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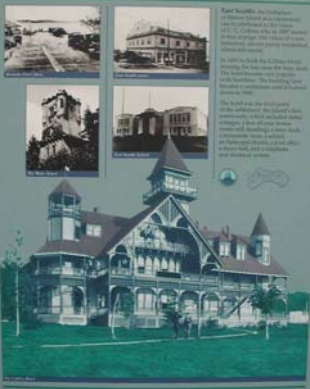
The mission of the Mercer Island Historical Society is to collect, preserve, research, record, and make available the heritage of Mercer Island.

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Spring 2002 Newsletter

Slater Park Marker to be Dedicated

Mercer Island: The Early Days



The newest marker at Slater Park

The newest historical marker on Mercer Island will be dedicated Tuesday, March 26, 2002 at Slater Park, located at 60th Avenue SE and SE 28th ST.

All members of the Historical Society and the general public are invited. The ceremony will commence at 11:30 a.m. and will be followed by gathering with friends.

The program will include Rich Conrad—Mercer Island City Manager, Pete Mayer—Director of Parks & Recreation, Leon Leeds—Chairman of the King County Landmarks and Heritage Commission, Bill Lightfoot— descendant of Mercer Island pioneer family, and others. We hope to see you there!

Contact Us

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Announcements

Community Service?

Are you interested in helping the Mercer Island Historical Society? We have many projects for anyone looking to do community service. Please contact us by email or phone (shown above) if you are interested in helping.

Our Thanks!

We want to acknowledge the help we receive from the Mercer Island Reporter in keeping the public informed of our meetings and progress of our organization.

Can you write?

Are you interested in writing some articles for our website? We have so many stories to tell, but they need to be written!

All Fired Up!

Even prior to our nation's tragic events, the Mercer Island Historical Society had planned to honor the Island's firefighters. The showcase just inside the main entrance to the Mercer Island City Hall exhibits and honors our firefighters on Mercer Island. Stop by and see this exhibit at 9611 SE 36th Street. Thanks to Phil Flash and Battalion Chief Chris Tubbs for compiling and arranging this exhibit! We've also updated our website to include more information about the first years of firefighting on Mercer Island. Visit our site at www.mihistory.org.

Upcoming Meetings

March 18, 2002:

Ruth Fricke, one of our board members will talk about how the first history "*Mercer Island the 1st 100 years*" was written, published, and sold and who received the profits. She'll also tell us about the Bicentennial Park. She will also be asking for any corrections or new information to be added to the history. It's been 25 years since the first publishing of this book.

April 15, 2002:

Chris Tubbs, Battalion Chief from the Dept of Public Safety Fire Division will speak about the history and operation of the Mercer Island Fire Department.

May 20, 2002:

Come to our annual "Show & Tell" meeting to tell your favorite story of the history of Mercer Island.

Our meetings are located at the Community Center, 8236 SE 24th ST and begin at 1:00 p.m.



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The Historical Society Committee's

We are looking for volunteers to help on these committee's.
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** - Research historic places on Mercer Island, solicit funds to pay for historic markers, then place 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 Renewal

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

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 by September 1, 2002 if you haven't paid them already. We need your support!

Meet the Board



The Board of Directors pictured from the left: Adele Byrd, Sam Lake, Phil Flash, Walt Rodgers, Delores Erchinger, Ed Maloof, Barbara Ford, Kisi Goode, Dave Harris, Joe Joseph, and Ruth Fricke. Not pictured: Bud Liebes and Pam Smith.