



## Issaquah History Attracts Business!

September 17, 2009

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Dear «CONTACT»:

Did you know that guest books at the Issaquah History Museums—Gilman Town Hall and the Issaquah Depot—show that nearly 7,000 people from Seattle and western Washington visited last year? Another 385 people took one or more of Issaquah History Museums' history hikes, and 902 others attended a public program or a special event, such as Heritage Day or the Hometown Issaquah Reunion.

History draws people to Issaquah, and those people visit local businesses while they're here. History is good for business!

That's why we're reaching out to community members like you to ask for your support. Your donation will help the Issaquah History Museum's three paid staff members organize the activities of 85 volunteers. Our staff and volunteers make sure that the museums are open and accessible to the public, answer visitors' questions, offer tours and lectures, ensure that historical facilities remain clean and repaired, plan programs, make classroom presentations, conduct research, archive records, and promote and preserve the history of our town.

Your donation will also help us:

- Repair and restore our vintage caboose.
- Give the Depot a badly needed coat of paint
- Get our trolley car back on the track and running

Enclosed is a thumbnail sketch of Issaquah's past. The "Did You Know?" insert will remind you of Issaquah's fascinating history. As a local businessperson, you can help us preserve that history—or even make history—by participating in our 2009-2010 "Businesses Making History in Issaquah" campaign.

Please give what you can to help make sure Issaquah's history continues to be one of the reasons visitors come here. You can use the enclosed donation card or visit us at our website: [www.issaquahhistory.org](http://www.issaquahhistory.org). We are also available to answer your questions at [info@issaquahhistory.org](mailto:info@issaquahhistory.org).

Sincerely,

Erica Maniez  
Director  
Issaquah History Museums

Mary Scott  
President of the Board  
Issaquah Historical Society

P.S. In appreciation of your donation, we will not only provide you with a gift reflecting Issaquah's history, but we will be inviting you to a special "thank you event."

### Did you know that ....

- Issaquah's first name was *ishquob*? Given by Native American inhabitants, the word means "the sound of water birds" in Lushootseed.
  - Issaquah incorporated in 1892, making it the oldest city on King County's east side? Coal from Issaquah mines was once shipped as far away as San Francisco?
  - From the late 1910s to 1934, Issaquah hosted a rodeo that took place on Memorial Field?
  - Issaquah was home to a semi-professional football team, the Issaquah Alpines? The Alpines dominated regional semi-pro football, winning seven championships between 1933 and 1941.
  - That Issaquah's Sky Sports Club hosted the 1963 World Skydiving Championship?
  - That hijacker D. B. Cooper's parachutes were supplied by the same Sky Sports Club in 1971?
  - The Issaquah Triple XXX is one of only two Triple XXX drive-ins still operating anywhere?
  - Issaquah's Lake Sammamish State Park was one of the locations selected by serial killer Ted Bundy to nab victims?
- You can see, hear and experience much more of Issaquah's past by visiting one of Issaquah's two museums, the Gilman Town Hall and the Issaquah Depot.

**Yes!** I want to help the Issaquah History Museums meet the challenges of the coming year!

\$1,000    \$750    \$500    \$250    \$100    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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In appreciation of your support, you'll receive a gift for the following giving levels:

- \$100 Images of America: Issaquah, Washington
- \$250 Copy of print "Evening at the Depot"
- \$500 Issaquah's Oral History Project Video (not available for purchase!)
- \$750 Issaquah Afghan
- \$1,000 Issaquah History Mini-Library; includes copies of:
  - Images of America: Issaquah, WA, by the Issaquah History Museums
  - Squak Valley, by Bessie Wilson Craine
  - The Past at Present, by Edwards and Harriet Fish
  - Preserving the Stories of Issaquah, by the Issaquah History Museums