

The Beachcomber



HMC Newsletter

January-February 2019



President's Message

Happy New Year! 2019 is here and we welcome it with open arms. For HMC Management this year will be one of general maintenance with no new special assessments on the horizon. (Yea!) Our island's infrastructure has undergone several major upgrades over the past several years and we can happily say that the biggest projects are now in our rear view mirror. Just as a reminder.....(in case you've forgotten), the small boat docks received new pilings (2011), a new water delivery system was installed (2012), the ferry received new engines (2013), the ferry ramps were painted (2015), all of the ferry dockside dolphins were replaced (2017) and Ferry Road was repaved (2018). Whew! That's quite a lot of major work and big ticket items. What faces us now are everyday general maintenance tasks that have been built into our budget planning. While you can never predict everything that could go wrong, we have a cadre of professionals keeping an eye on things and planning ahead wherever possible.

Several special expressions of appreciation are due for projects completed in 2018. In approximate sequential order:

1. The completion of our new Dolphin Project could not have been possible without the diligent work of our former Island Manager Claudia Ellsworth. While the actual construction occurred in 2017, much of the administrative paperwork, loan closures and special assessment activities happened in 2018. Claudia ploughed her way through the bureaucracy of managing the interim loan, the USDA loan, and the Department of Natural Resources (which just about did her in). Thank you Claudia!

2. A very special thank you goes to Joseph Pentheroudakis for the development of our new electronic ferry ticket recording system and for

finally bringing us into the 21st century.

3. Repaving of Ferry Road. Another special thank you goes to Ted Jensen who facilitated the whole project which included managing ferry traffic to and from the ferry over the course of several days.

4. Ditch and Road work. Thank you to Mike Graham who, as our former Roads Chairman navigated us through the ditch clearing and re-grading of our delicate island roads. We are now in a much better position to keep storm water run-off from degrading the road surfaces on the island.

5. Dry Dock. The process of planning for and conducting our biennial dry dock event is very complex and requires juggling several balls in the air at all times. Extra special credit goes to our Island Manager, Jane Wooster (her first dry dock!), our indubitable maintenance manager, Gary Wanzong and of course our wonderful ferry crew. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

6. Lastly, without the help of our many, many volunteers (too numerous to individually mention) during the course of the year, we would be lost. Thank you to everyone including our committee members, the Board of Directors, work party participants, and of course the Boosters for making life on Herron Island even more wonderful.

As an aside, I wanted to let you know that many HMC policies are undergoing a makeover. Some of them are so old they are no longer applicable to today's environment. The Policies Committee, chaired by Board Member Mike Gage is working on several policies that will be presented to the Board for approval over the next several months. The Real Estate Access Policy was just revised and

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approved by the Board. It covers ferry access for realtors, real estate sign placement, and delineates member's responsibilities when their properties are up for sale. The new policy has been posted to the HMC website under the Documents tab.

Besides policy changes, it's noteworthy to mention the changing demographics of our island population. In 2018 alone 42 properties changed hands. Our population, which used to consist heavily of couples in or near retirement, is now seeing younger families becoming part of our island community. We welcome newcomers with open arms and encourage them to participate in the many island community events that are held throughout the year. And maybe consider running for a board seat in the upcoming election in June? There will be 3 seats open and members are encouraged to consider this important opportunity to understand how we operate and help shape the island dynamic going into the future.

Shifting gears a little, I wanted to address the recent ferry ramp failures that occurred last month. In a perfect storm of misfortune (no pun intended) we suffered two power outages and a generator failure on the island side that twice resulted in cancellation of ferry service for a short time. Our ramp generators are on a self testing schedule. During a self test in December there was a failure

to the island side generator and a defective part was identified for replacement. That part was immediately ordered and scheduled for delivery to our repair contractor. *This is the part where Murphy's Law kicks in...* While the part was in transit we had two significant back-to-back wind storms that knocked out power to the whole island and left us without generator power. When events like this occur we scramble to notify the membership as quickly as possible but when the internet is down that becomes impossible. The Island Manager and myself are both linked in to our broadcast email application but we were unable to use it. A posting was able to be placed on the HMC Management Facebook page using a cell phone but that too can sometimes be spotty. Until power is restored we are unable to communicate through normal channels. Another more recent power outage caused by a windstorm tested our communication abilities again earlier this month. And similar future events are bound to happen so please be patient and know that we are doing everything possible to quickly communicate with the membership.

On that note I'll close for the month. Here's wishing everyone the very best as we go forward into the new year.

**Janet Podell,
HMC Board President**

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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

or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form.

Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at:

**U.S. Department of Agriculture
Director, Office of Adjudication
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410**

Or fax to (202) 690-7442 or email to

program.intake@usda.gov

Beachcomber news items must be submitted by 5:00 PM on the Wednesday after the monthly Board meeting on the second Saturday of the month. Items MUST be emailed in electronic format to beachcomber@herronisland.org. Include your name and phone number in case any questions arise. Paid advertisements are to be arranged with the HMC office PRIOR TO PUBLICATION.

Island Manager Report

January 12, 2019

Administration:

HMC's audit is underway.

2019 regulatory review/compliance is underway in the office

Review of 10-year water planning

Departments/Committees

Maintenance: Gary Wanzong to report

Parks: Jim Davies – no report

Docks: Alan DeGood

The docks will go in the water on Saturday, March 23. There will be a notice in the Beachcomber also.

Policies: Mike Gage to report

Roads: Curt Haney to report

Emergency Preparedness: Mike Shettlesworth to report

LIKE the following for emergency information on your FaceBook feed:

Peninsula Light to receive regular communication including safety tips

Pierce County Dept of Emergency Management

Water: Charles Smith will report.

Please call Charles at 206-707- 4645 for immediate needs

Rules:

Two hearings are pending in January



Good Tidings and Cheer on Herron Island

The holiday spirit was alive and well on Herron Island last month. Thank you to all of the members who contributed their time to spread the good cheer. We had a holiday wreath making party, lots of holiday lights on cabins, decorations at the Community Center, holiday ornaments strung from trees around the island, a wandering choir who sang Christmas carols, holiday street signs to brighten the day, and Leslie Sanderson's Christmas barn sale which is becoming more popular with each passing year.

Thank you to all!

No Beachcomber in February



The Beachcomber is published nine times per year. There are no issues in October, December, or February.

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of long time Island member, Steve Kramer. Steve came to the island as a child when HMC first incorporated in 1958. His contributions to our community are too numerous to mention both as a volunteer and roads contractor. Who can ever forget seeing Steve navigating his big blue truck (or the orange one before that) along with his excavation equipment around the island? He was always first to step up and volunteer his time whenever he was needed. Steve's smiling face and pleasant disposition will be sorely missed. His family is planning a Celebration of Life on March 30th, 1:00-4:00 pm at the Hydroplane & Raceboat Museum, 5917 So. 196th St. Kent, WA. 98032. Our thoughts go out to his family and friends.





THRILLING CONTESTS!!!

The Herron Island Boosters is holding three contests:

1. Submit a teeshirt design (winner's prize: free teeshirt with your design)
 2. Submit a baseball cap design (winner's prize: free baseball cap with your design).
- Submit a "slogan" for a license plate holder (winner's prize: free license plate holder).

You can submit your entries as an email attachment to Boosters' President Leslie Sanderson at Ldsanderson@jps.net or you can bring a printed entry to the February Boosters Meeting on February 9, 2019.

Deadline for entries: 6:00 p.m. February 9, 2019. The Boosters members who attend the business meeting following the potluck will vote on the entries.

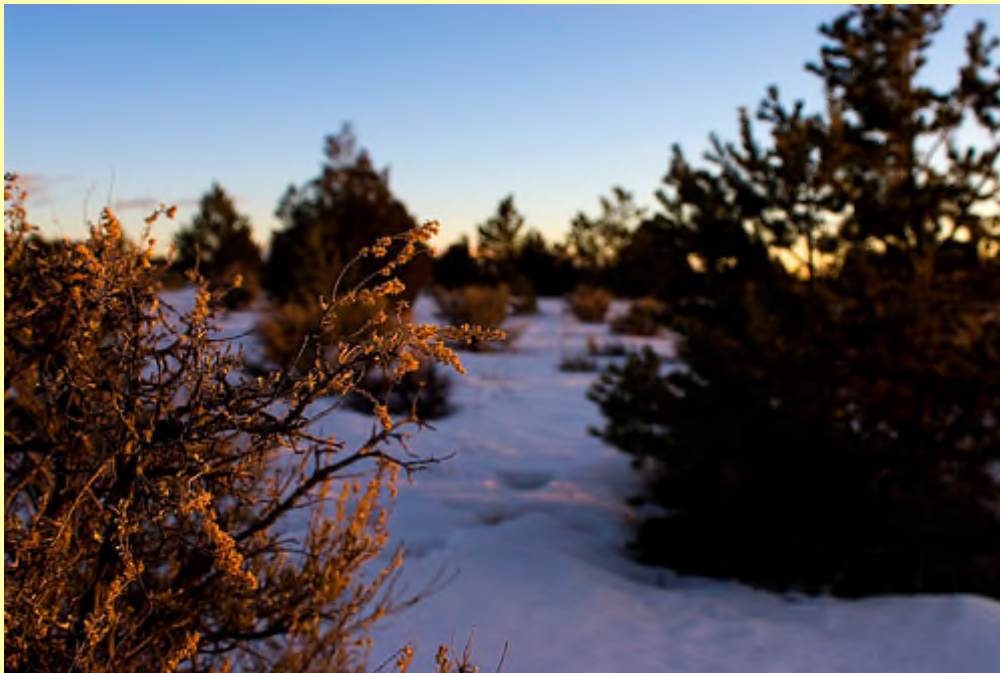
Prizes will be distributed Memorial Day weekend.

The Herron Island Boosters would like to thank and recognize Karen Dorans, Managing Broker of Better Properties, for being responsible for nearly \$2,000 in donations. Additional thanks to Dallas Amidon and two client matching donations. These donations helped the Boosters pay for projects all over the island in 2018, including upgrades to Goodpastor Park, the Community Center, and North Beach. **THANK YOU!!!**

The Boosters would also like to thank the MANY other volunteers who support all of the Booster events and projects. Special kudos to Gary Wanzong and Mac McCormick for managing and executing the project to add deck curtains, lights, and heaters to the Community Center in 2018 – these projects would still be in only the discussion phase without their help. **THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!**

Got the Winter Blues?

During the winter months do you often find yourself in front of a fireplace with a good book and your favorite beverage? Isn't that wonderful? Consider another possibility. If lounging in front of the fireplace gets to be too tiresome you could get up off that couch and use the winter months to start thinking about lawn care and boat maintenance in preparation for the summer months ahead. This is a good time to get your lawn equipment serviced and your boats ready for the summer season. You might even beat the spring rush to your favorite maintenance and repair shops! And maybe there are some off-season specials to be found. Doesn't that sound like fun? Just sayin....



New to Herron Island?



Welcome! We encourage you to meet your neighbors and get involved in island events and activities. Purchase a copy of the HI Boosters Directory (\$5) from Robin Kelly at d_kelly@centurylink.net and find your neighbors close by. Stop and say hello when you're out and about. The folks around here are very friendly and will always wave even if they don't know you.

Your neighbors can help you with obtaining off-island services such as trash collection, propane servicing, or obtaining a mailbox on the mainland. Did you know that being a walk-on passenger to the mainland to collect your mail is free of charge?. The ferry crew calls that a "turnaround". No charge for "turnarounds" as long as you don't leave the mainland parking lot.

Make sure you get your email address included on the island broadcast email list to receive important information about island issues. The office staff can help you with that. Send an email to them at office@herronisland.org and request to be included on the list.

Want to follow the ferry in real time? There's a GPS app for your laptop or mobile device that shows you where the ferry is and whether or not they are shuttling. Go to www.vesselfinder.com and search for Charlie Wells in the find vessel box.



SAVE THE DATE..... It will soon be time to install the small Boat Docks....

All hands on "dock"!

When: March 23rd at 9:00 a.m.

Where: North Beach

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

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



Thank you from Charlie and Jeannette Folk

Charlie and Jeannette wish to express their sincere appreciation to everyone for all of the help and support they have received from members over the past several months. Words cannot express how much your help has been appreciated. It's a true testament to the spirit of Herron Islanders. Thank you again!

SCHEDULE OF MEMBERSHIP BILLINGS

General Assessments: Assessments for the general fund are billed semi-annually.

1st half: Billed and Due October 1

2nd half: Billed and Due April 1

Water Assessments: Assessments for water-related services are billed quarterly.

1st quarter: Billed and Due November 1

2nd quarter: Billed and Due February 1

3rd quarter: Billed and Due May 1

4th quarter: Billed and Due August 1

Special Assessments: These are billed and due on the first day of the month as designated by the Board of Directors.

Miscellaneous Billings: These are other items billed to your Member account, such as charged Ferry fees for contractors. They are billed and due on the first day of the month following the month in which the item was processed.

Note: Bills that are not received or postmarked by the 25th of the month they are due are late and subject to a late fee. Late Fees vary and can be found in the Member-approved Fee Schedule on the Herron Island website.



Reminder: Some Ferry Fares Increased October 1st

On October 1st the new budget became effective and along with it two increases to ferry fares.

1. Guest Rate increases to \$20
2. Ten-trip ticket book price increases to \$72 (Individual ticket rate does not change from \$8)

No change to fares for passengers or walk-ons which remain at \$3. The need for these changes were explained in the June 2018 Beachcomber President's Message and voted on by the membership in July 2018.



Committee Members Still Needed!

Part of the success of Herron Island can be attributed to the volunteers who contribute their time and expertise to participate on our various HMC committees.

One of our current committees is still in need of new members:

The Parks Committee - This committee is chaired by Jim Davies and is chartered to promote and maintain safe and useable park grounds and equipment for HMC Members and guests. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Jim Davies at jada40@att.net.

Are You on the List?



HMC now has 385 Member email addresses on the notification list. If you want to get notice of the online Beachcomber, or get the latest on windstorms, power outages, water line breakages, or other news, please send an email to office@herronisland.org and request that your email address be added. To be used for HMC purposes only.

Welcome, New Islanders!

HMC welcomes new Members to Herron Island:

- DottieLou Taylor
- Gareth Boulton
- Robert & Lisa Dini
- Sean & Jenne Medcroft
- Luis & Elizabeth Blanco



Board Member Email Addresses

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

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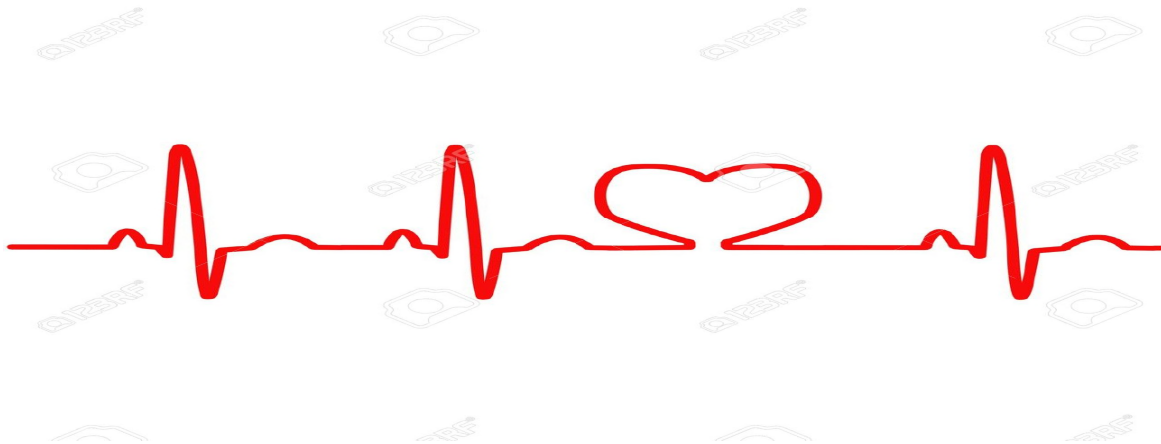
HMCRules@herronisland.org
HMCRoads@herronisland.org
HMCEmergPrep@herronisland.org



**Join Key Peninsula Fire Department
March 9th 12:30-3:30
Herron Island**



**CPR and First Aid
\$35**



**ANNE NESBIT
253-884-2222
anesbit@keypeninsulafire.org
Key Peninsula Fire Department**

**SignUp:
Merry Kogut 253-265-0060
merryakogut@gmail.com**

Winter Ferry 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	11:30AM - Noon	6:30PM - 7:00PM
Christmas	8:30AM		6:30PM - 7:00PM
New Year's	8:30AM	11:30AM - Noon	6:30PM - 7:00PM

Herron Island - For Sale:

- **603 West Herron Blvd (New On Market!!):**
(MLS #1401758): 581 sq. ft. 1 bed/1 bath west facing water view cabin. Fully fenced yard! **\$119,000**
- **312 East Herron Blvd:** (MLS #1346110): .27-acre lot, east facing water view! Water on lot. **\$18,000**
- **821 East Madrona Blvd:** (MLS #1395553): .32-acre lot, with water, power and septic plus footings of former house. Water view to the east! **\$47,000**

912 East Madrona Blvd., 4 days on market - Pending!
26 East Madrona Blvd., Pending!

Giving back to the community:

\$1,650 donated to BOOSTERS during 2018
from Herron Island real estate sales.

All properties for sale/pending (all brokerages) at

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!

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