



NEWSLETTER

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

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Fall 2016 Newsletter

Officer Jennifer Franklin

Mercer Island Police Dept.
Emergency Manager

Monday, September 19th, 1 PM

Are you Prepared if an Earthquake Happens Tomorrow?

Mercer Island's standing goal is to be prepared to respond and recover from any hazard as safely and quickly as possible. Mercer Island is fortunate in that we have an emergency water well at Rotary Park, a cadre of trained volunteers, and extensive emergency plans already in place that will make our goal a reality.

All residents must also be part of the solution. It is important that every resident is prepared to take care of himself or herself, and also their neighbors, for **10 days** after a very large earthquake due to the widespread damage that is expected to infrastructure (bridges, electrical grid, water supply, etc).

Officer Franklin has been a police officer with the City of Mercer Island for over 26 years. Prior to police work Jennifer served 4 years in US Army intelligence and received her bachelor's degree from the University of Washington. Over the past 9 years Officer Franklin has been in charge of Emergency Management for the city of Mercer Island.

Mercer Island Police Dept.

Crime Prevention Officer

Monday, October 17th, 1 PM

We may lose more than our possessions to the criminals who violate our homes and communities: we also lose our sense of security – the freedom to feel safe walking city streets after dark, going to a park alone, or letting our children walk home from school. We might even lose the ability to feel safe in our own homes. And the MIPD, no matter how effective, can't be everywhere at once.

We can't always get back possessions lost to crime, but we can do everything possible to prevent it in the first place and let would-be burglars know that Mercer Island is the wrong target.

Please join us for an informative discussion on how to prevent crime from happening to you. Simple, effective measures you can take to help prevent crime will be part of the presentation.

Jim Lynch

Author & Journalist

Monday November 14th, 1 PM

Jim Lynch is a 1980 graduate of Mercer Island High School. He will share his history and impressions of Mercer Island, growing up here in the 60s and 70s and how that led him to be an outdoor enthusiast as well as a journalist and a novelist. Jim's fourth novel, *Before the Wind*, was released in April of this year. It is a funny, big-hearted story about a gifted and volatile family. It's also about sailing, online dating and Albert Einstein. Set in Seattle, Victoria and Olympia, much of the novel unfolds on the water in this entertaining two-decade odyssey of the Johannssen family. Jim will read from it and answer questions.

Lynch is the author of the novels *The Highest Tide*, *Border Songs* and *Truth Like the Sun*, all of which were performed on stage and won prizes, including an Indies Choice Honor Book Award, a Pacific Northwest Booksellers Award and a Dashiell Hammett Prize finalist. As a newspaper reporter, Lynch has won national awards, including the Livingston Young Journalist Award. He lives in Olympia, Washington, with his wife and daughter.

Location Of All Programs:

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All Meetings Held At:

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President's Message:

Fall is here. As the images of a hot summer and splendid Olympic performances by athletes from around the world start to fade, we look to our speaker schedule for fall general meetings. We will focus on public safety in September and October with presentations by Jennifer Franklin. Officer Franklin, as Director of the Emergency Preparedness Department for MI, will refresh our efforts to plan for our own households and our neighborhoods if trouble arises. Come see what's new and how we can all be better prepared in difficult times.

October we will look at crime prevention. There are always new scams going on and our community gets targeted. Older citizens are especially vulnerable to these schemes and being forewarned allows us to not fall victim to these crimes.

In November we take a different tack and explore sailing with Mercer Island native and author Jim Lynch who will tell us about his new book Before the Wind. Jim graduated from Island schools and learned to sail on Lake Washington.

Join us at 1 pm at the Community Center for these general meetings speakers and treats. Bring a friend, it's free.

Susan Blake

Students going off to college report they really appreciate having copies of our history book Mercer Island History: from Haunted Wilderness to Coveted Community to take along. Copies are available at Island Books. Also think ahead for holiday gift-giving.

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