



# The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

March 2017



## President's Message

Last Saturday, after the Board meeting, a reception was held for Donnie Surratt who retired from HMC after 26 years working on the Charlie Wells. Members gather to share food and stories. Other members, who could not attend sent cards. The Board extends a thank you to Donnie for his years of service. He will not be gone for long. Later this year he will return as a relief deck hand.

The Board has created a select committee to find a replacement for Claudia who has also announced her retirement. The committee has started to gather information to help find our next Island Manager.

The year we have three seats on the Board up for election. If you have the time and interest and feel you can make a positive contribution to the island please consider running for the Board.

As many of you have found out, the fire code rating for Herron Island has dropped to 9A. This amounts to having effectively no fire coverage from the local fire department. The reason given we have no volunteer firemen living on the island. Please let your county commissioner know how you feel about the lack of coverage from the fire department.

There will be a Water Department trailer training session on April 8<sup>th</sup> after the Board meeting. All interest parties are urged to attend. Charles Smith, Water Distribution System Manager, intends to schedule these training sessions monthly during the summer.

Bids for the Dolphin Replacement Project were opened on February 15th. The low bid was \$894,059. This was very welcome news as the original engineer's estimate was closer to \$1,200,000.

Next month our 2<sup>nd</sup> assessment will come due as well

as the 2<sup>nd</sup> payment of our Pierce County property taxes. I love April. Once you have paid your assessment new decals will be issued. PLEASE use them appropriately.

As many you may know we have a number of new members. Approximately 15 properties have changed hands within the last few months and our island population has grown to 158.

I am repeating part of the last President's message to highlight the importance of the message. "We have new personnel, deck hands and captains. Our deck hands have new tablets to help track ferry operations. Last year our ferry transported approximately 17875 cars to the island in 3750 trips. We have more full time residents, visitors and contractors. Deck hands cannot be expected to know every Member and all their vehicles. The crew has brought these issues forward at regular crew meetings. During the past years when roll over in crew and Membership was constant, both members and crew became complacent in following ferry access policies. Members have complained about inconsistent ferry access policy application.

The Board decided that the crews should enforce the ferry access policy as written. Members can do several things to help. Keep the stickers current on all vehicles. Fill out guest passes completely. This is not the deck hands job. If you have left a stack of guest passes you will be charged if your guest pass is used. HMC cannot absorb the cost of disputed guest passes. Complete a form 18 for all your contractors. Your contractors should know the Member name and number." In addition, if your contractor does not want to pay the ferry fee as indicated on your ferry pass, the ferry crew will not alter the pass or allow your contractor to board. The deckhands are being instructed not to fill out your guest pass and not to change any of the information written. During the last year the island absorbed \$4,300 in lost revenue part of which is due to disputed tickets. In addition "Members should explain

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to contractors, guest and lessors ferry loading procedures and basic island rules, dog leash rule, speed limit, noise rules and the concept of private property.” It is not up to the deckhands to explain this to YOUR contractors and guests.

We have recently had several reports of aggressive dogs running free on the island. A clear rules violation. If this happens here is the website to report the incident to Pierce County Animal Control.

<http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/FormCenter/Auditor-7/Report-a-Problem-334>

You will get a faster response than filing a rules violation.

We have also had a large die off of deer this year on the south end of the island. If you are feeding our pets please check your feed for mold or rot. Both can prove to be lethal to the deer.

This weekend, March 18, volunteers will be preparing the small boat docks for this summer season. The pontoons will be reinstalled using new hardware and damaged wood will be replaced. We will be putting the docks in the water at a later date once all repairs are completed. The Boosters will be supplying lunch for the work crew. Please help with these much needed repairs this weekend so that we can use the docks this summer.

This year has been extremely wet. As I watch our ditches running full I wondered just how much water was falling on our island. Based on our size, .475 sq. miles, one inch of rain equals just over 8 million gallon of water. This is why it is important to keep the ditches along your property clear.

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

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### 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.



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

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**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.**

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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.**

**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  
March 11, 2017

**Administration:****Audit:**

Mike Kander has begun our annual audit. Mike has indicated he will retire next year and that we should find a new auditor and accountant. We will follow up on his recommendations for the next fiscal year's audit.

**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. Should have a report next month on possible candidates.

**Sale of HMC Lot:** We are still working through title issues with the heirs of the previous owners, because no final deed to the property was ever recorded. Two Members have made offers on this property.

**Labor Contract Negotiations:** Contract negotiations between HMC and the IBU, which represents the four ferry crew members, are continuing.

**Reserve Studies:** These studies are required by State law, and must be published to the membership. The Water Department study will require a site visit (March 10), and the HMC General study no site visit, with the update based on collection of new information. Previous studies are published on the HMC website, under Documents.

**Small Passenger Vessel Day:** We will be attending the annual half day USCG Small Passenger Vessel Industry Day on Wednesday, March 15 in Seattle.

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

**Water Committee Report:** Charles Smith will report. The committee is reviewing revenue and expenses of the Water Department to recommend to the Finance Committee possible revisions to the base fee and water usage tiers for 2017-18.

**Fire Department Liaison:** An article in last week's KeyPen News explained that fire insurance ratings for Herron Island have increased to a 9A. In the words of Chief Guy Allen, "this is about as close as you can get without having zero protection." Despite repeated attempts by the fire district, Herron Island has been unable to recruit the necessary volunteer candidates, and increased insurance premiums are the answer.

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

**Parks:**

Volunteer! On March 18, volunteers are needed to help with repairs and maintenance on the small boat docks. The docks cannot go back in the water until the repairs are made, so if you have a few tools and some time that Saturday, come down to North Beach to help out. Lunch will be provided.

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.

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**Roads: Committee Report.**

Serious damage to the retaining wall at South Herron and East Madrona apparently resulted from a vehicle collision with the wall. This will have to be manually repaired. No one has come forward to claim responsibility for the damage.

Recent rains have further eroded North Beach (West Herron) Road near the small boat docks. Larger culvert pipe needs to replace the existing 4 inch pipe to eliminate this recurring problem.

Drainage from the top of East Madrona to East Herron needs to be improved by opening culverts, and removing debris. It is the responsibility of Members to keep their drainage ditches and driveway culverts open, to keep water moving downhill.

Retaining wall at Maple and Yew, by Goodpaster Park also needs to be replaced. Traffic cones mark the spot. Blocks have been purchased for this work, which needs to be scheduled.

Another corner, at East and West Madrona needs to be reinforced with concrete block material. Vehicles cutting the corner have caused the damage.

There are several other areas where road work needs to be done and will be scheduled as weather improves. Steve Kramer is still unavailable. The committee is looking for other contractors who might be able to fill in until Steve is available. Charlie Folk has been hired to assist with roads projects, which should help move some of these items along.

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

**Rules:** The recent three Rules complaints were resolved with a fine of \$500 levied in two of the complaints. Last week, another complaint was filed regarding dogs.

**Herron Island Ferry:**

**Dolphin Replacement Project:** We passed all the high hurdles in our lease negotiations with DNR, and have in our possession the final signed, recorded lease, which is good through December 31, 2028. We were able to resolve the pollution insurance issue with help from our insurance broker, who persuaded DNR that we had plenty of liability insurance to cover any mishaps. Her hard work saved HMC \$24,000, the premium for the three year policy we would have add to buy. Thanks to Brenda Davis of ABD.

Bids were opened February 15. Five bidders were present. The average bid amount was \$1.2 million, and the low bid, by American Construction of Tacoma, was \$894,059. This is a very good bid, and significantly lower than the engineer's estimate, which was closer to \$1.2 million. At this point, the Board should authorize the Notice of Award, and we will set up the preconstruction meeting for all the parties to the project.

The one piece still hanging is the interim financing from KeyBank. We are waiting for resolution of title insurance issues for the mainland property before we can close the loan. When the loan is closed we can issue the Notice to Proceed.

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**Ferry Crew:** Dan Morgan has joined the permanent crew as deck hand on the weekend shift, formerly filled by Donnie Surratt. Dennis King, resident of Longbranch, will be training this month as a standby deck hand. We are once again advertising for captain. We have three standby captains: Wiggins, Taylor and Westby. All three have other jobs, and their availability is not guaranteed. And two standby deck hands: Miller and Folk.

**Transportation Committee:** From the Chairman: "The committee has been exploring developing ferry fees report options. We are thinking that one report could assist with daily reconciliations and another could assist with billings. We hoping to meet with Carolyn soon we review some ideas."

**Technology:** No report.

**Legal Liaison:** We currently have 8 delinquencies, three of which are with the attorney for collections. Delinquency rate 2.0%. Currently, HMC has 380 Assessable Units (a reduction of one from last month) and 397 Water customers.

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**Welcome, New Islanders!**

HMC welcomes new Members to Herron Island:

- Curt Haney
- Johnny Williams
- Lynne Miles & Kim Kramer
- Tracy Stewart
- Arik Pierce
- Jack & Karen Orewiler
- Kerry & William Bayliss



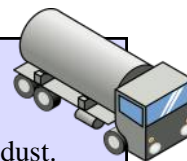
**Easter Sunrise Service**

**Sunday, April 16th, 2017, 8:00 AM**  
**Pastor John Day will give the Service**

**Come join fellow islanders for this special  
Easter Sunrise Service.**

**Refreshments, coffee provided by  
Dallas, Rondi, Dale, and Carol**

### **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.



### **Board Candidates Needed!**

Please consider running for the Board of Directors. An application is printed on Page 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:* \_\_\_\_\_



## 2017 Cat Spay and Neuter Clinic

Last fall we put out a call regarding a Spay and Neuter Cat Clinic that was going to come to the island to help us control our feral cat problem. Due to last year's delay in the ferry shipyard maintenance schedule, the clinic had to be cancelled. We now have a new date scheduled for this important event. It is scheduled to be held May 19th through May 21st at the Community Center.

The goal is to trap and have all feral cats spayed or neutered, as well as vaccinated for distemper, rabies or any other diseases that could spread among them. They will also be treated for fleas or any other issues that may come up while they are under sedation. The clinic is run by certified doctors who know exactly what they are doing. They keep the facility clean and it will be left in sanitary condition.



We can arrange to supply traps for members who wish to participate along with instructions on how to trap a cat humanely. One thing that is critically important for a successful trapping, (and was highly recommended by the clinic operators), is to start getting the cats used to feeding inside the traps (wired to 'open') so that they become accustomed to going in and out of those traps with ease.

The cost to bring the clinic to the island is \$3000. The BOOSTERS have committed to donate \$2000 and we will be looking for donations of funds for the remaining \$1,000 before this clinic can happen. So please consider a donation towards this worthy cause.

We would like to hear from you if aware of feral cats in your area so that the team coming to the island knows where to trap. Please contact Carla Vierra at 206.633.2822 (home) or 206.551.1270 (cell) if you have feral cats to be trapped. Carla will also advise where to send your donation

On behalf of Herron Island, we hope that this will all come together smoothly.



## 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)**



## 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.

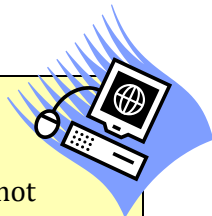
## Volunteers

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.

HMC Board of Directors

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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.



### Committee Email Addresses

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HMCLandUse@herronisland.org

HMCTransportation@herronisland.org

**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).

**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.

**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)



**Reminder:**

It's that time again. Our summer Ferry Schedule will begin 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
6:15	7:00	6:15	7:00	6:15	7:00	6:15	7:00	6:15	7:00				
7:30	8:00	7:30	8:00	7:30	8:00	7:30	8:00	7:30	8:00	*7:30	*8:00	*7:30	*8:00
8:30	9:00	8:30	9:00	8:30	9:00	8:30	9:00	8:30	9:00	8:30	9:00	8:30	9:00
9:30	10:00			9:30	10:00					9:30	10:00	9:30	10:00
										10:30	11:00	10:30	11:00
12:00	12:30	12:00	12:30	12:00	12:30	12:00	12:30	12:00	12:30	11:30	12:00	11:30	12:00
								*2:30	*3:00	2:30	3:00	2:30	3:00
3:30	4:00	3:30	4:00	3:30	4:00	3:30	4:00	3:30	4:00	3:30	4:00	3:30	4:00
4:30	5:00	4:30	5:00	4:30	5:00	4:30	5:00	4:30	5:00	4:30	5:00	4:30	5:00
5:30	6:00	5:30	6:00	5:30	6:00	5:30	6:00						
6:30	7:00	6:30	7:00	6:30	7:00	6:30	7:00	6:30	7:00	6:30	7:00	6:30	7:00
								7:30	8:00	7:30	8:00	7:30	8:00
								8:30	9:00				
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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