



The Beachcomber



President's Message

Aloha Herron Islanders!

By the time you read this, Summer will probably be over. The snowbirds have started their migration south leaving us full-time residents and the weekenders behind. Early Autumn is my favorite time on the island. It's cool enough that I don't need a fan, but not so much that I need the heater. We still have more daylight than dark and it's quieter, too. It's the perfect time to sit on the deck, look at the water, and drink coffee. That's why I moved here.

HMC is always looking for volunteers. The Roads, Rules, Parks, Small Boat Docks, Finance, and Emergency Preparedness committees always have room for more people. The soon-to-be-chartered Ferry Concerns Committee needs people, too. Whether you want to work with your hands or your head, we probably have something for you. You don't even need to be there in person for some tasks. We also have paid part-time jobs available from time to time. Check with the committee chairs, Board members, or the Island Manager for opportunities.

Until next time...

Scott Young, President
HMC Board of Directors

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Island Manager Report September 11, 2021

Ferry

Ramp motor exchange on mainland was completed by MD Marine, they will rebuild the 5 hp motor, the motor windings epoxy dipped, and the brake adjusted/reviewed for any needed repair. On return it will be stored in the community center for future need. The crew reports the motor is very smooth as never before, they cannot even hear it. This is a good report on a lingering problem.

Auto-greasers on gantries – The captains agreed to increase the flow of grease to eliminate any catching of the ramp cables that had been happening for some time, Joe Taylor was able to complete this on the island side and will complete the mainland side soon, he has had to wait until Osprey are gone.

Joe LaPoint sanded, primed, and painted areas on the boat starting with the damaged area, then the life jacket boxes and miscellaneous areas where rust was spotting.

Reports of drivers on cell phones while loading, drivers are not able to concentrate on loading while on the phone causing safety concerns.

Safety Reminder: Cell Phones may not be used on the ferry while loading unloading

Mainland Ramp Inspection

Sargent Engineering will be out in November to perform state required mainland ramp inspection. This occurs every 2 years.

Meeting with KeyBank re payments solutions

Mid-September I will review with KeyBank re potential payments solutions, more to follow

Key Peninsula Community Council and WAVE Broadband

Please consider taking the below survey that will allow WAVE Broadband to determine what type of service people are interested in on the Key Peninsula.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TG5TH2V>

Legal Liaison: There are 10 delinquencies; 7 with the attorney's office

Departments/Committees

Parks: Tracy Anspach

Policies: Mike Gage

Roads/Water Maintenance: Dan Marten

Emergency Preparedness: Ken Higgins

Rules: Mike Fassio, 2 pending

Small Boat Docks: Sherri Anderson

Important Phone Numbers

Island Manager

Jane Wooster (253) 884-9350

HMC Board of Directors

Scott Young President (253) 884-9350

Dave Hancock, Vice-President (253) 884-9350

Sherry Hayman, Treasurer (253) 884-9350

Karen Ducharme Secretary (253) 884-9350

Jim Davies, Member-at-Large (253) 884-9350

Additional Contacts

Gary Wanzong, Finance Committee (253) 884-9350

Dan Marten, Roads Committee (253) 884-9350

Mike Fassio, Rules Committee (253) 884-9350

Parks Committee, Vacant (253) 884-9350

Mike Gage, Policy Review Committee (253) 884-9350

Ken Higgins, Emergency Preparedness (253) 884-9350

Sherry Anderson, Small Boat Docks (253) 884-9350

Carolyn Snyder, Office Manager (253) 884-9350

Merry Kogut, HMC Calendar (253) 884-8484

Josh Roppo, Webmaster (253) 884-9350

Meghan Sanford, Beachcomber (253) 884-9350

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

HMC Water Email: HMCManager@herronisland.org

Manager email: HMCManager@herronisland.org

Beachcomber email: beachcomber@herronisland.org

Roads email: HMCRoads@herronisland.org

Member Input email: 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

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.

Small Boat Dock Removal

When: Saturday, Sept. 25th @ 8:30 a.m.

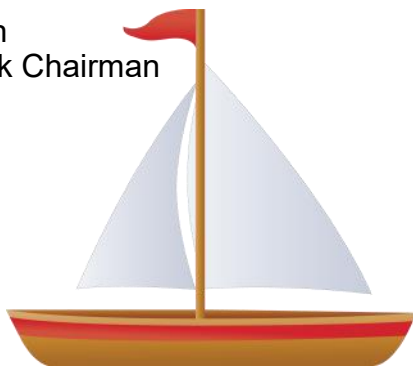
Please be sure to remove your boat from the docks no later than Friday, Sept. 24th!

Volunteers: Call/text Sherri Anderson at 503-860-4888 so that work can be assigned –OR– come down Saturday morning. Volunteers always needed to remove barnacles/muscles from the docks after first docks are out at 9am.

Coffee/OJ at 8:30am and food at 10am. Ham/Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Hashbrowns, and Biscuits & Gravy planned so far—volunteers welcome to bring other food!

There is always plenty of food so please come and help and join in for a wonderful breakfast.

THANK YOU!
Sherri Anderson
Small Boat Dock Chairman
503-860-4888



Winter Ferry Schedule Starts October 1st

Our winter ferry schedule kicks in on October 1st. The winter schedule differs only slightly from the summer schedule by adding back in the 2:30-3:00 runs on Saturday and Sunday and removing those runs on Fridays. There are no 7:30-8:00 a.m. ferries on Saturday and Sunday in the winter schedule.



Are You on the List?

HMC now has 452 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. Will be used for HMC purposes only.



Board Member Email Addresses

President@herronisland.org

VicePresident@herronisland.org

Treasurer@herronisland.org

Secretary@herronisland.org

BoardMember@herronisland.org

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. Please submit your questions, comments, and suggestions to

MemberInput@herronisland.org

BOOSTERS

Band of Obviously Superior Terrifically Enthusiastic Recreation Supporters

Greetings Everyone!

Before we say goodbye to summer, we would like to thank everyone who came out to enjoy all the wonderful events we hosted and the volunteers who helped create them. It really does take an island to pull off a successful event. We stayed healthy and happy. Way to go islanders!

No one knows what the future will bring, but we will forge ahead and continue to plan fun and safe events to help keep our spirits high and our community healthy. Our next get together will be an outdoor, German-themed, potluck with music on **Saturday, October 9**, barring any weather or additional Covid-related restrictions. There will be **a keg of German beer at 5:00 p.m.** to kick off the festivities, followed by the **Potluck at 6:00 p.m.** Some suggestions of what to bring might be pretzels, potato salads, bratwurst, cookies, desserts or any other German-inspired foods and/or beverages. Hopefully, next year we will be able to have a more traditional indoor Oktoberfest as we have done in the past.

Unfortunately, the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, one of the most cherished H.I. traditions, will once again have to be canceled because Covid-related restrictions. We remain hopeful that things will improve and we will be able to resume indoor gatherings next year.

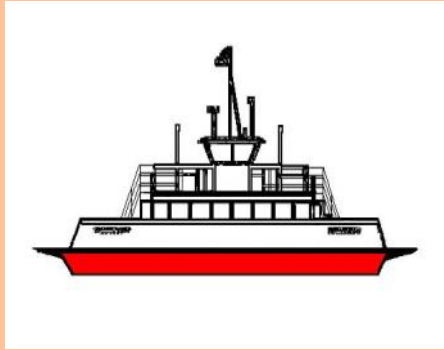
On a positive note, we are already making preparations for the 2022 Herron Island BOOSTERS Calendar. If you would like to reserve a copy, please contact me at robin.kelly712@gmail.com, private message me on Facebook, or just give me a call at 253-884-1883. The reserve list helps us calculate how many calendars we need to print, so I would encourage anyone interested in buying one to reserve their copy now. Details regarding photograph submissions are provided below.

Joyce Major hopes to keep teaching yoga through the fall and winter in the Community Building, if there is enough interest. Please email her at joycemajor1@hotmail.com if you would be interested in participating. Also, if you would like to receive BOOSTERS notifications via email, please contact me so I can add your name to the list (see above contact info).

Announcement: The BOOSTERS are going to have two open seats on the Board this coming January. Both Leslie Sanderson, former long-time President and current Member-at-Large, and Merry Kogut, Vice-President and former Secretary, are just passing the baton and will remain actively involved with BOOSTERS projects and events. They have devoted many years of service to the island and no words could ever adequately convey our appreciation for all they have given. But change is inevitable and volunteers are needed, so if anyone is interested in filling these vacancies, please feel welcome to contact me (see above contact info).

Stay safe and healthy, and again, thank you EVERYONE for making this past summer so much fun!

Robin Kelly
BOOSTERS President



Now that the summer season is over, the Boosters will be taking down the "We Love Our Ferry Crew" banner. We want to keep it in good condition for the future, and not let it be damaged by harsh weather in the coming months.

2022 Herron Island Calendar



Calling All Photographers! Deadline September 30th

We are now collecting photo entries to be considered for the 2022 Herron Island calendar. Please send your best to Howard Owen at hvo_guitar@yahoo.com.

Important:

- 1) Make sure that you put Herron Island Calendar on the subject line.
- 2) Limit 3 per person.
- 3) Landscape format, only, please
- 4) Send in photos with as high a resolution as you can. Check the settings on your device and also on your email to see that you send in the sharpest possible. Sometimes, although a photo is beautiful, we can't enlarge it well enough from phone screen to calendar page.

There are many terrific photographers out here who have captured very special glimpses of the island's beauty and uniqueness. That's what we are looking for. Send yours in soon!

Boarding the Ferry Safely

Please do your part to make this season a safe one for Herron Islanders and their guests.

As you begin down the ramps pay particular attention so that you do not have any mishaps on the ramp rails or when turning to load on an outside lane. The crew will point to the lane you should be in and guide by indicating if you need to move a little left, or right. The ultimate responsibility for safely loading your vehicle is in your hands.

Please review the last page of the ferry schedule for additional rules. These are required for all passengers. More notably are:

- Guest passes not completely filled out will not be taken causing the holder to wait for boarding, potentially on the next ferry run.
- One car on the ramp at a time.
- Do not leave ramp until motioned onboard by the crew
- Speed limit on the ramps and ferry is 5 mph.
- Turn off the engine and set parking brake once loaded.
- Do not start the engine until guided by the crew.
- Turn off all vehicle lights while on the pier, ramp, or ferry; loading or unloading. Lights make it difficult for the crew to see.



The ferry is governed by the United States Coast Guard and the Master of the Vessel (the Captain) is in charge at all times. If you are not paying attention to the rules and guidance in the policies, or the signs on the ferry the crew will direct you to pay attention. There is no time to challenge the crew, if you wish to report a problem please email the Island Manager at hmcmanager@herronisland.org.

The ferry crew's instructions must be followed at all times. In the captain's sole discretion, driver's or passenger's behavior may prevent him or her from boarding the ferry or cause him or her to be removed from the ferry. The captain may choose to contact the Sheriff's Department for assistance.

Drivers may not use cell phones while loading or unloading. Alcohol, cigarettes, vapes, and similar products may not be used on the ramps or on board the ferry. Vehicle drivers and passengers must remain inside their vehicle while vehicles are loading or unloading from the ferry. They must return to their vehicles prior to docking. The same rule applies to motorcycle riders and passengers.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

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.

Hauling a Trailer or Boat?

Call ahead to the ferry phone, 253-691-1457, and talk with Captain to ensure tides and load coincide.

Making this call does not indicate a reservation. The Ferry Access Policy states:

“HMC requires that a confirmed notification be made to the captain in advance to transport any combination (in-tow) of any length, and/or single vehicles longer than 25 feet. The notification must be confirmed by the captain. The captain’s phone number is 253-691-1457. The captain cannot guarantee that you will be able to board the ferry at the time requested.”

With heavy increases of trailers and large vehicles to Herron Island it is necessary for the crew to manage the loading as they see fit and shuttle to accommodate as needed. Note, getting to the ferry early for your crossing with a towed trailer/boat is your best chance of getting on the ferry run you hope to be on.

For service providers, they must get to the ferry early to get on the run they need. Many times these providers drive up at the last minute and end up waiting, or leaving. Please ensure they have instructions from you, they call ahead to the captain and have a ferry pass that is filled out.



**FOR
SALE**

Members Hiring Realtors on Herron Island

Any member hiring a realtor to sell their property must be aware of the risk of placing a real estate sign anywhere near a water meter. When placing signage for properties that are for sale, it is very important to be aware of where there may be underground utilities. During the recent ditch clearing, we noted two incidences where realtors have placed signage within inches of water and electrical lines. For example, if a water line is damaged, it would require turning the water off at the water main and impacting several properties until the damage has been addressed. If a significant repair is needed this may mean that people will not have water service for days. The best choice would be to call 811 (utility locators) before you dig. Members will be held liable for any damage to HMC water meters or surrounding pipe.

Effective October 1, 2021

SUMMER FERRY SCHEDULE - APRIL 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30													
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*** ferry will not operate during these times to allow for mandatory crew breaks. This includes shuttle runs.													
HOLIDAY SCHEDULES - SUMMER													
Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day run on the Sunday schedule.													

WINTER FERRY SCHEDULE - OCTOBER 1 THROUGH MARCH 31													
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HOLIDAY SCHEDULES - WINTER													
Thanksgiving	8:30am - 9:00am		11:30am - noon		6:30pm - 7:00pm								
Christmas Day	8:30am - 9:00am				6:30pm - 7:00pm								
New Years Day	8:30am - 9:00am		11:30am - noon		6:30pm - 7:00pm								

NOTE: Check for low tide ferry cancellations. They are posted on the HMC website.

A confirmed notification must be made with the ferry when towing or a vehicle exceeds 25 feet prior to arrival.

Ferry Cell Phone: 253-691-1457

Ferry Rates		
Ferry User Fees	Member	Guest
Vehicle (up through 20') & Driver	\$10.00	\$20.00
Passengers & Walk-Ons		
Age 12 and Over	\$3.00	\$3.00
Age 5 - 11	\$1.00	\$1.00
Under Age 5	Free	Free
Vehicle Length Fares		
21' through 30'	\$16.00	\$32.00
31' through 40'	\$24.00	\$48.00
41' through 50'	\$32.00	\$64.00
51' through 60"	\$40.00	\$80.00
Special Runs	\$200.00	\$200.00
Medical Runs off the island	Free	Free

Basic Ferry Safety Rules
Smoking is not permitted.
Marijuana is not permitted.
Open alcoholic beverages are prohibited (RCW 46.61.519)
Passengers must remain behind the safety lines in place across each end of the ferry.
Passengers must remain in vehicles or passenger cabin while ferry is loading/unloading vehicles.
Passengers under the age of 13 must be under adult supervision at all times. Passengers ages 13-17 who are unaccompanied by an adult must remain in the cabin until a crewmember tells them they may leave.
Propane tanks must be shut off and sealed prior to boarding.
Gasoline is allowed in CG/UL-approved portable containers no more than six (6) gallons in size with no signs of deterioration that could affect its integrity. Containers must be properly secured for transit and cannot exceed a total volume of twelve (12) gallons on any one trip.

Access Policy Main Points
Member vehicles must have a valid HMC Sticker. (If Sticker is invalid guest rates apply.)
Guests must provide a completed guest pass to the deckhand/purser, filled out and signed by a Member, to be admitted onto the ferry.
Roundtrip payment is required on the mainland side by cash or check.
Charges to Members can only be authorized for utility, service or delivery services.
A reservation must be made in advance and confirmed by the ferry Captain to transport any combination (in-tow) of any length and/or single vehicles longer than 25 feet.
Maximum gross weight is 40,000 lbs
Maximum vehicle length is 60 feet.

Loading/Unloading Procedures
Speed limit on the ramps and boat is 5 MPH.
Follow all directions given by crew.
Set parking break and turn off engine when loaded.
Do not start engine until directed by the crew.
Turn off all vehicle lights while on the ferry, ramp or pier during loading and/or unloading.
To load vehicles proceed to the concrete pier when light turns green. Proceed one vehicle at a time down the wooden ramp and wait at bottom until directed by crew to drive onto the ferry. Follow instructions of crew where and when to park.
To exit the ferry restart your engine and release parking brake only when directed by crew. Exit ferry as directed by crew.
Foot passengers may not board when light is green. Passengers are to remain in cabin when ferry is docking or at dock.

Boarding/Shuttling
Ferry crew may begin boarding 10 minutes prior to scheduled departure.
Vehicles/passengers must arrive no later than five minutes before the scheduled departure time to ensure a place either on the current run or a shuttle.
Vehicles/passengers arriving after the five minute cutoff time are not assured a place either on the current run or shuttle.
If additional vehicles/passengers arrive after the cutoff and prior to the final shuttle departure they will only be accommodated as space permits on the shuttle. Any remaining vehicles must wait until the next scheduled run.
The ferry may not make shuttle runs if the ferry crew reach legal work hour limits. Some shuttles may not be made to assure the ferry crew gets required breaks.

Holiday Restrictions
Combinations (in-tow) of any length and/or single vehicles longer than 25 feet will not be transported after noon, the Thursday before Memorial and Labor Day holiday weekends. Restriction dates will be posted for the Independence Day holiday.

Ferry Cell Phone
253-691-1457
Call the ferry to schedule heavy loads, when towing vehicles and any vehicle longer than 25 feet. Confirmed notification is required by the ferry Captain prior to loading.

Member Responsibility
Members are responsible for their guests actions at all times, and to assure a completely filled out guest pass is issued to their guest prior to the guest arriving at the ferry.