

## **Needs-Based Ferry Punch Cards – Changes Effective Oct. 1, 2013**

**All recipients must be current Lummi Island residents. Current fares: \$92 for 25 roundtrips for passenger/pedestrian and \$66 for 10 roundtrips for vehicle and driver.**

### **Property Tax Exemption Reduced Fare Punch cards:**

The process to qualify for needs-based punch cards based on a property tax exemption will not change. Applications are filed with and managed by the [Whatcom County Assessor's Office](#) and must be renewed at least every six (6) years or when income levels change. Valid photo identification must be presented each time when purchasing needs-based punch cards. Eligibility to purchase passes will be verified via the Assessor's website. If an application was approved the day of purchase, a copy is necessary to verify eligibility. If your name doesn't appear on the auditor's website, you will not be sold a ferry pass and will be referred to the Assessor's Office.

### **Income Based Reduced Fare Punch cards:**

Effective Oct. 1, 2013, all applications for needs-based punch cards based on income are obtained and processed by the Opportunity Council located at:

1111 Cornwall Avenue  
Bellingham, WA 98225

Please call (360) 734-5121 ext. 218 to schedule an appointment with the Opportunity Council. Approval is based on the HUD very low income levels by family size shown below:

#### **2013 HUD Very-Low Income Limits**

\$46,100 or less for a family of eight  
\$43,300 or less for a family of seven  
\$40,500 or less for a family of six  
\$37,700 or less for a family of five  
\$34,900 or less for a family of four  
\$31,450 or less for a family of three  
\$27,950 or less for a family of two  
\$24,450 or less for an individual

Proof of income for each household member over the age of eighteen (18) is required when the application is screened. Program eligibility must be re-evaluated every 12 months (a new application must be submitted to evaluate continued participation in the program.)

If the application is approved, a voucher will be provided by the Opportunity Council. Valid photo identification must be presented when purchasing needs-based punch cards. Voucher expiration dates will be verified each time prior to selling needs-based punch cards. If you do not have a current voucher, you will be referred to the Opportunity Council.

### **Purchasing Punch cards:**

All needs-based punch cards will only be available for purchase at the Whatcom County Public Works Administration Office located at:

322 N. Commercial St., Suite 210 Bellingham, WA  
Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays  
(360) 676-6692