

It's fun to live on the hill! Milton and Edgewood have it going on! Not only with great weather, but great community events.

We started the weekend off with the **Garden Symphony Tour**, and Milton's Community Park (aka Triangle Park) was ready to receive all its guests. Our new bathrooms we're open and functioning and the Fuchsia Society had their garden in tip-top shape. I had a chance to meet a lot of the members of the fuchsia society and learn a lot about their plants. When I think of fuchsias, I just think of hanging baskets, but they're actually so much more. Of course I came home with two for my own garden! They will be selling fuchsias at Milton Days so keep that in the back of your mind. There were so many beautiful gardens and vendors on the tour; I wish I had time to see them all! I hope you did, and I hope we do this again!



Next we all ran over to the **Edgewood Picnic** for opening ceremonies. The Edgewood Picnic has grown into a wonderful event. It's completely put on by volunteers and truly a community effort. Kendra Dixon was everywhere, and I recognized a lot of the other volunteers as well – the lines between Edgewood and Milton continue to get more and more blurred. We had a chance to enjoy several performances. I loved seeing the little kids performing, and what I enjoyed the most was hearing Otha Adams singing the national anthem – Otha is pictured here with Edgewood Mayor Daryl Eidinger.

I hope everyone had a chance to stop by the **911 Memorial** fundraising booth; if not, they will also be at Milton Days. The committee has worked very hard to secure the award of an artifact from one of the World Trade Center towers for a 911 Memorial. They have been awarded a piece of steel from a window section very close to the impact zone of the second tower. It is 36 feet long and 8 feet wide. Being awarded the piece was the first step – now transporting it is the second step. The 911 Memorial will be located in Milton Community Park, and it will reflect the efforts of Fife, Milton, and Edgewood citizens working together. At a recent Milton City Council meeting, the city's Wellness Committee representative Kathy Horton presented the VFW's Jack Chandler with a donation check for over \$1,000 (see photo) – funds were raised by the first annual Milton Memorial Mile, held on Memorial Day. If you're not familiar with this project yet, give Jack Chandler a call, or any of the VFW members; they would welcome your involvement.



After this busy morning, it was time to head over to **Heather Hills** for a very relaxing barbecue with all our friends there. The food was great and the conversation was better! Heather Hills,

thank you so much for inviting me.

The weather has been hot! I have seen a lot of **activity in the park** and a lot of creative ideas on how to stay cool. I can't say enough about how pleased I am the park looks so good. If you see Public Works employees on the side of the road working in this heat, give them a big thank you. They have been working very hard getting everything ready for this summer's events. The office staff has also had their hands full. The Comprehensive Plan is completed, finances are up to date, all while trying to coordinate around events, vacations, and extremely hot summer days.

Milton Days is right around the corner on August 15th and 16th. Our very own Event Committee has been very busy putting things together. We have had many businesses step up with donations both for the raffle as well as sponsoring venues. Again, this is another beautiful example of community.



Remember to **vote August 4th** – there's a ballot drop box behind Edgewood City Hall. This is an unusual time, so please remind your neighbors and friends to vote.

Please stay safe out there and take time to enjoy summer in the beautiful Pacific NorthWest.

As I started out saying, it's fun on the hill – let's keep it that way.