



# NEWSLETTER

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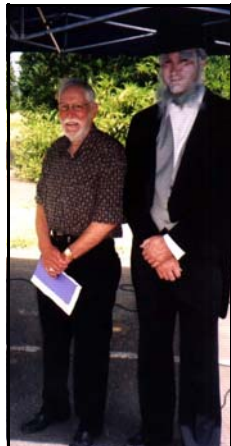
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Fall 2003 Newsletter

## Luther Burbank Park now owned by City of Mercer Island

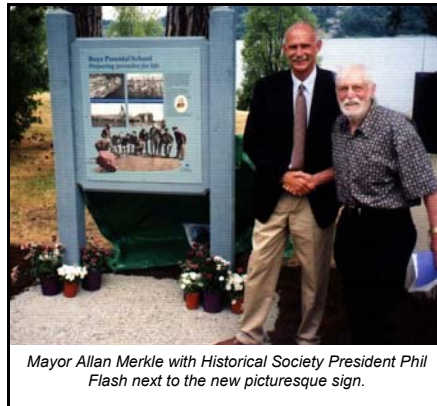
As a part of this year's Summer Celebration on July 13, Luther Burbank Park was officially transferred from King County to the City of Mercer Island with an official dedication ceremony.

To celebrate this new ownership the City of Mercer Island raised a new flag pole where the old flag pole was when Luther Burbank was a Boys Parental School. The Mercer Island Historical Society and the City of Mercer Island worked together to create a picturesque sign showing some of the history of Luther Burbank Park.



Phil Flash and Thomas Mercer (Jeff Hummel)

The dedication ceremony featured a skit written by Phil Flash which showed City Manager Rich Thomas Mercer Conrad, Director of Parks & Recreation (played by Jeff Pete Mayer, Manager of Parks & Recreation and Whillis Rand, Greg Brown, City the Superintendent Council Members, and of the Boys Parental School in period dignitaries were costumes. They present.



Mayor Allan Merkle with Historical Society President Phil Flash next to the new picturesque sign.

exchanged dialogue that may have happened during their years on the Island.

The Mercer Island Historical Society installed a plaque dedicating the flag pole.

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Historical Plaque at the flag pole.

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## Next Meeting

Monday September 15, 2003  
at the MI Community Center  
Bring a friend!

## Announcements

The nominating committee will give a report at the upcoming September 15 meeting.

Election for the new board will happen at the October 20 meeting.

If you are interested in being a board member or know of someone who would like to be nominated, please contact our nominations committee (Ruth Fricke or Sam Lake).

## Upcoming Meetings—Mark your Calendars!

**September 15, 2003—Community Center @ 1:00 pm:**  
Molly Cone and Jacqueline Williams authors of a new book "Family of Strangers" will talk about building a Jewish Community in Washington State.

**October 20, 2003—Community Center @ 1:00 pm:**  
Eric Erickson, will talk about early logging and a 1925 train wreck in the Issaquah/Renton area.

**November 17, 2003—Community Center @ 1:00 pm:**  
Bill Lightfoot, one of our members and a long time resident will speak to us about maritime in this area with an emphasis on boating activity in Lake Washington. Bill is a member of the Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society.

**The Community Center is located at: 8236 SE 24th ST, Mercer Island**  
**The Roanoke Inn is located at: 1825 72nd SE, Mercer Island**



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## The Historical Society Committees

We are looking for volunteers to help on these committees.  
Please contact our office at 206-236-3274 or Phil Flash at 206-232-6187.

- **Archive Committee** - Preserves archives, photos and videos for permanent storage.
- **Filing Committee** - Files and organizes new acquisitions.
- **Finance Committee** - Works with the treasurer to develop a financial plan.
- **Fund Raising Committee** - Markets and sells Historical Society information such as the Mercer Island Heritage book.
- **Grant Committee** - Researches and writes grants for our historical projects.
- **Historical Marker Committee** - Researches historic places on Mercer Island, solicits funds to pay for historic markers, then places markers on selected historical sites.
- **Hospitality Committee** - Provides refreshments and desserts for our monthly meetings.
- **Program Committee** - Plans and schedules programs for the monthly meetings.
- **Promotions Committee** - Ensures notification is made to members and the community of society events and programs. Sub-committee's include our newsletter, *Mercer Island Reporter* Liaison, and our phone tree.
- **Web Site Committee** - Develops content and publishes updates for the web site.

*The Mercer Island Historical Society is a volunteer organization.*

### Membership Reminder!

To keep our costs down, we do not send out bills for dues. We depend on our members to pay them at a meeting or mail them to Mercer Island Historical Society, PO Box 111, Mercer Island, WA 98040—Single: \$10 or Family: \$15

The dues pay for newsletters, mailings and office expenses. The Mercer Island Historical Society is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. All gifts are tax deductible as allowed by law. **Please pay your dues if you haven't done so already!** We need your support!

Special donations are also appreciated to further our work!

### Thank you!

To all those who helped staff our booth at Summer Celebration this year. We were very successful selling our history books and medallions. Many people stopped at the booth to show their interest in our society and share their appreciation for the work that is being done.

### Meet the Board



The Board of Directors pictured from the left (back row): Joe Joseph, Kisi Goode, Phil Flash, Marianne Gulliford (consultant), Jeff Hummel, Sam Lake, Dave Harris, Walt Rodgers, Ruth Fricke, (front row) Delores Erchinger, Ed Maloof. Not pictured: Bud Liebes and Pam Smith.