



The Homesteader

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February — March 2020

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT BRIGHTWATER CENTER

*"Lake Washington Belt Line in
Kirkland" by Kent Sullivan & Matt
McCauley*

Saturday, Feb. 15, 10:00—11:30 am

*"The Railroad Changed Everything,"
by Northwest Railway Museum*

Saturday, Mar. 21, 10:00—11:30 am

*Annual Membership Meeting /
"Upscale Retailers in World War I & II
Wartime," by Linda Carlson*

Saturday, Apr. 18, 10:00—11:30 am

WOODINVILLE HERITAGE MUSEUM

OPEN: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

First Sunday of each month

◆ **February 2**

◆ **March 1**

◆ **April 5**

BOARD MEETINGS

(OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS)

◆ **Thursday, February 13, 6:30pm**
Regular meeting at museum

◆ **Thursday, March 12, 6:30pm**
Regular meeting at museum

◆ **Thursday, April 9, 6:30pm**
Regular meeting at museum

February & March WHS Community Programs

Please join us for our next two Community Programs, February 15th and March 21st, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am at the Brightwater Education Center, located on Highway 9, just north of Costco. All of our Community Programs are FREE and open to the public.

Saturday, February 15th, 10:00 – 11:30 am.

**"Lake Washington Belt Line in Kirkland"
by Kent Sullivan & Matt McCauley**

Much like I-405 today, the Lake Washington Belt Line provided Northern Pacific rail traffic a way to bypass downtown Seattle congestion. As far back as March, 1889 there was talk among NP officials about building the line, which was finally completed in mid-1905. At that time, there was little commercial activity along the eastern shore of Lake Washington north of Renton. In the span of a few short years, however, many businesses began shipping and receiving goods from multiple areas of Kirkland. Many rail-oriented businesses continued to call Kirkland home well into the 1970s and '80s.

In this talk, Matt McCauley and Kent Sullivan will describe the history of the roughly 7 miles of the line within the borders of modern-day Kirkland and tell stories about some of the more noteworthy businesses and the people behind them.



Kent Sullivan



Matt McCauley

Saturday, March 21st, 10:00 – 11:30 am

"The Railroad Changed Everything," by Northwest Railway Museum



Cedar Falls Depot circa 1915.
Northwest Railway Museum

Prior to the completion of transcontinental railroads (1869 and later), settlers spent four to eight months coming west along the Oregon Trail. Once railroads were a viable option for even the countries' poorest, immigration and migration into the West was intense and immediate. Within a generation the Pacific Northwest was populated by thriving communities of settlers.

In this program join us to discover why the rail system was taken through Snoqualmie Pass, the challenges and peril that early locomotive traffic and crew frequently faced, and the impacts of bringing the rails into our pioneering towns and neighborhoods.

President's Message: We Need Your Help! by Rick Chatterton, Heritage Society President

It is hard to believe that membership dues are once again due at the end of February.

Along with this year's dues, we are asking for your help to cover the costs of some very important and necessary upgrades to the museum. The electrical system in the museum's attic, which is 89 years old, is the original knob-and-tube wiring. This type of wiring could potentially cause a devastating fire which is making it difficult for us to obtain affordable insurance. In addition, the attic insulation needs upgrading. The Board has decided to upgrade both the wiring and insulation. These upgrades will lower our insurance premiums and annual



heating costs.

The estimated cost for this important project is \$12,664. We had hoped grant funding would cover a portion of the costs but our latest application was denied. Now, we

are seeking your help to lower our annual expenses and prevent a potential disaster to your Woodinville Heritage Museum.

All of our members will receive a contribution form and pre-addressed return envelope in the mail. Please consider a contribution to help with these necessary upgrades. An addition of \$10, \$25 or more will help us reach the goal. And, for our members who renew their membership annually, please remember to return your renewal/contribution form before February 29.

On behalf of the Board, I sincerely thank you for your continued support and generosity.

The Story of 4Culture

Over the years the Homesteader has reported on grants the Woodinville Heritage Society has received from 4Culture to help carry out the Society's mission.



Realizing many Homesteader readers may not know about 4Culture, we want to tell the 4Culture story.

In the 1990's, King County established the Office of Cultural Resources to consolidate staff and support

programs for the King County Arts Commission, Public Art Commission and Landmarks & Heritage Commission. The purpose of the OCR was management of efforts to designate and protect historic landmarks, and the purchase and maintenance of public artworks through grants funded by the county's 2% lodging tax.

In 1987, the Washington State Legislature passed a law allowing a King County lodging tax to be used to pay off the debt from building the Kingdome. The law provided that between 1992 and 2013 any revenues above what was required to pay the Kingdome debt would be used to help fund King County's arts and heritage programs.

In 2001, the county faced deep budget cuts as a result of the post 9-11 recession. Looking for a way to continue to fund heritage and art projects in King County, a

Public Development Authority (PDA) was proposed by the Office of Cultural Resources staff. Creating the PDA would allow additional revenue sources, including grants, and earned income through consulting services not available to a government agency. In September 2002, the County Council formed the Cultural Development Authority of King County effective January 1, 2003. Governed by a 15-member board nominated by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council, the new authority took the name of 4Culture, representing its four focus areas of heritage, public art, historic preservation, and the arts.

Knowing that revenue 4Culture had received for funding projects in the county would end in 2013, dedicated cultural advocates lobbied the state legislature for years to permanently provide a revenue source for 4Culture. In 2011, the legislature passed ESSB 5834 that allows a county to levy a 2% lodging tax and provides that 37.5% of the lodging tax collected in King County be dedicated indefinitely to art museums, cultural museums, heritage museums, the arts, and performing arts. This action finally ended uncertainty regarding funding of cultural programs in King County.



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Since 1995, the Woodinville Heritage Society has received grants totaling \$62,459. These grants have helped fund projects such as newspaper digitization, painting of the heritage museum, a new furnace, new lighting in the museum, and sustaining support that is used to pay basic operational expenses such as phone, gas and electric bills.

In 2018, 4Culture granted 9.8 million dollars to various arts and heritage organizations. This has had a positive impact on the cultural organizations in King County. The Woodinville Heritage Society is extremely grateful for the support it receives from 4Culture because, without these grants, it would be difficult to complete the work we do to acquire, preserve and perpetuate the artifacts and history of the greater Woodinville area.

A Look Back in History

Daily Pacific Tribune, December 27, 1876

[The Daily Pacific Tribune was a weekly newspaper out of Olympia. It began in 1861 as the first newspaper in the Puget Sound area. Early settlers set out to improve the navigation and commerce of the Squak Slough, now known as the Sammamish River. Thanks to Kent Sullivan for providing this article.]

The Squak. — From Capt. Jensen, of the steamer Minnie May, on Lake Washington, we learn that his attempt to navigate the Squak Slough was a failure, owing to obstructions in and across it that will first have to be removed. Their removal, he is sanguine, will be accomplished next summer, as it is a vital step to the farmers of that region, who, combining in the effort, have subscribed two thousand dollars in money and labor to accomplish it. Its water is deep, and it will then be navigable all the year around for any steamer of eighty feet or less in length, the quick bends and narrow width of the slough only interfering with its navigation by boats of double or treble that length. This done, there will be an unbroken water way, through the finest description of timber and agricultural lands, of forty-five miles in length, arriving to within three miles of Seattle, or, if continued down Lake Washington and Black and Duwamish rivers, seventy miles to the wharves in our harbor. Considerable improvement is going on in that section, including the building of a new sawmill on the east side of Lake Washington, much logging, increasing coal operations, and the settlement of many agriculturists on the choice lands east of the Lake. The Snoqualmie people are looking for their way to Seattle over Squak route, and the cutting of at least two roads with that intent will be accomplished next year.



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Welcome to Woodinville...er, Bothell

From our archives! The following article first appeared in *The Bothell Citizen*, March 27, 1985. This, and other interesting articles, can be found in *Small Town Papers*. The Woodinville Heritage Society, Bothell Historical Society and Kenmore Heritage Society have had nearly a half century of *The Bothell Sentinel*, *Bothell Citizen* and *Northshore Citizen* digitized for public research. We invite you to visit whs.stparchive.com to discover more of our region's rich heritage.

There truly will be some comment made tomorrow night at a Bothell environmental hearing on the proposed annexation of the Truly property and points east.

Residents of Woodinville are plenty steamed that the annexation reaches a finger out east of Bothell designed to follow the SR 522 right-of-way as far as 132nd Ave. NE and square up the city's boundaries.

As proposed the planned annexation would put the "Welcome to Woodinville" sign and attractive planting area within the city limits of Bothell.

Would the sign read "Welcome to Woodinville and Bothell"?

Or "You Used to Be In Woodinville But Now You Are In Bothell"?

Or "Check one: Welcome to (A) Woodinville (B) Bothell"?

Surely someone didn't foresee the impact this pencil pushing would have on the city's neighbors in Woodinville. And just as surely some residents of Woodinville will be at the hearing to point out the error of the proposed state highway right-of-way annexation.

Among those most curious about the Bothell annexation are members of the Woodinville Association of downtown property owners as well as a Woodinville Chamber of Commerce task force studying the possibility of forming the City of Woodinville. Thursday's proceedings primarily will deal with the proposed Truly shopping center development and was called by city director of community development Dan Taylor. He'll have a few spectators in the hearing crowds asking questions about Bothell's expansion plans farther to the east.

"Welcome to Woodinville" does not mean welcome to the Woodinville sign.

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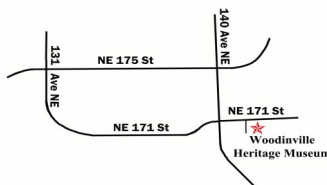


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Our *vision* is to be viewed as an essential partner in the fabric of our community.