

## June 2017

Fri 6/9	12:00 noon-12:30 pm <b>CANCELLED</b>
Wed 6/21	9:30 am-10:00 am <b>CANCELLED</b>
Thu 6/22	12:00 noon-12:30 pm <b>CANCELLED</b>
Fri 6/23	12:00 noon-12:30 pm <b>CANCELLED</b>
Sat 6/24	10:30 am—12:00 noon <b>CANCELLED</b>
Sun 6/25	11:30 am-12:00 noon <b>CANCELLED</b> 2:30 pm—3:00 pm <b>CANCELLED</b>
Mon 6/26	12:00 noon—12:30 <b>NO SHUTTLES</b> 12:30 pm <b>LEAVES EARLY</b>
Tue 6/27	3:30 pm—4:00 pm <b>CANCELLED</b>

## JULY 2017

Tue 7/4	<b>HOLIDAY</b> -same as weekend schedule
Sat 7/8	11:30 am –12:00 noon <b>CANCELLED</b>
Sun 7/9	12:00 noon- <b>LEAVES EARLY AND NO SHUTTLES</b>
Mon 7/10	12:00 noon-12:30 pm <b>NO SHUTTLES</b>
Thu 7/20	8:30 am—9:00 am <b>NO SHUTTLES</b> 9:00 am <b>LEAVES EARLY</b>
Fri 7/21	12:00 noon- <b>MAY LEAVE LATE</b>
Sat 7/22	10:00 am <b>LEAVES EARLY/NO SHUTTLES</b> 10:30 am—12:00 noon <b>CANCELLED</b>
Sun 7/23	10:30 am—12:00 noon <b>CANCELLED</b>
Mon 7/24	12:00 noon—12:30 pm <b>CANCELLED</b>
Tue 7/25	12:00 noon—12:30 pm <b>NO SHUTTLES</b>

### **Independence Day Holiday Ferry Restrictions**



Vehicles towing anything (combinations of any length) and single vehicles longer than 25 feet will **NOT** be transported **Friday, June 30, 2017 through the end of day, Tuesday, July 4, 2017.**

**Note:** Tuesday, July 4, the ferry will operate on holiday schedule, same as weekend schedule.

## AUGUST 2017

Mon 8/18	8:30 am-9:00 am <b>NO SHUTTLES</b> 9:00 am <b>LEAVES EARLY</b>
Sat 8/19	9:30 am-11:00 am <b>CANCELLED</b>
Sun 8/20	10:30 am-12:00 noon <b>CANCELLED</b>
Mon 8/21	12:00 noon—12:30 pm <b>CANCELLED</b>
Tue 8/22	12:00 noon-12:30 pm <b>LEAVES EARLY AND NO SHUTTLES</b>

### **Labor Day Holiday Ferry Restrictions**

Vehicles towing anything (combinations of any length) and single vehicles longer than 25 feet will **NOT** be transported **after** the 12:00 noon-12:30 pm run, **Thursday, August 31, 2017 through the end of day, Monday, September 4, 2017.**

**Note:** Monday, September 4, the ferry will operate on holiday schedule, same as weekend schedule.

**Defined Terms:** **NO SHUTTLES** means only one trip for that time, no extra runs. **NO SERVICE/CANCELLED** means tides are too low to operate regular ferry services.





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218 Fir Lane &amp; 306 Fir Lane

**2017 Sales:**

1208 West Herron Blvd (waterfront) - SOLD!  
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