



# 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 2014 Newsletter

## Robert Earl

Former Manager  
Renton Airport Air Traffic Control

### History of Renton Airport

**Monday, September 15th, 1PM**

Bob is going to give us an informal history of Renton Airport (the nearest airport to Mercer Island) and the Renton Air Traffic Control Tower. He will include a discussion of aviation activity on and around the airport - think The Boeing Co., and the airport's value to Renton and the surrounding area.

Wiley Post and Will Rogers stopped at the Renton Airport. It was the first stop on a round the world pleasure trip. They left Renton, heading for Juneau, Alaska. After spending time in Canada they landed to ask local people directions to Pt. Barrow. As they took off their plane faltered and went down. Both men died. There is a monument to both men at the airport

Renton Airport is also known as Clayton Scott Field. Mr. Scott was a long-time Mercer Island resident and aviation pioneer.

## Rep. Judy Clibborn

Washington State Legislature  
41st District

### Olympia Update

**Monday, October 20th, 1PM**

Rep. Judy Clibborn was elected to the Washington State Legislature House of Representatives in 2002. She has been Chair of the House Committee on Transportation for six years. She also serves on the Health Care & Wellness Committee.

As Chair of the House Transportation Committee she deals not only with highways, the downtown Seattle tunnel, tolling on 520, but also the ferry system.

Rep. Clibborn was elected to the State Legislature after 12 years on the City Council including two terms as Mayor. Among her many accomplishments, as mayor, she was responsible for getting the first skateboard park in the area built at Mercerdale Park. She was also Executive Director of the M.I. Chamber of Commerce for three years.

She and her husband Bruce have lived on Mercer Island for over 40 years. They have three children and four grandchildren.

## Noel Treat

City Manager  
Mercer Island

### Mercer Island—Looking Ahead

**Monday, November 17th, 1 PM**

What's in the future for Mercer Island? Sound Transit and light rail will be coming soon. A new school is being built. The Town Center is becoming more vibrant every day. It is a regional leader in sustainability efforts including the plastic bag ban and the current project to increase the number of homes and businesses using solar power. What else is in the future?

Noel Treat is the City Manager for Mercer Island. He was appointed to the position in November of 2013 after serving as Deputy City Manager.

Prior to joining Mercer Island, Noel's career included serving as Deputy Superintendent for Seattle Public Schools and Chief of Staff for the King County Executive.

Noel received his law degree from the University of Arizona and has also served as a city and county attorney.

### Location Of All Programs:

Mercer Island  
Community & Events Center  
8236 SE 24th Street  
Mercer Island, WA

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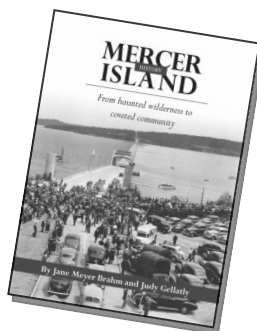


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*“A mere compilation of facts presents only the skeleton of History; we do but little for her if we cannot invest her with life, clothe her in the habiliments of her day, and enable her to call forth the sympathies of succeeding generations.”*

*- Hannah Farnham Lee, Historian*



**President's Message:**

Join us September 15th for a celebration!

We are honoring three long-time MIHS Board Members for their years of service; Phil Flash, Virginia Anderson and Kisi Goode at our General Meeting Sept. 15, 2014 at 1 P.M. at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center.

Kisi Goode is retiring from our board after many years as arrangements chairman. Most famous for her delicious home-made brownies offered at general meetings she has served since the 1980s. We will miss her good-natured company and special treats.

Virginia Anderson served 12 years on our board. Her long-term memory has been a strong guide for us in preparing our latest history book. She served many years as recording and corresponding secretary. Thank you, Virginia.

A special dedication of a memorial bench honoring our long-time President Phil Flash will take place immediately after our speaker's presentation. We are also celebrating Phil's 96th birthday that week! Balloons, cake and lots of picture taking are in order. Maybe a speech or two. See you there.

Susan Blake, Co-President

**All Meetings Held At:**

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Community & Event Center  
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