



NEWSLETTER

The mission of the Mercer Island Historical Society is to collect, preserve, research, record, and make available the heritage of Mercer Island.

Newsletter Editor: Terry Moreman

Spring 2013 Newsletter

Mercer Island Parks and Recreation

**Bruce Fletcher
Director, MI Parks & Rec
And
MI Parks & Rec Management Team**

Monday, March 18, 1pm

Bruce Fletcher is the current Director of the Mercer Island Parks and Recreation. He is the past President of the Washington Recreation and Parks Association and past Director of the Tukwila Parks and Recreation Department. Bruce has served over 28 years in the Parks and Recreation profession.

The Mercer Island Parks and Recreation Management Team will provide a presentation regarding their roles at the City's Parks and Recreation Department.

Discussion will include recreation programs and events, taking care of over 460 acres of parks and open space, overseeing 30 miles of trails and managing the Mercer Island Community Center. They will also give an update of upcoming parks projects coming to the Island.

The panel for this program will include Parks Superintendent Jason Kintner, Recreation Superintendent Diane Mortenson, Business and Operations Superintendent Jana Raasch and Director Bruce Fletcher.

Seattle Children's Hospital

**Wendy Funicello,
Compliance and Guild Projects Manager
at Seattle Children's Hospital Guild Assn.**

And

**Panel Members of the
Mercer Island Guild of
Seattle Children's Hospital**

Monday, April 15, 1pm

The Mercer Island Guild of Seattle Children's Hospital is celebrating its 85th anniversary this year. In 1942, the guild took over the Mercer Island Phone Directory from its founder, Warren Upper when he went off to war. The Mercer Island Phone Directory has become the second longest-running fundraising project at Seattle Children's raising more \$3.5 million to support to support uncompensated care.

Representing the Guild and the Mercer Island Phone Directory are JoAnne Jones, long-time Mercer Island resident Virginia Moss Anderson, Sally Delcour and Judy Ginn. Wendy Funicello, Compliance and Guild Projects Manager at Seattle Children's Hospital Guild Association will discuss the uncompensated care program that benefits from the fund raised by the Mercer Island Directory.

Fun fact: The Mercer Island Historical Society has phone books dating back to 1949.

City Planning on Mercer Island

**Scott Greenberg, Director
Mercer Island Development Services**

Monday, May 20, 1pm

Scott Greenberg, the City of Mercer Island's new Development Services Director will discuss his perspective on how city planning on Mercer Island has changed since the 1980's when he was the City's Principal Planner.

Scott has 34 years of city planning experience including 14 years with the City of Burien (11 years as Community Development Director).

He also served as President of the Washington Chapter of the American Planning Association, was Chair of the Issaquah Planning Policy Commission and was an Issaquah City Council member.

Location Of All Programs:

**Mercer Island
Community Center
8236 SE 24th Street
Mercer Island, WA
98040**

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Mercer Island, WA 98040

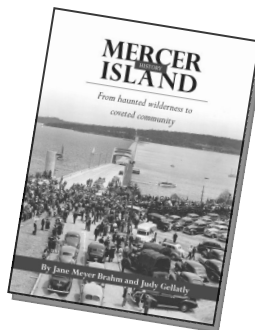


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"A mere compilation of facts presents only the skeleton of History; we do but little for her if we cannot invest her with life, clothe her in the habits of her day, and enable her to call forth the sympathies of succeeding generations."

- Hannah Farnham Lee, Historian



Dear Fellow Mercer Islander:

Page by page, the new, improved Mercer Island history is taking shape. The effort is led by Jane Meyer Brahm, with the help of an able editorial board made up of Nancy Hilliard, Sally Brown, Susan Blake, Laurie McHale, and Dick Decker. They read and edit drafts of chapters and meet monthly to contribute information and ideas, discuss content, consider layout options and select photos. Meanwhile, they share nuggets of "new" history they've uncovered, amidst much reminiscing, wrangling and laughing. A Marketing Committee is planning the launch.

Word about the to-be-published book is spreading in the community. Brahm has presented her program: "An UN-History: What Mercer Island would be like if ideas from the past had come to pass" to many organizations on the Island including the Mercer Island Women's Club, the Covenant lunch group, Probus and the Island House men's group. Other members of the editorial board have made presentations as well.

Please help make this history project possible. Sponsorships are needed to help pay for the printing of the book. For a \$50 donation your name will be listed in the book. The donations are tax-deductible. Donations may be sent to the Mercer Island Historical Society, P.O. Box 111, Mercer Island, WA 98040. **It's an invitation to make history!**

Many thanks,

The Mercer Island Historical Society Board of Directors:

*Phil Flash, Susan Blake, Ed Rice, Sally Brown, Rand Ginn, Virginia Anderson,
Dick Decker, Bob Lewis and Kisi Goode, Tova Lund and Michael Wright*

All Meetings Held At:

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Membership Reminder!

If the label on this newsletter has a red star, your membership is current through 2013. If there is no red star, it is time to renew. Membership is on a calendar year: January-December. Individual memberships are \$15. Family memberships are \$20. Membership dues pay for newsletters, mailings and office expenses. Renew your membership at a monthly meeting or mail your renewal check to:

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