



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 5648
January 7, 2020
Special Business**

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	2019 Flash Family Inspiration Award	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Recognize the 2019 Flash Family Inspiration award recipient	

DEPARTMENT:	Youth and Family Services
STAFF:	Cynthia Goodwin, Director
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	n/a
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ n/a

SUMMARY

Each year the Youth and Family Services Department awards an Island senior the *Flash Family Inspirational Award* (FFIA). The FFIA was founded in 2009 by Phil Flash, an Island artist and community activist, to honor a Mercer Island senior adult who exemplifies the spirit of good sportsmanship or community leadership and who possesses an optimistic attitude and friendly demeanor while serving as a role model to others.

The award is open to any 55+ senior engaged in an Island activity or sport. Seniors may be nominated for their contributions to a sport or activity for their role(s) in the areas of organizing, actively promoting or participating. Recipients are awarded a gift (to enhance an area of leisure or individual pursuit) and their name is inscribed in the perpetual plaque placed in the Mercer Island Community and Event Center.

This year's 2018 FFIA recipient is Elliot Newman. Elliot exemplifies the spirit of the Flash Family Inspiration Award through his many commitments, over several years, to Mercer Island. His nomination was supported by participants in his weekly Osher round table on current events. Elliot has donated his time and effort to community endeavors with no expectation for recognition, but rather, to contribute to the benefit of the whole community. His leadership and optimism reflect the qualities the Flash Family Inspiration Award seeks to recognize.

RECOMMENDATION

Award is presented by the Mayor to Elliot Newman and he is thanked for his service and commitment to the Mercer Island community.