

THE BEACHCOMBER

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President's Message

*Janet Podell, President
HMC Board of Directors*

Employment Announcement

It is with great pleasure that we announce the hiring of a new HMC employee to fill our Operations & Maintenance Manager position. Dave Hancock applied for and has been accepted to fill that important position. Dave has actually been doing the job (at no pay!) for the past several months. He is very familiar with our island operations and will be able to step into the role with no interruption of service. Our current Bylaws state that Board Members cannot be paid employees so Dave has resigned his seat on the Board. Karen DuCharme has been appointed to fill his Board seat until the Board elections this coming June. Thank you, Karen!

As of the date of this writing we are still searching for a person to fill the job of the Island Administrative Manager. One member is scheduled for an interview. Please consider applying for that position. A detailed job description was sent out in a broadcast email to the membership on March 13th.

Upcoming Board Elections

With the resignation of Dave Hancock from the Board along with the imminent resignation of Treasurer Sherry Hayman, we will now have four (4) seats open on the Board of Directors this year. These seats will also be replacing myself and Ken Phillipson. Please consider running for a Board seat. One of those new positions could be a one-year assignment in order to maintain the staggered nature of our board elections. *Continued on page 2*

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Some people may be a little gun shy having witnessed a recent event where a small group of members in our community found it difficult to accept a decision made by the Board before they were in possession of all of the facts. But trust me, it is much more rewarding than it would appear and those unpleasant experiences are more the exception than the rule. I hope you will consider volunteering some of your time to fill this important role. A copy of the Board Candidate Application can be found [on the Herron Island website here](#).

Want to Speed Up Ferry Boarding?

If you purchase ferry tickets it really helps if you record your member number on your ticket. This allows the ferry crew to seamlessly move along the ferry line. Our crew is very familiar with our members and pretty much know their cars, so having your member number on the ticket enables the deckhand to move swiftly through the ferry line instead of looking up the number on your decal and in the iPad.

Member Announcements

HMC makes every attempt to notify the membership about imminent issues relative to the ferry operations, current events, and issues of immediate importance. Often times we are not given sufficient notice when an event might result in a change to the ferry schedule. The last event resulted in members having to wait 1.5 hours for the ferry to resume its regular schedule, but advance notice of this delay was provided by email to the membership the day before. The method we primarily use for notifications is through our broadcast email system. If you are not currently on our contact list, please notify the office and ask to be added. It is the members' obligation to notify their guests if a change in the ferry schedule will affect them. We ask for your patience. It is never our intent to inconvenience our members.

Special Recognition

I would also like to take this occasion to express a special thank you to Captain Joe LaPoint. Recently, one of our ramp control remote devices was accidentally dropped into the water. These are very expensive pieces of equipment and it appeared to be lost forever. Upon hearing about this, Captain LaPoint donned his wetsuit and snorkel and dove into the Sound to try and retrieve the device. Miraculously, he was able to find it. He took it home, disassembled it and dried it out thoroughly. By Captain LaPoint's quick action the unit still worked! Please make a point to thank him for this the next time you see him. It was definitely an act above and beyond his regular duties as our Captain. ●



The osprey are back!
Photo Credit: Joe LaPoint

WELCOME, NEW ISLANDERS!

Paul & Jennifer Jacobs

Emily & Lauren Quackenbush

Steve & Margaret Simester

We're glad you're here!



ARE YOU ON "THE LIST"?

If you want to get the latest on windstorms, power outages, water line breakages, or other news, or even be notified when the latest edition of the Beachcomber is published, please send an email to office@herronisland.org and request that your email address be added.

This will be used for HMC purposes only.

BOARD CANDIDATES NEEDED!



This year there will be 4 Board seats up for election. All members are encouraged to run for a Board seat and become part of the operation of our island community, even if you are not here full time or gone for part of the winter (Zoom and email help keep everyone in touch!).

Wondering just what this involves? See page 4 in this edition of the *Beachcomber* for some tips to consider when serving on a Board. Still have questions? Talk to someone currently on the Board or who has served in the past— there's nothing better than hearing about it from someone with experience!



These seats will be filled at the **Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, June 8, 2024.**

You can find the candidate application [on the Herron Island Website here.](#)

Applications for a Board seat must be received at the office no later than 10:00am on Saturday, May 11, 2024.

Welcome, Island Guests!

The busy season is almost here and Herron Island will soon be swarming with Members and Guests who want to enjoy the beauty and ambience that is our wonderful island. Please help us preserve our island paradise by making sure you and your guests observe the following:

Ferry Crew: The instructions of the ferry crew must be followed at all times, for your safety and that of others.

Speed Limit: The speed limit on Herron Island is 15MPH. This helps to protect the wildlife on the Island *and* to control dust. This rule applies to any motorized vehicle. Fines of up to \$500 can be assessed against the property owner if not observed.

Island Beaches: Except for North and South Beach areas, all beaches are privately owned. Island members allow you to walk across their beaches at low tide, but you may not dig for clams, remove rocks, have beach fires or otherwise occupy any of the private beaches on the island. Please respect the owner's private property rights. Remember: "Take nothing but pictures and leave nothing but footprints."

Fireworks: Fireworks are strictly prohibited on Herron Island, with the exception of the 4th of July and even then only on the North Beach in designated areas. Herron Island is particularly vulnerable to fire and this Rule was established for the safety of all people and property on the island including our guests.

Wildlife: Herron Island is home to many deer who contribute to the natural beauty that is Herron Island. Most of the deer are very approachable and will accept food from your hand. Please do not chase or intimidate them in any way and please do not allow your dogs to chase them. Please note that Herron Island also has a Leash Rule and unless contained within a fenced area, dogs are to be kept on leashes at all times.

Enjoy our slice of paradise! ●

So You Want To Be A Board Member...

“Top 10 Things New Board Members Should Keep in Mind”
(Adapted from March 2016 [Community Associations Journal](#))

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:
 - RCW – Revised Code of Washington
 - Reserve Study – budgeting tool require by state statute that list 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.
 - a. [Revised Code of Washington](#) (RCW or state statutes) that apply to your association.
(For HMC, that is RCW 64.38.)
 - b. [Articles of Incorporation](#)
 - c. [Bylaws](#)
 - d. Rules & Regulations (For HMC, see [Island Rules](#))
4. **Get familiar with existing contracts**. Know what is included in your association's contracts with service providers. You can renegotiate expectations as needs change.
5. **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 (For HMC, [these are posted](#).)
6. **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.
7. **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.
8. **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.
9. **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.
10. **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. ●

Do I Own My Property?

Mark B. Anderson, HI Resident

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Each of us has heard variations of this question, and it usually comes up when you try to sell or refinance your property. The most common reason for doubt stems from the early days of Herron Island, when properties were being sold by Herron Development Company through its trustee, Richard Clifford. Many of these lots were sold on contract to a purchaser, under which the purchaser would pay money to Herron Development Company over a period of time (often times 10 years) and then be entitled to receive what is referred to as a "Fulfillment Deed" from Herron Development Company.

We have seen on more than one occasion where such a Fulfillment Deed was never executed or recorded. In these cases, the purchaser thinks they own the property because they have paid off the contract. Unfortunately, title to the property in those cases remained vested in Herron Development Company and Richard Clifford. This situation is complicated further by the fact that Herron Development Company is no longer in existence and Mr. Clifford is no longer living.

HMC Management experienced a similar situation after it purchased the mainland property back in the 1970s under a real estate contract with six private individuals. Herron Maintenance Company (as it was known then) paid the contract in full but did not receive a Fulfillment Deed. This was discovered back in 2013 during the water project while examining the title to the various properties that are owned by HMC Management.

After reading this, you probably have some questions. First, how do I find out if I have clear title to my property? Perhaps the most straightforward way to determine if you have clear title to your property is to go to a title company and order a title report; this report will identify the true owner(s) of the property based on their review of historic title records. The cost of this title report can run several hundreds of dollars for one that is guaranteed by the title company.

As an alternative (but arguably less reliable) is to do your own research of your property through the County Auditor and the County Assessor-Treasurer. Many records are available online.

For recorded documents, go to <https://armsweb.co.pierce.wa.us/>

For tax records, go to <https://atip.piercecountywa.gov/app/v2/parcelSearch/search>

Note that online recorded documents only go back to the mid-1980s; a complete set of records is available at the county offices.

Typically, you can be confident that you own the property if you have received what is referred to as a Statutory Warranty Deed, identifying you as the grantee, or the recipient of title. This is not, however, an absolute guarantee of title but, instead, a statutory representation by the seller (i.e., a seller's warranty) that you are getting, among other things, good title to the property.

The situation is different if you have taken title under a "Bargain and Sale Deed," "Special Warranty Deed," or "Personal Representative's Deed." These are the types of deeds used by a decedent's probate estate to convey title to real property. *Continued on page 6*



COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Community Garden has a plot that is currently available!
Contact Joyce M. at (206) 999-8824 or
Carolyn at (253) 380-3852 if you would like it.

HMC BOARD MEETINGS

Next: Saturday, May 11



REMINDERS

The ferry began operating on the summer schedule **April 1**.

New car decals for ferry access are being mailed and should be displayed starting **May 1**.

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You may also have taken title under a "Quit Claim Deed," under which you would get only as good title as the seller had, regardless of how defective it may be. Any past defects in the chain of title will still affect whether or not you own the property. In these cases, it would be a good idea to get a title report to confirm your ownership in the property.

If you are purchasing a piece of property on a real estate contract, a title report would also be useful, even before entering into the contract, to ensure that the seller actually has an ownership interest in the property that they can then convey to you upon fulfillment of the contract. When you fulfill the terms of that real estate contract (usually by making all the payments in full and on time), make sure you get a Fulfillment Deed from the seller.

The second question you may ask is, what do I do if I find out that I do not have clear title to my property (but I thought I did)? After you ascertain the current owner of record, several options are available to you.

Arrange to have the current owner of record execute the necessary deed over to you and then have it recorded. This presumes that the owner of record is still living or, in the case of a deceased owner, that the owner's estate or heirs at law are available to execute the necessary deed. This is most times the least expensive way to clear title in these situations.

A second alternative, if you can't find the current owner of record, or know that the current owner of record is "no longer around," is to initiate a lawsuit known as a quiet title action to have title "quieted" in your name. Of course, you will have to demonstrate to the court why you are entitled to have your name on the title. While this may seem a daunting proposition, it isn't necessarily so. The advice of an attorney (ahem) would be most appropriate under these circumstances.

By the way, HMC Management resolved the Mainland Property ownership issue back in 2013 by researching and finding the numerous heirs and having them sign a deed over to HMC Management. The titles to several other lots on Herron Island have been cleaned up in similar ways and through the quiet title litigation process. ●

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Schedule of Membership Billings

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

- 1st half: Billed and Due October 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

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, charged to your Member account. ●

HMC Emergency Text Notifications

HMC has an emergency text notification with "Text-Em-All".

Sign up to be notified of:

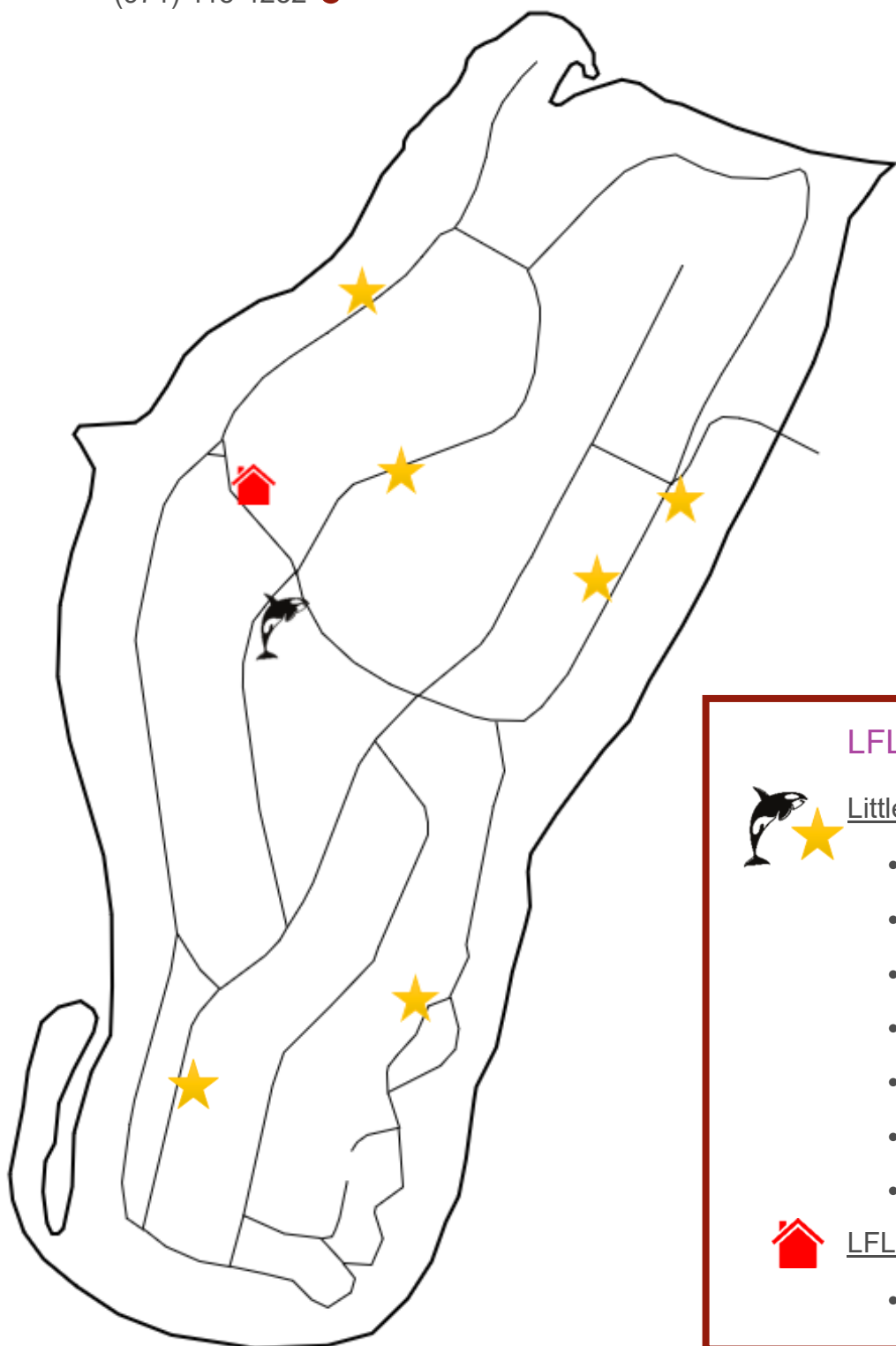
- Notification of Emergency Infrastructure Failures for the Ferry System/Water Department/Roads/Fire
- Notification when Failure(s) are resolved

Important Note: Please do not respond to texts; return texts are not monitored

Email broadcast messages will continue to be sent in conjunction and will allow additional detail that text may not.

TO JOIN:

- Text the word "JOIN" to (971) 415-4252
- You will receive a text reading "SYSTEM MSG: You have signed up and will now receive text alerts from HMC Management."
- Text the word "STOP" to prevent future messages
- If you accidentally opt out of texts, text the word "UNSTOP" to (971) 415-4252 ●

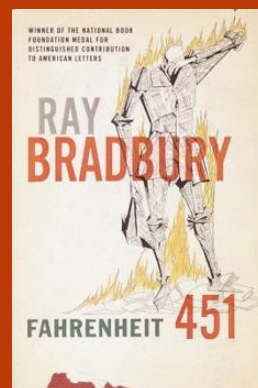


BOOK OF THE MONTH

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

Fahrenheit 451

by Ray Bradbury



Guy Montag is a fireman. His job is to destroy the most illegal of commodities, the printed book, along with the houses in which they are hidden. Montag never questions the destruction and ruin his actions produce, returning each day to his bland life and wife, Mildred, who spends all day with her television "family." But when he meets an eccentric young neighbor, Clarisse, who introduces him to a past where people didn't live in fear and to a present where one sees the world through the ideas in books instead of the mindless chatter of television, Montag begins to question everything he has ever known.

LFL Map Key



Little Free Libraries

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



LFL for Kids

- 22509 Maple Drive NW

Herron Island

BOOSTERS

FUTURE EVENTS*

Sat, May 11
5:00pm
Cinco de Mayo Potluck/ BOOSTERS
Business Meeting
@ The Community Center

2nd Friday of Every Month
7:00pm
Game Night!
@ The Community Center

Every Sunday
9:00am-10:00am
Yoga
@ The Community Center,
hosted by Joyce Major

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

Monthly Message

*Joyce Major, Boosters Co-President
Sharon Stone, Boosters Co-President*

Sharon and I are looking forward to more great fun with all of you. Our board—Karen Dorans, Karen Boshear, Jerry Scherzinger and Carolyn Anspach—is packed with talent and knows how to get things done!

What fun we had at the **Mystery Murder Dinner Party...**

If you are new to the island and want to be in the **Island Directory**, contact Robin K. at (253) 313-2784 or Karen D. at (253) 219-4076.

Our Goals for the Year:

- Delicious Potlucks
- Tons of Fun
- Short Meetings
- LOTS of volunteer involvement—New to the island? What a great way to meet people!

May 11: Cinco de Mayo Potluck & Meeting

Imagine pinatas and more as the decorating team creates more fun. Bring tequila and we will supply the margarita mix. PLUS a little surprise in honor of World Laughter Day! Happy Hour 5:00pm, Dinner 5:30pm, then some fun and a meeting.

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April Boosters Murder Mystery Dinner Party!

Photo Credit: Betty Eccles



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May 25-27: Memorial Day Weekend

How can you help? So glad you asked! Karen B. will be organizing the events and we need more volunteers to help!

Saturday

9:00am - Pickleball lessons: Ted J. will help you learn the rules
10:30am - Soccer games at the field: All are welcome! Ken H. organizing
12:30pm - Hot dogs down at North Beach

Sunday

9:00am - Apparel Sale at Community Center: All those great Herron Island clothing items headed up by Linda F.
9:00am - Coffee and Sweet Rolls for sale at Community Center
9:00am - Junk in the Trunk Sale in Community Center parking lot
7:30pm - Wonderful lantern ceremony at North Beach: Lanterns supplied by Sharon Lisisich

Monday

8:00am - Flag raising at North Beach with Mike Shuttlesworth

Fourth of July Holiday Extravaqanza

Karen Boshear and Diane Thynes are organizing all events. Thanks in advance! The **parade** is on July 4 as are **fireworks** at North Beach. More details to follow.

Art Festival: Cheryl McNerney organizing for July 6 with a food truck

Hot Summer Nights: We are looking for a band—know of one? Contact Joyce M. or Sharon S. please.

Labor Day Celebrations: Details to be announced once a chairperson steps forward

September 14 Potluck and Meeting: Ready to learn how to Line Dance? Music and an instructor will teach you the steps!

Octoberfest: Date TBD

Oysterfest: Date TBD

Thanksgiving: Date TBD

Decorate the Island: Date TBD

Now go back over this newsletter and see where you'd like to volunteer! Also, we are very open to all of your ideas for more fun. Please email me at joycemajor1@hotmail.com or text me at (206) 999-8824 or Sharon at (206) 601-0405 with all ideas!

Thank you all and see you this Spring! ●

GET THE LATEST SCOOP!

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

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

This will be used for BOOSTERS purposes only.





Work Party Thank You's

It's that time of year and the docks are in!

Special thanks to docks chair Mike Thynes and crew: Michael Allen Shettlesworth, Corey Hjalseth, Dana Postlewait, Scott Franklin, Bill Baylise, Ken Grant, Dave Royer, Bob Clark, Shawn Cline, Bill Placek, Dave Brereton, Terry Eddy, Homely Bob Clark, Ken Higgins, Tracy Anspach, Arik Pierce, Jeff Clark, Kyle Fritz and lunch crew Dana Clark, Carolyn Anspach and Kelli Jo Hjalseth.

Another big thank you to all the wonderful helpers at our Earth Day Work Party:

Scott Franklin, Ken Grant, Sharon & Todd Stone, Paul Wilson, Angel Platas, Jeff Heiman, Kerry & William Bayliss, Bob Clark, Bill Placek, Rowan Orvelia, Suzanne Barger, Mike Shettlesworth, Tracy & Carolyn Anspach, Ken Higgins & Karen Boshear-Higgins, Jerry Scherzinger, Arik Pierce, Dave Royer, Steleen Turner, James, Katy and Nicholas Palmer and anyone we missed. ALSO Dana Clark & Dolores Hodgkin for the fabulous lunch!

Photo Credits: Carolyn Anspach & Kerry Bayliss



NEW NIGHT Amended to better accommodate island residents!



Herron Island Boosters is now on Instagram!
Like, Follow and Share!

A Note From the Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Board

Hello Herron Island! It's 2024 and Spring is here!

Please know the contractor list continues to be updated ([find a list here](#)) and now there are specific providers that will service Herron Island for Tansy Ragwort control. Calling the contractors early in April and May to set up service is the best option. By midseason, contractors are often booked out for the remainder of the summer.

Tansy ragwort is a noxious weed of special concern to Herron Island. One plant can produce 150,000 seeds that may stay viable for up to 15 years! This plant colonizes rapidly and is harmful to our domestic animals, native wildlife and habitat as well as our pollinators.

What should residents do if they discover Tansy Ragwort on their property? The weeds may be cut, pulled, mowed, or sprayed for effective control. Proper disposal is important. Cut or pulled plants should go in plastic bags and then into the trash. Avoid putting noxious weeds in the yard waste to prevent further spread.

After initial noxious weed control strategies are carried out, revegetating the area is one of the best cultural controls for noxious weeds. Disturbed ground will almost always revegetate, often with something undesirable. Desirable vegetation helps outcompete noxious weeds. For a great planting guide, please check out the [Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board "Garden Wise" publication](#).

Field inspectors will begin routine surveys for noxious weeds on the island in May. If you would like more information about Tansy ragwort and specific control methods or a list of contractors that can help, please contact the Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Board at (253) 798-7263.

If you would like to receive this list or any other noxious weed information, please [email us](#).

Finally, we would like to thank the Herron Island residents for their continuing efforts to stop the spread of Tansy Ragwort. We have seen some great improvements over the seasons on some parcels, and we are appreciative! ●



A Note About Prevention

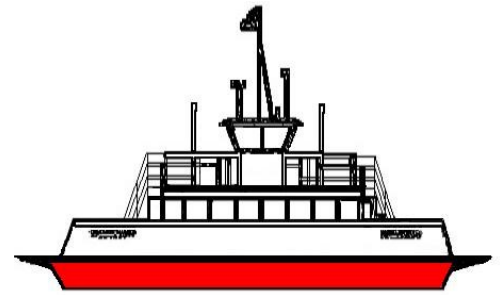
The Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Board does *not* recommend vinegar (Acetic Acid) as a viable control method for Tansy Ragwort and have suggested a few points to consider:

- Household vinegar is a much lower concentrate than the vinegar contained in products sold commercially as weed killer.
- Findings show that vinegar may wilt and burn the foliage of a plant, and it may harm annuals. Tansy Ragwort is a biennial plant and re-sprouts easily from the undamaged root.
- Using vinegar (Acetic Acid) causes changes to the soil PH, and noxious weeds thrive in poor soil; desirable vegetation may be harder to cultivate after the use of Acetic Acid. An infestation may be worsened by the use of household vinegar.
- Acetic Acid in concentrations above 8% should be handled and applied carefully. Burns and damage to eyes is a potential hazard. Personal protective equipment—long sleeves, long pants, gloves, goggles—are recommended. Please follow all label instructions.
- Acetic acid in higher concentrations may be corrosive to equipment, causing leaks in containers, etc.

To learn more, visit: www.piercecountyweedboard.org/index.php/education/howtoxic

Ferry Corner

A trip on the *Charlie Wells* is a special thing for Herron Islanders and their guests! Please do your part to make it a safe one by following the tips outlined below.



- **Fill out guest passes completely.** Incomplete passes will not be taken, causing the holder to wait for boarding—potentially on the next ferry run!
- **One car on the ramp** at a time. Speed limit on ramp is 5 mph. Do not leave ramp until motioned aboard by the crew.
- **Stay off the phone.** We appreciate your full attention as you board the ferry. Pay special attention as you drive down the ramp onto the ferry or when turning to load on an outside lane. The crew will point to the lane you should be in and guide by indicating if you need to move a little left or right.
- **Turn off the engine** and set parking brake once loaded.
- **Do not start your engine** until guided by the crew.
- **Turn off all vehicle lights** while on the pier, ramp, or ferry, while loading or unloading. Lights make it difficult for the crew to see!

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

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

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

The ultimate responsibility for safely loading your vehicle is in your hands. Please review the last page of the ferry schedule for additional rules required for all passengers.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation! ●

TIPS FOR SMOOTH SAILING

- **Call ahead** if you are planning to use the ferry for a trailer, boat, or large vehicle!
- **Plan ahead** and arrive at the dock at least 5 minutes before the scheduled time of departure.
- **Walks-ons** are not allowed on the dock or ramp while cars are being loaded. Watch crew for permission to board.
- **Bring exact payment.** Only service and delivery people may charge fares.
- **All visiting parties must have a ferry guest pass***—vendors, service people, guests, and visitors alike. Be sure to fill it out completely before boarding!

**Our ferry guest pass system is part of our current Ferry Access Policy ([found on the website here](#)) and was put in place for all of our security. Please make sure your guest has a valid—signed—guest pass to ensure they are able to ride the ferry. Blank guest passes are available to members at the office, by mail, and on the ferry.*

HMC Contact Info

Island Manager

HMCManager@herronisland.org

HMC Board of Directors

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Mike Thyne	Small Boat Docks	
Dave Hancock	Ferry Committee	
Carolyn Snyder	Office Manager	Office@herronisland.org
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Carol Smith	HMC Calendar	Reception@herronisland.org
Josh Roppo	Webmaster	Webmaster@herronisland.org

Misc. Contact Info

Member Input email: MemberInput@herronisland.org

Emergency: 911

Ferry Cell: (253) 691-1457

**Cell phone to be used for scheduling heavy loads, big vehicles or having something in tow, and for information regarding ferry services.*

Office Info

Phone: (253) 884-9350

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Office Hours

Monday	closed
Tuesday	8:30am-4:30pm
Wednesday	closed
Thursday	8:30am-4:30pm
Friday*	8:30am-4:30pm
Saturday	closed
Sunday	closed

**Closes at 2:00pm on Fridays before Board meetings.*

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THE BEACHCOMBER PUBLICATION

Submissions

- HMC Board Meetings: 2nd Saturday of every month
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Karen Dorans, Island Resident Broker

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Email: Karen@HerronIsland.com

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Ferry Schedule

SUMMER FERRY SCHEDULE - APRIL 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30													
MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
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				
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								7:30	8:00	7:30	8:00	7:30	8:00
								8:30	9:00				
*** ferry will not operate during these times to allow for mandatory crew breaks. This includes shuttle runs.													
HOLIDAY SCHEDULES - SUMMER													
Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day run on the Sunday schedule.													

WINTER FERRY SCHEDULE - OCTOBER 1 THROUGH MARCH 31													
MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
IS	ML	IS	ML	IS	ML	IS	ML	IS	ML	IS	ML	IS	ML
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								8:30	9:00				
HOLIDAY SCHEDULES - WINTER													
Thanksgiving	8:30am - 9:00am		11:30am - noon		6:30pm - 7:00pm								
Christmas Day	8:30am - 9:00am				6:30pm - 7:00pm								
New Years Day	8:30am - 9:00am		11:30am - noon		6:30pm - 7:00pm								

NOTE: Check for low tide ferry cancellations. They are posted on the HMC website.
Reservations must be made with the ferry when towing or a vehicle exceeds 25 feet prior to arrival.

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

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www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html

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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.

Find this document on our website:

[Ferry Cancellations/Reschedules](#)



2024 Herron Island Low Tide Ferry Cancellations/Reschedules

May 2024	
Tue 5/7	12:00-12:30 canceled ADD 12:45-1:15PM
Wed 5/8	12:00-12:30 canceled ADD 10:30-11:00AM
Thur 5/9	12:00-12:30 canceled ADD 930-10:00AM
Fri 5/10	No shuttle runs after 12:30pm from mainland
Sat 5/11	3:30PM leaves @ 3:45PM
Thur 5/23	12:00-12:30 canceled ADD 930-10:00AM
Fri 5/24	12:00-12:30 canceled ADD 930-10:00AM
Sat 5/25	No shuttle runs after 12pm from mainland
Sun 5/26	3:30PM leaves @ 3:45PM
Mon 5/27	3:30-4:00 canceled
Tue 5/28	3:30-4:00 canceled 4:30PM leaves @ 4:45PM

June 2024	
Wed 6/5	12:00 to 12:30 canceled ADD 2:30-3:00PM
Thur 6/6	12:00 to 12:30 canceled ADD 2:30-3:00PM
Fri 6/7	12:00-12:30 canceled ADD 930-10:00AM
Sat 6/8	No shuttle runs after 12pm from mainland
Thur 6/20	12:00-12:30 canceled ADD 12:45-1:15PM
Fri 6/21	12:00-12:30 canceled ADD 930-10:00AM
Sat 6/22	11:30-12:00 canceled ADD 230-3PM
Sun 6/23	No shuttle runs after 12pm from mainland
Mon 6/24	No shuttle runs after 12:30pm from mainland 3:30PM leaves @ 3:45PM
Tue 6/25	3:30 to 4:00 canceled ADD 930-10:00AM
Wed 6/26	3:30 to 4:00 canceled

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 23, 2024** through the end of the day **Monday, May 27th**.
Note: Monday, May 27th, the ferry will operate on the **Holiday schedule** which is the same as the summer weekend schedule.

General Information
 'Canceled or NO SHUTTLE' means the tides are too low to safely operate the ferry for the listed time.
Shuttles will not run during this time.
 Check www.herronisland.org for schedule updates.
 "ADD" means runs **added out of normal schedule.**

July 2024	
Wed 7/3	9:30 to 10:00 canceled
*Thur 7/4	10:30 to 12:00 canceled
Fri 7/5	12:00-12:30 canceled ADD 930-10:00AM
Sat 7/6	11:30-12:00 canceled ADD 230-3PM
Sun 7/7	No shuttle runs after 12pm from mainland
Sat 7/20	10:30-12:00 canceled ADD 230-3PM
Sun 7/21	10:30-12:00 canceled ADD 230-3PM
Mon 7/22	12:00-12:30 canceled ADD 10:30-11:00AM
Tue 7/23	No shuttle runs after 12:30pm from mainland

August 2024	
Sat 8/3	11:30-12:00 canceled ADD 230-3PM
Sun 8/4	No shuttle runs after 12pm from mainland
Sat 8/17	9:30-11:00 canceled
Sat 8/18	10:30-12:00 canceled ADD 230-3PM
Mon 8/19	12:00-12:30 canceled
Tue 8/20	12:00-12:30 canceled ADD 930-10:00AM

*** July 4th Holiday Ferry Restrictions ***
 Vehicles towing anything (combinations of any length) and single vehicles longer than 25 feet will **NOT** be transported **AFTER** the last run on **Tuesday July 2nd**, through the end of the day **Monday July 8th**.
Call ahead (as per ferry policy) with trailers: due to tide levels.
Note: Thursday, July 4, the ferry will operate on the **Holiday schedule** which is the same as the summer weekend schedule.

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 29th, 2024** through the end of the day **Monday, September 2nd**.
Note: Monday, September 2nd, the ferry will operate on the **Holiday schedule** which is the same as the summer weekend schedule.

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