



VIII.
APPENDIX

March 2011

United States Census

POPULATION¹

REDMOND, WASHINGTON

Year	Population	% Change
1910	450	
1920	438	- 2.7%
1930	460	5.7%
1940	530	15.2%
1950	573	8.1%
1960	1,426	148.9%
1970	11,031	673.6%
1980	23,318	111.4%
1990	35,899	53.5%
2000	45,256	26.4%
2010	54,144	19.6% ²

¹ wikipedia.org. Internet: March 2, 2011.

² redmondpatch.com. Internet: March 3, 2011.

VALUE OF THE DOLLAR¹

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) calculation uses the average CPI for a given calendar year, and has been calculated every year since 1913. This data represent changes in prices of all goods and services purchased for consumption by urban households.

For the current year, the latest monthly index value is used. In 2008, for example, it took \$21.57 to buy what \$1 bought in 1913. Note that in 1920, it cost \$2.02, and declined in 1925 and through the 1930s, illustrating the effect of the Great Depression, when prices slumped, and did not pass \$2 again until 1950.

Year	Amount it took to equal \$1 in 1913
1913	\$1.00
1920	2.02
1925	1.77
1930	1.69
1935	1.38
1940	1.41
1945	\$1.82
1950	2.43
1955	2.71
1960	2.99
1965	3.18
1970	3.92
1975	\$5.43
1980	8.32
1985	10.87
1990	13.20
1995	15.39
2000	\$17.39
2001	17.89
2002	18.17
2003	18.59
2004	19.08
2005	\$19.73
2006	20.18
2007	20.94
2008	21.57
2009	21.48 ²
2010	21.82

¹ infoplease.com. Internet: March 2, 2011.

² US Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Internet: March 17, 2011.

THE EAST SIDE JOURNAL REPORTS ON LIBRARY LOCATIONS

October 13, 1927: 3

LIBRARY TO BE OPEN SATURDAY, OCT. 29; PROGRAM

**Nokomis Club Definitely Decides To
Open New Library Saturday, Oct.
29; Opening To Be Formal One
With Program, Is Present Plan**

At the last regular meeting of the Nokomis Club at the home of Mrs. A. N. Brown on last Friday it was definitely decided that the new public library, sponsored and made possible by the Nokomis Club, should be opened Saturday, October 29th. The opening will be a formal one and the program for that particular day was placed in the hands of Mrs. William Forrester. Mrs. Evelyn Perrigo gave out some very valuable instructions on the handling and caring for the library and its books. It was also decided that the library should be open four times a week, the exact days to be announced later.

The meeting with Mrs. Brown was a very pleasant one. A luncheon was served, followed by a very interesting talk on her trip to Alaska by Mrs. Lizzie A. Walker. Mrs. W. E. Sikes of Novelty, asked to have her name added to the roll call. Mrs. Sikes was a charter member of the Nokomis Club when it first originated in 1909. The names of Mrs. D. Lombard, Mrs. Grace Carpenter, Mrs. Sam Bartow and Mrs. Mable P. Johnson were also added to the roll.

Mrs. A. Ottini, chairman of the play committee, reported that the play, "A Hot Day" had been chosen by the committee, and that the same would be presented in the early part of November. The next meeting of Nokomis Club was set for Friday, October 28 at the home of Mrs. M. H. Tingelstal of North Bend.

September 5, 1929: 3

LIBRARY HAS MOVING DAY

Sunday was moving day for the Redmond Public Library. Several club members, assisted by their husbands and others, made short work of the moving of all books and other furnishings. The library is now located in the large room next to Dr. Sherwood's office, in the Grand Central Hotel Building. On and after September 3rd, the library hours will be as follows: Tuesday and Thursday evenings 7 to 8:30; Wednesday from 12:00 to 4 P. M., and Saturday afternoon from 2 to 4 P. M. The library board are happy to announce the purchase of several new books.

Among them are the Pulitzer Prize Novel, "Scarlet Sister Mary" by Julia Peterkin, which portrays the life of the Gullah negroes in the Great Blue Brook Plantation. It is a story full of the earth's richness and the sun's warmth. "The women of the family" by Margaret Culkin Banning, an understanding novel of the vital problems of love and marriage. This book has two great appeals—it is a story of deep and emotional power and it is written out of a genuine understanding of men and women. "The Rat" by Phyllis Bottome is a great fascinating story of romance of the Parisian underworld. "Mystery Reef" by Harold Bindloss is a tale filled with swift moving adventure and high courage in a wild setting with the beauty of tropical seas and mystery of soft tropical nights. "Swedey" by Ethel Hueston, author of the Prudence Books, is considered the best and most assured novel written by Mrs. Hueston.

February 23, 1933

Its Moving Day at Redmond Library

Moving day for the Redmond public library is all set for next Sunday. On that day the books will be moved into their new home and the Nokomis club is hopeful that all will be in readiness so that their new home may be open to the public and to users of the library by March 1. The plan has been worked out whereby the move may be made without closing the library at any time.

The old home of the library has been rented by the town council and hereafter the meeting of the city dads will be held in that building.

March 2, 1933

Library Now in its New Quarters

Sunday was moving day for the Redmond public library. The hundreds and hundreds of books gathered together thru the efforts of the Nokomis club, sponsors of the library, were moved with efficiency and speed to their new home, where the new library is now open to the public. [L]

The committee which was responsible for the moving of the library feels deeply indebted to those who assisted and takes this opportunity of expressing its appreciation.

Nokomis club invites everyone to visit its new building, to make use of its library and to use its slogan "The Library is Yours—Use It!"

The new library is a bright and cheery home with its attractive walls, its colorful drapes, and its world of shelf space which spells "no more crowded books."

Library hours will be the same as always: Tuesday and Thursday evenings from seven to eight-thirty; Wednesdays from eleven-thirty a. m. to four p. m.; and Saturday afternoons from two to four.

The library board is now looking forward to the purchase of several new books in the near future.

TIMELINE: REDMOND, WASHINGTON HISTORY

- 1900** Population is 271
Horse teams replace the oxen teams to haul logs over skids (Way 52)
- 1901** Lake Sammamish Shingle Company is established in Monahan
Norwegian Lutheran Church opens (Way 89)
Westby Dry Goods retail store opens (Way 83)
Yellowstone Trail, major cross-country road connecting the Cascades, Wyoming, and Montana, is constructed on 196th Ave NE between Union Hill Road and 55th Place NE
- 1902** Union High School establishes
- 1903** The first community center is built at 7979 Leary Way, and is the town social gathering place (Way 93)
- 1904** James W. Clise buys 78 acres from Adam Tosh along the slough, and Willowmoor farm estate develops with Clise eventually owning 350 acres (Way 71)
- 1905** Campbell's Mill opens in Campton (Way 53)
Clise builds an authentic Dutch windmill on his farm at Willowmoor (Hardy Timeline I 6)
- 1906** Trimble Mill on Union Hill is first to use double drum engine and the second to use the steam donkey engine (Hardy Timeline I 6)
The Methodist church completes construction of a new church near the corner of Redmond Way and 164th Street NE (Way 89)
Henry A. Templeton is appointed postmaster (Hardy Timeline I 6)
- 11/1 William E and Jennie Sikes lay out a second addition to the original township Luke McRedmond created (Hardy Timeline I 7)
- 1907** Redmond Trading Company owned by William Howell, Fred Reil, and brothers, Charley and Hayes Huffman, is the town's largest business which is located in a large brick building in the first block north of the railroad tracks on the west side of Leary Way at 7805. The trading company serves as the stage stop and post office until 1915. (Way 80-81)
Frederick A Reil is appointed Redmond postmaster (Hardy Timeline I 7)
Lena and Anthony Ottini settle, and initially rent the McRedmond homestead where they establish a dairy farm (Way 116)
- 1908** A two-story, four-room school built in Anderson Park. Although the school did not have indoor plumbing, it did have a small gym (Way 88)
Classes are held in Willows School until 1918
First horse stage from Redmond to Kirkland
- 1909** Redmond Lumber Company begins operations, and Ohio Mill on the Yellowstone Trail also begins business about same time (Way 55)
Passenger train service is available for arrivals and departures
Nokomis Club founded at the home of Jennie Williams with six women in attendance (Nokomis Archives)
- 10/1 Happy Valley Grange organizes and builds grange hall in 1910 (RReporter)
Episcopal Church meets near the Christian Science Church (Way 89)
Redmond contributes a cedar log exhibit to the Alaskan Yukon Pacific Exhibition in Seattle (Hardy Timeline I 7)
- 9/22 William and Matilda Perrigo file an addition to the township, and name it Perrigo's Plat of Redmond. It is the first residential area of Redmond (Hardy Timeline I 7)
- 1910** US census records population as 450 citizens (wikipedia)
Ole Skjarstad, boot shop repair owner, brings the first automobile to Redmond (Hardy Timeline I)
Bill Brown's Saloon opens in a two-story brick building on the southeast corner of Leary Way and Cleveland Street. The saloon becomes a pharmacy in 1919 (Way 83, 91)
Grand Central Hotel rebuilds after the previous building, Walther Hotel, burns down (Way 85)

- Lake Washington Reflector, published by Eugene LeHequet, begins publication
(Hardy Timeline I 11)
- 7- “Eastside Journal” begins publication in Kirkland. East Side is originally spelled as two words (Hardy Timeline I 11)
- 1919** Mill workdays are reduced from 10 to 8 hours as a result of union bargaining (Way 94)
North Bend Stage begins business, and is run by Emil and Myrtle Oslund Arneson
(Hardy Timeline I 11)
Lou C. Brown leases the “Redmond Hall”, opens the Dream Theater, and shows the first
moving picture, “The Girl From Outside” (Hardy Timeline I 11)
- 1920** Official US census indicates Redmond population is 438 (Wikipedia)
School bus service begins as outlying schools in Union Hill, Happy Valley, and Inglewood
decide to consolidate (Way 103)
First gas station opens (Hardy Timeline I 11)
Norman’s Saloon interior is axed and trashed late at night. Although theories abound, no one
is charged for the crime (Hardy Timeline I 11)
- 1921** School bus service extends to Avondale (Way 103)
Clise sells Willowmoor to John E. Bratnober, who changes the name to Northwood
(Hardy 60)
- 1922** Red brick school with 12-rooms, gymnasium and auditorium built on NE 80th Street
opens. The grade school occupies the first floor, and high schoolers meet on the second
floor. Shop and home economics classes are held at Anderson Park (Way 102)
Aries Gardens begins farming in the Sammamish Valley along Willows Road, and grows
carrots, lettuce, potatoes, and cauliflower. The farm, as of 2011, is the site of the
Willows Run Golf Course (Way 121)
King County builds workshops south of the railroad tracks, west of Leary Way. The shops
are used as a base for area road work, and are demolished in 2002 (Hardy Timeline I 12)
Weidemann’s begin chicken farm on Red Brick Road (Way 118)
- 1923** A six-room addition is added to the red brick school (Way 102)
- 6- The first graduation ceremonies are held at the red brick school (Hardy Timeline I 12)
- 5/23 Redmond Oddfellow Lodge No. 325 is founded (Hardy Timeline I 12)
- 1924** Siler’s Logging Mill starts business
The Campbell Mill, a major employer, burns down (Way 95)
- 12/29 Redmond Sportsmen’s Association forms with Robert Hemphill, President; Frank Seidel,
Vice-president; and George Julian, Secretary-Treasurer
John Theodore “Red” Sunblad serves as town Marshal until 1949 (Way 146)
- 1925** Construction begins on Fall City-Redmond Road (Hardy 50)
Fire destroys Bratnober Company Mill, and the company town at Monohon
(Hardy Timeline I 13)
- 1926** The United Methodist Church is moved to its current location on NE 80th Street (Hardy 62)
First quarter section purchase of the watershed property is made by Town Council (Hardy 95)
First improvement district approved by voters (Hardy Timeline I 13)
Old school buildings in Anderson Park headquarter the Consolidated Grange Fair
(Hardy Timeline I 13)
- 1927** Mayor Bill Brown expedites the reconstruction and paving of West Lake
Sammamish Parkway to Issaquah. He purchases a tract of land made
accessible by the parkway that he develops into Rosemont and Rosemont Beach
(Way 108, 99)
- 10/29 Nokomis opens Library in a small two-room building owned by Herman Reed located
on the west side of Leary Way north of the Redmond Trading Company
Town Council relocates meetings to Allen’s Drugs on the southwest corner of Cleveland
and Gilman (Hardy 11)
Dunkel’s develop a pig farm on 140th Ave NE and Old Redmond Road (Way 118)
- 1928** Telephones installed in town

- Redmond City (Town) Park, the first city park, is created from property acquired from School District #200 and Ezra Sikes (Way 159)
- Redmond Sportsmen's Association incorporates with the goal "to foster the preservation, perpetuation, protection and propagation of fish and game of all kinds and to acquire the same by purchase or otherwise, for sportsmen and all other legal purposes." The group locates the clubhouse east of Redmond off of Redmond-Fall City Highway on 120 acres donated by the Campbell Lumber Company. (Hardy 80, 91)
- 1929** 9/29 Library relocates to the large room in the Grand Central Hotel on the northeast corner of Leary Way and Cleveland Street
- 1930** US Census records population as 460 (Wikipedia)
- 1931** The Library in the Grand Central Hotel becomes the site of the Town Council meetings (Hardy 11)
- Emma McRedmond White fails to make mortgage payments on the Luke McRedmond homestead, and the bank forecloses. (Way 67)
- 1932** Seven men band together to fight fires, and the next year buy a 1,000 gallon tanker (Hardy 25)
- The Redmond Hotel closes as a result of the Depression, and Emma McRedmond White cannot pay the mortgage consequently the bank forecloses on the property. (Way 67)
- 1933** 2/12 Nokomis opens Library on NE 80th Street in a building specifically built to house the Library. The building also serves as site of Town Council meetings (Hardy 11)
- First troop of Girls Scouts meets (Hardy 80)
- 1935** Clements Gwerder establishes dairy farm on the southwest corner of Redmond-Woodinville Road and NE 124th Street (Way 116)
- 1937** Large addition made to Nokomis building opens in November. Named the "Clubhouse" the space is used for individual rentals, community meetings, dinners for up to 100 persons, and other community events
- 1938** Rusichs begin a mink ranch in area near 208th Ave NE and Union Hill Road (Way 119)
- Hutcheson's sell property to the Farrel McWhirters, who use the site as a summer home.
- 1939** Bike Derby inaugurates race around Lake Sammamish, and sells chances estimating the winning race time. Proceeds pay for downtown Christmas decorations and school athletic equipment (Way 125-6)
- Works Progress Administration builds a large log cabin in Redmond Town Park that is named for Janet Ada (Jennie) Adair Sikes in 1982 to satisfy stipulation of land sale to the town by Ezra Sikes. Jennie Sikes was also a Nokomis charter member. (Hardy 76)
- Official name of the Redmond Community Church becomes Redmond Community Methodist Church. (Way 147)
- Charter is obtained for American Legion Post 161 by Halvor Stensland, who serves as first post commander. (Hardy 42)
- 1940** Redmond's population, according to the US Census, is 530 (Wikipedia)
- The Moffett's establish a pig farm adjacent to the Dunkel's operation at 140th Ave NE and Old Redmond Road (Way 118)
- Interstate 90 floating bridge is completed in July (Way 150)
- 1941** Lookout station to watch for enemy aircraft locates at the Y—Avondale Road and Redmond Way (Way 136)
- Nighttime blackouts severely limit community social life (Way 137)
- Japanese citizens sent to state fairgrounds at Puyallup (Way 139)
- Bratnober sells Northwood (Willowmoor) to Uberto M. Dickey, founder of Darigold.
- Dickey leases the farm to Walter Nettleton, who names the farm Marymoor in honor of his daughter, Mary, who died in an accident at the age of seven. (Hardy 60)
- 1942** Bill Landvatter buys the chicken farm from Otto Wiedmann and raises 8,000 white leghorns (Way 118)
- Lookout tower to watch for enemy aircraft relocates to wooden tower built at Redmond Way

- and Gilman Street (Way 136)
 The Addi-Bon Café, owned by Addie Kindrick, opens and is located on Leary Way in the building now (2011) occupied by El Toreador Mexican Restaurant (Hardy 74)
 Additional land purchases are made to protect water quality in the watershed that increases the acreage to 800 (Hardy 95)
 Bicycle Derby festivities cease temporarily, and resume after World War II
- 1944** Fred Reil's little building houses the Town Hall (Hardy 11)
 Charles Theno with wife, Vivian, begins dairy farming on 65-acres located on the southeast corner of Redmond-Woodinville Road and NE 124th Street (Hardy 58)
 The last remaining Indian long house on Lake Sammamish is deserted (Hardy Timeline I 18)
- 9/12 Redmond, Kirkland, and Juanita school districts consolidate to become the Lake Washington School District. (Way 147)
- 1945** Tommy and Flo Marillo grow strawberries, lettuce, cabbage and broccoli on 19-acres located at the present day site of QFC grocery in Bella Bottega Shopping Mall. (Way 121)
 Chamber of Commerce founded (Way 142)
Young Turks, sons of long-established families and some newcomers, exert pressure for change including incorporation of the Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club, and recruit Bob Bailie and Dr. John Way (Way 141)
 Ottini's sell dairy farm to a developer, but retain their residence, known as The Melrose Inn until 1970
- 1946** 9/ "Sammamish Valley News" publishes first newspaper under Bob Bailie's direction (Way 142)
 Dr. John Way opens medical office in March (Way 142)
 Volunteer fire department forms with 15 charter members, and operates across from T & D Feeds at a two-stall garage located at 164th Ave NE and Cleveland Street. (Way 145)
 American Legion Post 161 purchases lot on the corner of Adair and Jackson Street. (Hardy 42)
 Redmond chicken farmer, Silvio Morelli, was the first in the Seattle area to use electric lights in the hen houses to regulate egg laying (Hardy Timeline I 18)
 Ralph James, Hunts Point resident, buys York Farm on Willows Road from King County, and finds moonshine equipment on the property—a remnant of the era when The County Poor Farm-Lazy Husbands Ranch was located there (Hardy Timeline I 18)
- 1947** 1/2 King County Library System assumes administrative responsibility for the Library, but the Nokomis Club continues to furnish the building and utilities. Mamie Orr is the first full time Librarian (Nokomis Archives)
- 10/13 Lions Club chartered (Way 143)
 Faith Lutheran Church is founded by many of Redmond's pioneer families (Way 147)
 The Cine-Mond Theater, Redmond's first movie theater, operated by Curtis and Louise Dawley opens on Redmond Way (Hardy Timeline I 19)
 The first city Planning Commission is formed although the Department of Planning is not established until 1963 (Hardy Timeline I 19)
 Dudley Carter's carving of "Bird Woman" is the toast of the first Bellevue Arts and Fair (Hardy Timeline I 19)
- 1948** Redmond's dairy farms number 25 at the height of their operations (Way 115)
 KING-TV begins broadcasts of television even though Redmondites have no TV's
 At the Sick Stadium Derby Night, Derby parade participants including Queen Diantha Rees march around the baseball field during the 7th inning stretch interlude (Hardy Timeline I 19)
- 1949** "Seed money" for a city hall and fire station is raised by Mayor Bill Brown through the commission of \$10,300 on the sale of the Redmond Gun Club to a Seattle group (Way 145)
 The first ambulance on the Eastside is purchased for the all-volunteer Fire Department (Hardy Timeline I 19)
 Blueberry bushes are cultivated by John Martinek and Paul Weiser on property that will eventually become the site of the second city hall. The farm is purchased by John and

- Maureen Watson in 1951 (Way 121)
- Tolls are discontinued on the I-90 Bridge, and ferry service on Lake Washington ends
- Redmond resident Alice O’Leary Ralls organizes ceremonies held at the Bridge toll plaza on July 2nd, and festivities include Miss Redmond, Jeanne Mathews, and other Eastside beauties (Hardy Timeline I 20)
- Redmond Chamber of Commerce incorporates
- Redmond Town Park is renamed Albert Anderson Memorial Park to honor the first Park Superintendent (Hardy Timeline I 20)
- Lewis Green, endorsed by the Young Turks and the Sammamish Valley News, is elected Mayor in a hotly contested election against 30-year mayoral incumbent, Bill Brown (Way 145)
- 1950** Redmond population is 573 according to the US Census
- Fifteen mink ranches operate on Union Hill (Way 119)
- Geraldine Kean is the first woman elected to the City Council
- The first City Hall and Fire Station is completed at 16510 NE 79th Street. Much of the construction is accomplished with volunteer labor and donated materials (Way 145)
- Fred Reil’s small building, that served as the *de facto* City Hall—the unofficial City Council Chambers and office of the Mayor and City Clerk—is relocated to Anderson Park where it functions as the public restroom (Hardy Timeline II 1)
- 1951** In the first annexation since the 1912 incorporation, Education Hill nearly triples Redmond’s land area with the addition of 332 acres (Way 145)
- 2/ Silver Sands Rebekah Lodge of Redmond celebrates its 25th anniversary (Hardy Timeline II 1)
- Redmond Shopping Square is built by Hilliker in downtown Redmond on land that was a frog pond and a favorite place to skate in the winter (Hardy Timeline II 1)
- 1952** Mayor Lewis Green resigns to look after his auto business, and Councilman HE “Andy” Shelton is appointed to complete his term
- City Well #1 is drilled in Anderson Park (Hardy Timeline II 1)
- Lake Sammamish fishermen complain a seal is eating all of the fish, but state fisheries agents are unable to catch it, and the seal continues to live in the lake for the next 22 years (Hardy Timeline II 1)
- Eastside Mayors compete in a bicycle race during the Bike Derby. The winner is dunked (Way 130)
- Town Marshal is Russell Thorp (Way 122)
- 1953** HE “Andy” Shelton is elected Mayor
- 1/ The Library moves into the Clubroom of the Nokomis Building, and has a supply 6,000 books available to check out. Hours of operation are also extended (Nokomis Archives)
- 1954** Mayor Shelton resigns, and Gerhardt “Gary” Graep is appointed to complete the term
- Don Connelly starts Cedar Lawns Memorial Park Cemetery on property he owns south of his farm. He acts as both caretaker and gravedigger at the cemetery located at 7200 – 180th Avenue NE (Hardy Timeline II 1)
- Ten residents meet to organize Little League (Hardy Timeline II 2)
- 9/ Rose Hill Elementary School opens
- The first planning and zoning ordinance passes (Way 155)
- 1955** Redmond’s population increases to 792 (Hardy Timeline II 2)
- V & B Grocery Store opens in Redmond’ first modern shopping center in the neighborhood shopping center now (2011) occupied by Value Village (Hardy Timeline II 2)
- 1956** Bob Olney becomes Postmaster following the death of Leo Reed (Hardy Timeline II 2)
- 8/ Street lights are installed in the downtown business district as advocated by the Chamber of Commerce (Hardy Timeline II 2)
- Earl Diller is the City Manager of the newly incorporated Town of East Redmond (Hardy Timeline II 2)
- Lake Sammamish Water Ski Club is founded (Way 111)

- 1957** Nike Missile facility is built in Redmond by the US Army. The control center is located behind Hartman Park, the launch site is on a hill east of Avondale near 95th, and the maintenance shop near Marymoor Park (Hardy Timeline II 2)
- 1/12 Kiwanis Club is founded and receives charter (Hardy Timeline II 2)
- 9/ Emil Stokes organizes a hunting party to track a black bear that has eaten dozens of piglets on his South Siler Road farm. The bear is tracked for nearly five miles in and out of the swamp east of the Old Brick Road. When the bear is finally sighted and killed, it is estimated to be about ten years old, weigh 600 pounds, has no upper teeth, and is missing one toe (Hardy Timeline II 2)
- 1958** 2/26 Street names are replaced with numbers when the Redmond Town Council votes to conform with the King County street numbering system (Hardy Timeline II 3)
- 11/ First canine officer, Dyck, works for the Redmond Police Department (Hardy Timeline II 3)
- Marymoor is sold to Rex Allison, Chairman of the Board of the Bon Marché, and Lawrence Leen, President of the Bon Marché. Despite the fact the farm had been an operating dairy for 53 years, Allison and Leen plan to develop retail and housing on the property (Hardy 60)
- 1959** 1 Dentist Neil Boyd relocates to Redmond from Duvall (Hardy Timeline II 3)
- 5/5 The Redmond Department Store provides fashions for a show held by the Redmond Orthopedic Guild at the Mond Theater (Hardy Timeline II 3)
- 8/15 The US Postal Service leases property and new building from VO McVicker for the new Post Office it dedicates on NE 80th Street (Hardy Timeline II 3)
- 12/14 Redmond Junior High Principal Vernon wins the Distinguished Service Award presented by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. (Hardy Timeline II 3)
- 1960** US Census records Redmond population as 1,426
- A recession in fur industry closes most Redmond mink ranches (Way 120)
- 1961** Redmond's population exceeds 1,500 with a count of 1,539, and makes the city eligible for 3rd class status which is approved by a vote of residents 107 to 8. The change in status allows the city to expand its boundaries to areas--south, east, and north--that are demanding annexation (Hardy Timeline II 3)
- 5/21 A city-wide project to prepare for world's fair visitors is undertaken. Called "Scrub the Hub", a nickname derived from the convergence of seven roads in Redmond, residents paint, prune, and haul trash to clean-up the town. Since the initial turn-out was small, two more
- 7/29- "Scrub the Hub" days are held on July 29 and August 12. These clean-ups had better organization and publicity, and included painting the downtown buildings with colors chosen by a color consultant from San Francisco. Approximately 200 people took part in the two extra clean-ups, and the Nokomis Club served meals to the participants (Nokomis Archives)
- 8/12 United Control, avionics manufacturer and forerunner of Sundstrand Data Control, then Allied Signal, relocates to Overlake Industrial Park in Redmond (Way 163)
- 1962** The 718 acres of Overlake Park is annexed to Redmond (Way 154)
- Robert Sollito becomes police chief, and retains position until 1982 (Way 154)
- King County voters approve a bond issue to purchase Marymoor to ensure the property is retained as a park (Way 75)
- 4/21- Seattle World's Fair, the "Century 21 Exposition" opens with the Space Needle as the signature landmark, and after 10 million people visit the Seattle Center site, the fair closes on October 21
- 10/21 The American Legion Post 161 meets for the first time in its unfinished new hall (Hardy Timeline II 4)
- 1963** The US Army Corps of Engineers dredges and straightens the Sammamish River to prevent flooding. The project shortens the river from 30 miles long to 14 miles long, and is completed in 1964 (Hardy 36)
- 8/ Evergreen Point Floating Bridge opens, and extends SR 520 to 148th Ave NE (Hardy Timeline II 4)

- Jim Whittaker, the first American to climb Mt. Everest, receives a ticker tape parade and is mayor for a day when he returns to Redmond from Nepal (Hardy Timeline II 4)
- 11/ The landmark Lampaert barn burns down (Hardy Timeline II 4)
- 1964** 3-10 Incorporation of East Redmond is dissolved by the ruling of Superior Court Judge James W. Hodson (Way 153)
- 5/ Library relocates to a storefront at 16425 NE 80th Street, the 2011 site of Napa Auto Parts (Nokomis Archive)
- The first baseball games are played at the completed Hartman Park (Hardy Timeline II 4)
- 9/ Redmond High School atop Education Hill on NE 104th Street opens (SVN)
- NE 124th Street, previously the Theno cow path between the hillside barn and lowland grazing, is paved across the Sammamish Valley (Hardy Timeline II 4)
- The 1,060 acre Viewpoint annexation takes place as voters approve the move by a 2 to 1 margin (Way 154)
- Near the Clise Mansion in Marymoor Park, a prehistoric Indian site is discovered that is explored by a team of University of Washington archeologists until 1970. Uncovered is a 5,000-year-old fishing camp used by members of the Sammamish band of the Duwamish Indians, who had several permanent camps along both Lake Sammamish and the Sammamish River. The site is listed in the State and National Register of Historical Places as Marymoor Prehistoric Indian Site (Hardy Timeline II 4)
- 1965** 1/21 Dedication of Redmond High School is held with a ceremony attended by 1,000 (Hardy Timeline II 5)
- Marymoor Museum is founded, and their first artifact is an ox shoe (Hardy Timeline II 5)
- 1966** Barry's Market opens
- The first traffic light at the intersection of Leary Way and Redmond Way is turned on (Hardy Timeline II 5)
- Pedro Anderson and Boyd Kenny request that girls be permitted to play in Redmond Little League (Hardy Timeline II 5)
- 1/ Annexation of Bear Creek is approved by 181 voters (Hardy Timeline II 5)
- 1/6 Postmaster RE Olney resigns, and Robert Plumb take his place (Hardy Timeline II 5)
- 6/3 Redmond High School graduates 170 in the first graduation in 22 years (SVN)
- Bulldozers raze Happy Valley Farms and Pan Alaska crab plant (Hardy Timeline II 5)
- 9/8 Rocket Research, purchased by Olin Defense Systems in 1985, buys York property, and expects to employ 200-400 on site in about 1½ years (SVN)
- 10/27 Marine battalions train on the east bank of Lake Sammamish (SVN)
- 12/ Redmond resident Patrick B Cairns drowns in Lake Sammamish (Hardy Timeline II 5)
- Morsett hunting knives are manufactured in Redmond (SVN)
- 1967** The first lights for night play are installed at Hartman Park (Hardy Timeline II 5)
- 1/8 Cascade Vista Convalescent Center opens on Willows Road, and is owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Barnes (Hardy Timeline II 5)
- 1968** Parks and Recreation Department is formed with John Couch, Director, who is the city's second park director (Hardy Timeline II 5)
- 1/21 Marymoor Museum, housed in the old Clise Mansion, opens in Marymoor Park (Hardy Timeline II 5)
- Selwyn L "Bud" Young is elected Mayor (Hardy Timeline II 5)
- 2/ At Earlmont on Willows Road the four partners and owners of Aries Gardens—Louis Gabarino, John Cerqui, Harry Aries, and Harold Aries—ended their long heritage of farming with the sale of the truck farm property and an auction of the farm machinery (Hardy Timeline II 6)
- 2/26 The City Council refuses to let Planning Director Jonathon Hartman retire. According to the City Employees Retirement System an employee must retire at age 65, unless the City takes action to retain the employee, which it does in this case (Hardy Timeline II 6)
- 6/22 Radical Minutemen members are convicted of conspiring to rob banks by setting off bombs as a diversion in Redmond (Hardy Timeline II 6)

- 1969** King County purchases Gateway Grove, and its neighboring resort, Idylwood Beach
City well #3 is drilled in southwest Redmond off Redmond Way (Hardy Timeline II 6)
- 10/ The City Council authorizes a full-time fire department, and allocates \$94,000 in funds for a chief and four firefighters to be staffed in 1970 (Hardy Timeline II 6)
Morelli's close their chicken farm on 148th Ave NE (Way 118)
- 1970** US census shows population is 11,031
City of Redmond establishes a Library Board of Trustees consisting of five members appointed by the mayor and confirmed by a City Council majority (Hardy Timeline II 6)
The new two-story City Hall with the only elevator in town is dedicated on NE 85th Street. A third story is added in 1977 (Hardy Timeline II 6)
T & D Feeds, owned by Lowell DeYoung, opens for business at 16355 Cleveland Street in the same location recently vacated by Western Farmers Association and the Nordquist feed and milling plant that originally opened in 1914 (Way 119)
- 12/15 The City Council holds its first meeting in the new council chambers (Hardy Timeline II 6)
12/31 Doors and windows of the Redmond train depot are boarded up (Hardy Timeline II 6)
2/11 GROW II is activated, and Dr. Jeffrey Forrey and John Cogan co-chair the group to guide development (SVN)
- 1970s Art students at Redmond Junior High School paint a large mural of local scenes in the entryway of the Cinemond Theater (Hardy Timeline II 7)
Raffles become illegal in the State of Washington which severely impacts organizations in the community and reduces income from the Bike Derby (Way 128)
- 4/26 The first planned development in the city opens at 6001 NE 140th Street (SVN)
- 1971** Elise Farrel-McWhirter dies, and bequeaths property to the City for a park (Hardy Timeline II 7)
The King County Urban Trails Plan identifies the stretch of rail bed between Redmond and Issaquah as a future regional trail link. Due to local opposition and litigation, it will be 2005 before the county obtains a final permit to clear and grade the East Lake Sammamish Trail (Hardy Timeline II 7)
- 2/ The new City Hall is completed near the Sammamish River and 85th Street (Hardy Timeline II 7)
- 3/13 Rotary Club is chartered in Redmond, and is sponsored by the Kirkland Rotarians
7/22 Senators Henry Jackson and Warren Magnuson announce the Department of the Interior has approved a grant of \$10,000 to help preserve the Marymoor Prehistoric Indian site (Hardy Timeline II 7)
7/28 The Forward Thrust swimming pool on NE 104th Street opens officially with county and city officials in attendance (Hardy Timeline II 7)
10/5 The City passes City Resolution #25 to accept the 70-acre parcel of land donated from Elise Farrel-McWhirter who has recently died. The property, originally the Hutcheson Homestead, becomes Farrel-McWhirter Park (Hardy Timeline II 7)
- 1972** Friendly Village, a mobile home park, opens on the east side of Avondale Road
Kwuntung Country, Redmond's first Chinese restaurant opens at 8075 161st Avenue NE
Redmond voters approve a \$300,000 bond issue to build a new library (Hardy Timeline II 7)
- 4/26 A fire at Redmond Junior High caused by light bulbs resting directly against acoustical tile causes \$50,000 in damages (Hardy Timeline II 7)
- 5/ The Redmond Chamber of Commerce purchases the Nokomis Clubhouse and Library at 16210 NE 80th Street (Nokomis Archives)
- 5/27 Police Officer Johnny Brimsby is shot on Novelty Hill Road by a Duvall bank robber in the first shooting of a Redmond officer while on duty (Hardy Timeline II 7)
- 8/ The Redmond Way bridge over the Sammamish River reopens ending a long detour and loss of business for the town (Hardy Timeline II 7)
- 9/6 The Friends of the Redmond Library is created at a joint meeting of the City Council and Redmond Library Board of Trustees. Richard and Helen Johnston are elected the

- group's first co-chairmen (Hardy Timeline II 8)
- 1973** Eddie Bauer moves its headquarters to the Overlake area of Redmond (Way 166)
- 1/23 The lives of three young men from Redmond are claimed in the Viet Nam War: Leonard Wade Roberson (194-1967), Alvin R Hoover III (1946-1968), Glenn Dean Taylor (1941-1968). President Nixon announces the end of the war (Hardy Timeline II 8)
- 8/ Fire destroys Redmond Montessori school buildings (Hardy Timeline II 8)
- Landvatter chicken farm on Union Hill goes out of business (Way 118)
- 1974** Physio Control moves its operations from Seattle to Redmond's Willows Road (Way 167)
- US Army mothballs Nike Missile Sites: the command post on Education Hill and the Missile launch site on Union Hill (Hardy Timeline II 8)
- 4/ An accident at the annual Slough Race on the Sammamish River occurs when a racing boat driven by Willie Shoemaker leaves the water and injures a spectator. Because of the accident, the event lost its insurance coverage, and becomes the last Slough Race (Hardy Timeline II 8)
- 6/20 King County breaks ground for the Velodrome in Marymoor Park. which is built for \$200,000 (Hardy Timeline II 8)
- 7/ Recall charges are filed against Redmond City Councilman Sid Hulo (Hardy Timeline II 8)
- 7/ Seizure of eight pounds of cocaine occurs at O'Brien Water Ski Company (Hardy Timeline II 8)
- 8/ One charge against Sid Hulo is upheld which warrants a recall (Hardy Timeline II 8)
- Charges are brought against Mayor Young (Hardy Timeline II 8)
- 9/23 A minimum of 50 donors are urgently needed for blood donations. The Bloodmobile is at Faith Lutheran Church for collections (Hardy Timeline II 8)
- 1975** 9/12 The seal which has been living in Lake Sammamish since 1952 is captured by the State Department of Wildlife in response to residents who charge the animal with suddenly becoming aggressive. The 25-year-old seal died of a heart attack from sedation before it could be transported to Puget Sound. Six bullets are discovered in its body (Hardy Timeline II 8)
- 9/14 The new Redmond Library is dedicated in a formal ceremony. It is a 13,000 square foot building on the southeast side of City Campus on NE 85th Street. This is the sixth building the library has occupied (Hardy Timeline II 8)
- 1976** Georgia Erskine starts Redmond's Saturday market (Hardy Timeline II 8)
- Christine Himes and Dorothy White Hanscom form the Leary Way Historical Society to create a walking tour brochure (Hardy Timeline II 8)
- City Well #4 is sunk on the city campus, and is de-commissioned in 1986 then rebuilt in 2002 (Hardy Timeline II 9)
- 6/19 The Saturday market is held for the first time in Redmond (Hardy Timeline II 9)
- 1977** Group Health Hospital opens in Overlake (Hardy Timeline II 9)
- Leary Way bridge over the Sammamish River is completed linking SR 520 to Redmond-Fall City Road. The link between the bridge and 148th Ave NE is still missing (Hardy Timeline II 9)
- 1978** US Census Bureau pronounces Redmond the fastest growing city in the state
- Chamber of Commerce erects a sign at the city's west entrance proclaiming Redmond to be the "Bicycle Capital of the World" (Hardy Timeline II 9)
- 1980** US Census says Redmond's population is 23,318
- Christine Himes becomes the city's first full-time mayor and first female mayor (Hardy Timeline II 9)
- Gail Marsh becomes Redmond's first female police officer. Over the next two decades she rises to become the first female detective, sergeant, lieutenant, and commander in the department and earns numerous accolades and awards. As a young officer, at her suggestion, the department creates the first juvenile detective position in 1984 and assigns her to the position. She is instrumental in proposing and launching the

- department's Hostage Negotiations Team, the Redmond Police Citizens Academy, the Redmond Citizen's Community Policing Advisory Board, and the department's volunteer program. She twice leads the department's re-accreditation program for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (Hardy Timeline II 9)
- Truck farmers, Frances and Juan de los Angeles, famous for their delectable lettuce, close their farm (Way 123)
- 5/18 Mount St. Helens erupts at 8:32 Sunday morning, and Redmond neighborhoods empty into the streets. As people look toward the southeast, they witness the massive clouds of smoke and ash
- 1980s Bike Derby races become criterium races with corporate sponsorship (Way 130)
- 1981** 6/6 Redmond Golf Links closes (Hardy Timeline II 9)
- 8/ Redmond resident, Lecia Renaud, is crowned Derby Days queen, and becomes Miss King County East later the same year (Hardy Timeline II 9)
- Helly Hansen, Swedish outdoor gear manufacturer, opens US headquarters in Redmond
- 1982** The large log cabin in Anderson Park is named "Adair House" to honor land donor Janet Ada (Jennie) Adair Sikes (Hardy Timeline II 9)
- A new post office building is completed and opens on NE 85th Street (Hardy Timeline II 9)
- 12//28 Open house is held at City Hall to celebrate Redmond's 70th birthday since incorporation in 1912 (Hardy Timeline II 10)
- 1983** 1/ Marilyn Langlow retires after 10 years as manager of the Redmond Chamber of Commerce (Hardy Timeline II 10)
- 1984** City Well #5 is drilled in a cement bunker behind today's Target store (Hardy Timeline II 10)
- Redmond High School is named 1 of 202 outstanding high schools by the US Department of Education (Hardy Timeline II 10)
- 10/17 Industries located in Redmond include Precor, manufacturer of exercise equipment, Lamson Products, custom machine shop, Ryan Instruments, manufacturer of time-temperature recorders, and Kistler-Morse, manufacturer of strain gauge transducers (SVN)
- 1985** Microsoft Corporation moves its headquarters to Redmond from Bellevue (Hardy Timeline II 10)
- An enhanced 9-1-1 Emergency Phone system is implemented in the Redmond area (Hardy Timeline II 10)
- 3/3 Theno Brothers sell their dairy on the Redmond-Woodinville Road, but the dairy store remains open under new ownership (Hardy Timeline II 10)
- 1986** A building contractor hits a sewer main that contaminates City Well #5. The well has to be taken offline and water pumped for six months into an open field until contaminants are flushed from the system (Hardy Timeline II 10)
- Carver Dudley Carter becomes King County's first artist-in-residence as he moves into a House on property that will become Slough House Park (Hardy Timeline II 10)
- Cleveland Street and Redmond Way become one-way streets (Hardy Timeline II 10)
- The slough of the Sammamish River is cleaned (Hardy Timeline II 10)
- 1987** 6/ The first issue of Redmond's magazine, "Focus on Redmond" is published (Hardy Timeline II 10)
- The Redmond High School basketball team wins the state championship and repeats the next year (Way 177)
- 1988** UPS locates on Union Hill Road east of Avondale Road (Way 167)
- 1989** 5/13 Begun in the previous year, repaving of the historic Red Brick Road is completed, and a dedication of the restoration held (Hardy Timeline II 10)
- 10/ The Senior Activity Center is completed on the City Campus (Hardy Timeline II 10)
- 1990** US Census records 35,899 people in Redmond
- Goodwill Games bicycle races are held at Marymoor Park (Hardy Timeline II 10)
- Seven bus routes travel between Redmond and Seattle (Hardy Timeline II 10)

- Average Redmond home sells for \$168,600 while the median for King county is \$140,000 (Hardy Timeline II 10)
- 4/30 The new Senior Center opens on the City Campus. The official grand opening is held in May (Hardy Timeline II 10)
- 1991** Redmond has sixteen parks and offers 900+ recreational classes (Hardy Timeline II 11)
Redmond is 14 square miles with the second highest median household income among the State's 20 largest cities. It is a predominantly white community (32,604) with a small Black population (472) and a growing Asian community (2,250). There are 14,972 dwelling units in the city with 54% owner occupied and 40.15% renter occupied (Hardy Timeline II 11)
- 1992** The last issue of Redmond's hometown newspaper, the "Sammamish Valley News", is printed (Hardy Timeline II 11)
Woodcarver Dudley Carter, who never retired, dies at the age of 100. Within the year, Carter's grandson, Michael Vaughan of British Columbia, completes the final construction of Haida House at Slough House Park with the help of Carter apprentices (Hardy Timeline II 11)
- 11/ Rosemarie Ives is elected mayor
- 1993** 5/4 Ground is broken for Bella Bottega shopping Center east of City Hall (Hardy Timeline II 11)
7/12 Pete Juvet of Redmond scores a hole-in-one at Bellevue Municipal Golf Club. The 141-yard ace is carded on hole six (Hardy Timeline II 11)
- 1994** King County gives Redmond ownership of a new park named Idylwood Beach Park which combines Gateway Grove and Idylwood Beach parks on West Lake Sammamish (Hardy Timeline II 11)
- 1996** The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad stops using the section of line along East Lake Sammamish, and King County explores the acquisition of property for the East Lake Sammamish Trail (Hardy Timeline II 11)
- 2/ The King County Library System institutes bar codes to check out books—due date will no longer be stamped by hand (Hardy Timeline II 11)
A hacker shuts down King County Library System's computer system for 17 days. The hacker is caught and convicted (Hardy Timeline II 11)
- 9/ Redmond voters approve a bond issue to build a new library (Hardy Timeline II 11)
- 1997** Overlake Christian Church, the largest church in the state, moves to Redmond amid logistical concerns regarding traffic in its new location on Willows Road (Hardy Timeline II 11)
The SCI Corporation buys Old Redmond Cemetery and Cedar Lawn Cemetery across the street (Hardy Timeline II 11)
Redmond Town Center, located on the former Golf Course site, opens with 64 shops (RReporter)
The City collects business tax for the first time. By Ordinance 1041, the City Council approves a committee to advise them on how business tax revenue can be spent. The committee consists of seven Redmond business members required to pay the tax, two private residents who don't officially represent any Redmond business, and *one non-voting* Council member. It is the Business Tax-Transportation Improvement Committee (BTII) (Hardy Timeline II 12)
- 6/ Last classes held in Old Redmond Schoolhouse (Hardy Timeline II 12)
- 11/5 Watershed Preserve grand opening is held on a beautiful Saturday morning with over 275 in attendance (Hardy Timeline II 12)
- 1998** In a booming economy the city of Redmond has a 16% shortfall of office space (Hardy Timeline II 12)
The Edge Skate Plaza, Redmond's newest park, opens at the corner of NE 83rd Street and 161st Ave NE near the downtown Park 'n Ride (Hardy Timeline II 12)
- 9/ There are 23 preservation and heritage organizations on the Eastside, but the City of

- Redmond has none (Hardy Timeline II 12)
- 10/ Bartell's, the largest and oldest continuously held privately owned drugstore chain in the US, opens its first Redmond store at Bella Bottega Center (Hardy Timeline II 12)
- 12/1 The old Redmond Elementary School is officially renamed "Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center" (Hardy Timeline II 12)
- 1999** 5/22 Redmond Historical Society holds its first meeting at the Redmond Library with 22 in attendance. Founders are Miguel Llanos, Margaret Evers Wiese, and Naomi Hardy (Hardy Timeline II 12)
- 11/ The new Redmond Library opens its doors in its seventh location on the southeast corner of the City Campus at 15990 NE 85th Street (Hardy Timeline II 12)
- Tully's Coffee opens its new Eastside flagship store at 8860 - 161st Avenue NE in the Bella Bottega retail center (Hardy Timeline II 12)
- 2000** Population is 45,256
- 4/28 The Elks Kirkland-Redmond-Bellevue Lodge #1843 sell their meeting building at 7425 170th Avenue NE to Center Development LLC, who will turn it into a retail center. The Elks Lodge bought the property 15 years ago (Hardy Timeline II 12)
- 6/15 Redmond Rotary club donates a \$12,000 picnic area to the city in a public ceremony. The picnic area is west of the Sammamish River just south of the Redmond Way overpass, and plans are to incorporate it into the city Riverwalk project (Hardy Timeline II 12)
- 7/ Larry's market opens east of Redmond Town Center (Hardy Timeline II 12)
- 9/ City Council adopts Ordinance 2080, a set of Comprehensive Plan policies calling for preservation of Redmond's heritage through protective regulation, incentives to encourage preservation, regular surveys at 10-year intervals, cooperation with other governments and organizations, and education to increase awareness of historic preservation. The council designated 16 sites as being historically significant to Redmond's history (Hardy Timeline II 13)
- 2001** The League of American Bicyclists designates Redmond a Bicycle-Friendly Community, the 52nd city to receive the honor (Hardy Timeline II 13)
- 5/29 Redmond High School senior Kat Misener and her family pull off a prank that will long be remembered. They open a 1985 Mazda and maneuver it sideways so that the school flag-pole is in the middle of the vehicle and looks as if it is impaled by the flag pole (Hardy Timeline II 13)
- 9/ "Redmond Reporter" publishes its first newspaper issue (Hardy Timeline II 13)
- 2002** 4/ Redmond's first affordable housing opens. Built by King County and a private developer, the 300-unit apartment complex is located atop the Overlake Metro Park 'n Ride (Hardy Timeline II 13)
- 7/ The annual Heritage Festival at Marymoor in July is cancelled by King County because of budget problems (Hardy Timeline II 13)
- 7/1 Juel Community Park on NE 116th Street opens to the public. Dr. Glenn and Betty Juel sold the \$2 million property in 1999 to the City of Redmond for just \$400,000 on the condition that the land be preserved for recreational use and the trees Dr. Juel planted would be maintained (Hardy Timeline II 13)
- 8/ Record attendance of 150,000 is set at Marymoor Park when the Puget Sound Festival is held at a two-day event sponsored by the Luis Palau Evangelistic Association (Hardy Timeline II 13)
- 10/6 The Edgar Doolittle Art Garden, located on the north side of the Redmond Library is ceremonially dedicated (Hardy Timeline II 13)
- 12/ King County closes the Marymoor Museum because of a lack of funding (Hardy Timeline II 13)
- 2003** 3/11 Citizens vote to retain a strong mayor form of city government. Out of a 30.9% turnout of eligible voters, votes in favor the proposition to change to a city manager form were 2,207, and those opposed were 5,175 (Hardy Timeline II 13)

- 4/ A ceremony to dedicate the beach in honor of Chandler Pickering and mark the completion of the Idylwood Stream Rehabilitation Project is held at Idylwood Beach Park. Pickering moved to Redmond in 1951, and was active in the Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Kiwanis, and served on the city's Park Board (Hardy Timeline II 13)
- 5/18 The old Redmond High School is demolished after a reunion, "The Last Roundup", is held for all those associated with the school (Hardy Timeline II 13)
- 5/31 Founded in 1956, the Kiwanis club of Redmond disbands (Hardy Timeline II 13)
- 6/ Redmond Manor trailer park is demolished (Hardy Timeline II 13)
- 7/ The first unmarked police vehicle, used to target aggressive drivers, patrols Redmond's streets (Hardy Timeline II 13)
- 7/1 The City Council approves the first heritage grant for the Community-Odd Fellows Hall at 7979 Leary Way built in 1903 (Hardy Timeline II 14)
- 7/23 Macy's Department store opens in Town Center (Hardy Timeline II 14)
- 9/ The newly constructed Redmond High School opens in the same location (RHS)
- 10/22 The Wellhead Protection ordinance, unanimously passed by the City Council, is meant to identify threats to city well water, prevent contamination, and provide a plan for responding to accidents (Hardy Timeline II 14)
- 11/25 Gail Marsh, 23 year veteran Police Commander and Redmond's first female officer, is fired from the Redmond Police Department after she reports several questionable incidents (Hardy Timeline II 14)
- 2004** 1/ The City commissions two public art projects for its new City Hall and parking garage that is under construction. A glass sculpture will be created for the City Hall entrance by Ed Carpenter of Portland, and a large textured relief for the east façade of the four-level parking garage will be done by Blue McRight and Warren Wagner of Los Angeles (Hardy Timeline II 14)
- 2/17 City Council approves funds for building a new City Hall that will include City Council chambers. The present City Hall and old Library, which the City has used as a technology center, are slated for demolition (Hardy Timeline II 14)
- 3/8 Founder of the "Sammamish Valley News", Robert M Bailie, dies of Alzheimer's Disease (Hardy Timeline II 14)
- 4/1 Firemen's Plaza on the corner of NE 85th Street and 161st Avenue NE is dedicated with a ceremony. The focus of the plaza is a bronze sculpture by artist Judy Phipps, who used Bert Eymberts, a deceased Redmond fireman who died of Huntington's disease, as a model for the sculpture (Hardy Timeline II 14)
- 4/9 Financially troubled computer maker, Gateway Inc., closes all of its 188 stores including the Bear Creek store (Hardy Timeline II 14)
- 4/15 King County completes demolition of Dudley Carter's Slough House which an arsonist burned days earlier. There was no damage to Haida House or the outdoor sculptures (Hardy Timeline II 14)
- 5/19 Perrigo Springs is dedicated in a formal ceremony. The Daughters of American colonists provide a bronze plaque and plant a Willow tree near the spring's dam on Education Hill (Hardy Timeline II 14)
- 6/12 The Marriott Hotel opens its doors at Redmond Town Center with Jeff Hart as the hotel's manager (Hardy Timeline II 14)
- 8/ Redmond North All-Star Little League team wins the Northwest regional play-offs, and heads for the national world series. The only Washington state team to win a Little League World Series was the Kirkland National All-Stars team in 1982 (Hardy Timeline II 14)
- 8/13 After a fundraiser at a Yarrow Point home, President George W Bush spends the night at Redmond's new Marriott Hotel in Town Center (Hardy Timeline II 14)
- 9/13 Microsoft Corporation closes on its court approved purchase of three buildings from bankrupt retailer Eddie Bauer for \$38 million or approximately \$163 per square-foot

- (Hardy Timeline II 15)
- 2005 2/ The King County Department of Transportation plans to construct a new \$7 million state-of-the-art Redmond Transit Center on NE 83rd Street. The transit center—which will be designed and built by King County Metro Transit—will include on-street bus loading and bus layover facilities. Financing to construct the transit center has been secured from Sound Transit and federal grants. The county currently owns the 4.8-acre Redmond Park ‘n Ride lot adjacent to the new transit center site (Hardy Timeline II 15)
- 3/7 A debut demonstration is held at Town Center for the fire Department’s new \$830,000 Pierce Dash platform truck that will help firefighters rescue people in tall buildings such as the Marriott hotel (Hardy Timeline II 15)
- 4/ Eastlake High School student, Brian Byersdorf, becomes Washington State’s “Youth of the Year” after winning the Boys and Girls club contest (Hardy Timeline II 15)
- 4/6 Safeco announces it will close its suburban Redmond offices and expand its Seattle headquarters (Hardy Timeline II 15)
- 5/9 King County obtains final shoreline permit for grading the East Lake Sammamish Trail, ending one of the most litigious and controversial processes for creating a trail in the history of the US (Hardy Timeline II 15)
- 5/18 The City Council approves Microsoft expansion that allows the company to add nearly 2 million square feet to its Redmond campus, and increases their workforce by 12,000 employees (Hardy Timeline II 15)
- 6/ Vietnam’s Prime Minister, Phan Van Khai, visits Redmond, meets with Bill Gates, and announces his country and Microsoft signed a Memorandum of Understanding to offer computer training to more than 50,000 teachers in Vietnam (Hardy Timeline II 15)
- 6/1 Argent Chemical Laboratories, a Redmond company, has agreed to pay a \$300,000 fine and take other actions to stop violating pesticide regulations in a settlement with the US Environmental Protection Agency. The owners of Argent Chemical, Eliot Lieberman and Bertriz Shanahann, were the subjects of a 304-count EPA complaint in May 2004 that alleged the company illegally produced, sold, imported, and exported a variety of potentially dangerous pesticides. In the settlement Argent agreed to cease the illegal activities, and submit to EPA inspections to ensure compliance (Hardy Timeline II 16)
- 6/12 Well known caterer, Lisa Dupar, opens Pomegranate Bistro with Mayor Ives heading the ribbon cutting ceremony (Hardy Timeline II 16)
- 6/26 Former Redmond Councilman and citizen activist, Fred Meitzer, is honored posthumously in a ceremony (Hardy Timeline II 16)
- 7/ Mayor Ives is selected as one of seven new members of the United States Conference of Mayors Advisory Committee (Hardy Timeline II 16)
- 7/ Carr America Realty Corporation leases 177,000 square-feet of office space at two properties in Redmond—a sign that the Eastside office market outside Bellevue is improving (Hardy Timeline II 16)
- 7/22 Legacy Roofing, a 16 year-old roofing installation company servicing Seattle and Eastside homeowners, breaks ground for their new Redmond office located near Overlake Christian Church at 9680 153rd Ave NE. The approximately two-acre site will house the company’s new 21,000 square-foot office building and work yard (Hardy Timeline II 16)
- 8/5 King County re-establishes free movie nights at the park with a \$10,000 sponsorship from Portland based First Tech Credit Union (Hardy Timeline II 16)
- 8/15 Edgar Martinez, former Seattle Mariner and owner of Caribbean Embroidery located in Redmond, is the celebrity guest of the Chamber of Commerce’s annual golf tournament held at the Bear Creek Country Club (Hardy Timeline II 16)
- 9/ Animals abandoned during Hurricane Katrina are brought by chartered plane from New Orleans to the Redmond Veterinary Hospital on Union Hill Road. Further plane loads of animals are to follow in an operation spearheaded by Pasado’s Safe Haven, the

- animal rescue organization (Hardy Timeline II 16)
- 9/29 Lake Washington Technical College's new Redmond Campus Corporate Learning Center officially opens. The \$7 million, 20,000 square-foot education and training facility includes classrooms, conference rooms, computer labs, an auditorium, and a two-story atrium facing the park. While general education classes will be offered starting this month, the focus is on business training with courses such as accounting and business law (Hardy Timeline II 16)
- 10/ The Marymoor Park Pet Garden opens with the county's hope the 1.25-acre site will make a profit to help support all county parks. Pet owners can memorialize pets with their ashes in urns for \$800 (Hardy Timeline II 17)
- 10/31 Redmond's 89th traffic signal begins working on NE 83rd Street at 161st Avenue NE. Redmond General Insurance owner, Keith Brewer, and his son, Nick, are the advocates who promoted the light's installation (Hardy Timeline II 17)
- 11/ Tony Roma's restaurant adjacent to Wendy's on Redmond Way closes its doors (Hardy Timeline II 17)
- 11/15 King County signs over ownership of Slough House Park to the City of Redmond. Dudley Carter's Haida House is still located in the one-acre park, but Carter's carvings from the site are in storage pending resolution of ownership (Hardy Timeline II 17)
- 2006** Grand opening of the new City Hall showcases artwork, gracious City Council Chambers, and general spaciousness (Hardy Timeline II 17)
- 1/ City Public Works Department proposes to build a water treatment facility in Anderson Park for the two wells located there. The proposal is met with some public disapproval because it is inappropriate for this historic site (Hardy Timeline II 17)
- 1/ Craig Larsen becomes the new Parks and Recreation Director replacing Danny Hopkins, who left the post at the end of 2005 to return to Florida (Hardy Timeline II 17)
- 2/15 Puget Sound Publishing Company launches a monthly newspaper to cover local business news on the Eastside. "The Business Report", with an initial circulation of 16,000, is mailed to every business address in Bellevue, Mercer Island, Kirkland, Redmond, Woodinville, Issaquah, Sammamish, and Newcastle. Denis Law is Puget Sound Publishing's President (Hardy Timeline II 17)
- 4/ Chinese President Hu Jintao visits Bill Gates at Microsoft headquarters, and announces Chinese PC makers will pay \$1.6 billion for Windows software (Hardy Timeline II 17)
- 4/ Fire Station 15 will close because of anticipated longer response times for the area just off Redmond-Fall City Road on 228th Avenue NE. When the older station closes, the three firefighters who staff Station 15 will move to the new Redmond Ridge station (Hardy Timeline II 17)
- 4/18 During discussion in executive session, the City Council members come to a consensus to locate the proposed well water treatment facility outside of Anderson Park (Hardy Timeline II 17)
- 5/ Representatives of Kiwanis International begin to organize a Kiwanis Club in Redmond, and seek 25 committed members as a requirement for official recognition (Hardy Timeline II 17)
- 5/4 *Cirque du Soleil* presents "Varelai" at Marymoor Park for the first time necessitating 4-acres of paving for the production (Hardy Timeline II 17)
- 5/15 The Lake Washington School District approve "Rosa Parks" as the name for the new Redmond Ridge elementary school to open in September at 22845 NE Cedar Park Crescent (Hardy Timeline II 18)
- 6/5 The city of Redmond is notified that it has received the "Preserve America" designation, a national recognition for heritage activities (Hardy Timeline II 18)
- 6/8 Sherry Grindeland reports that "Money" magazine and CNN/Money in their ranking of cities around the country ranked Redmond #27 as one of the best places to raise families and "celebrate life's milestones". Only two other towns in Washington made

- the top 100—Bainbridge Island was #2 and Vancouver #91 (Hardy Timeline II 18)
- 6/19 Mayor Rosemarie Ives proclaims June 19-25, 2006, to be Amateur Radio Week in order to honor radio operators who have partnered with the city to provide backup communication in the event of a disaster (Hardy Timeline II 18)
- 8/ Owner of Smoker's Choice Plus in Redmond, Hrant "Mike" Aslanyan, is accused of being part of a criminal organization stealing customer's credit card information, and is arrested with bail set at \$1 million (Hardy Timeline II 18)
- 8/ Whole Foods Market opens at Redmond Way and 180th Avenue NE (Hardy Timeline II 18)
- 2007** 2/14 Tent City, housing 40 to 50 otherwise homeless residents, sets up at St. Jude's (RReporter)
- 3/3 Orson A. Wiley's home, better known as the Stone House, built about 1916 on Cleveland Street near Leary Way, is granted King Count historic status (RReporter)
- 3/17 Mothers Against Sexual Predators campaign to toughen laws against stalking and flashing children younger than 14 (RReporter)
- 4/20 First annual Rock-a-thon is held at Old Fire House Teen Center (RReporter)
- 5/12 Housing prices increase 20% over last year's prices. The median value of a Redmond home is \$719,975 (RReporter)
- 7/8 Cleo Hartman, who with her husband Opie organized and ran the bicycle races at Derby Days from the mid 1950's to the 1970's, dies. She was a Girl Scout leader, President of the Business and Professional Women, United Services Organization member, and Sammamish Valley News Woman of the Year (RReporter)
- 8/4 Brian Falkenberg, a 1996 graduate of Redmond High School, pitches for the St. Louis Cardinals (RReporter)
- 9/8 Hank Myers, commercial transportation economist, is appointed to fill John Resha's unexpired City Council term (RReporter)
- 9/12 A game wall is dedicated at Horace Mann Elementary School. Students raised the funds for construction of the wall that is used to play games on during recess (RReporter)
- 10/10 A new computer laboratory opens at the Old Fire House Teen Center funded by a program that provides technology skills to underserved youth (RReporter)
- 10/18 The Matador opens in the Bill Brown Building with seating up to 115 guests (RReporter)
- 12/1 John Marchione wins the election for mayor (RReporter)
- 2008** Mayor Rosemarie Ives retires after 16 years as Mayor (RReporter)
- 1/5 DigiPen Institute of Technology awards Mayor Ives a MS in Computer Science (RReporter)
- 1/9 Five employees at two local massage establishments are arrested for prostitution. Only one of the five masseuse's was licensed (RReporter)
- 1/12 City of Redmond begins a new budget strategy "Budgeting for Outcomes" which sets six to ten budget priorities proposed by the Council or citizens (RReporter)
- 1/19 A beaver chews one-half of the trunk of a 30-year old cedar tree on the property of Championship Motors at Avondale Road and Union Hill Road (RReporter)
- 1/23 Hopelink's Avondale Park transition housing receives \$945,000 over 10 years to provide comprehensive case management and employment support for 342 homeless families (RReporter)
- 2/2 City buys Redmond Shopping Square for \$10,585,000 to extend 161st Ave NE from Leary Way and Bear Creek Parkway (RReporter)
- 2/9 Redmond Transit Center opens at 16160 NE 83rd Street, and offers spacious boarding, passenger shelters, and enhanced lighting. Improvements funded by King County Metro, Sound Transit, and City of Redmond (RReporter)
- 3/15 Students at the DigiPen Institute of Technology win first place in the video game contest at the Student Showcase of Independent Games Festival in San Francisco (RReporter)
- 5/9 Rain Dogs win the Classic Rock-a-thon at the Old Fire House Teen Center (RReporter)
- 6/28 Crystal Marshall (17) and Keren Stewart (16) are awarded the Congressional Award Gold Medal for youth service in the age group 14-23. The award is given for achievement and meeting goals in voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness,

- and expedition/exploration (RReporter)
- 7/26 Grass Lawn Park is upgraded with an all season picnic pavilion and a children's play area complete with a splash pool (RReporter)
- 8/2 Redmond High School graduates Jennifer Arter, clarinet, Tom Glanz, clarinet, and Dan Reisinger, trumpet, perform with the 2008 Olympic Orchestra in Beijing, China (RReporter)
- 8/20 Bear Creek Parkway expansion to 159th Place NE is underway (RReporter)
- 8/23 City of Redmond's bond rating is upgraded to AAA by Standard and Poor (RReporter)
- 9/10 Safety improvements on Novelty Hill Road from 243rd to West Snoqualmie Valley Road will be made with a Rural Safety Innovation Program grant (RReporter)
- 9/13 City of Redmond transfers 2.36 acres of land on east Lake Sammamish to the City of Sammamish to form Sammamish Landing Park (RReporter)
- 10/1 Bear Creek will be re-routed to a more northerly streambed along State Route 520 in order to improve salmon habitat with \$8 million in funds from the Department of Transportation (RReporter)
- 11/5 Nancy Chang, Teen Program Coordinator for the City of Redmond, receives Woman of Worth by L'Oréal Paris for outstanding commitment to community achievement for her work for Skate Like a Girl. The Mission of Skate Like a Girl is to empower girls and women of all ages, abilities, shapes, and sizes through skateboard programs (RReporter)
- 2009** 1/3 Alka Basdshak co-chairs Asian Indian women's group who desire to leave a legacy. The group works to raise funds for 2,000-seat performing arts center in Bellevue (RReporter)
- 1/7 Store closures include Barcelino clothing in Town Center and Underhill's Furniture on Redmond Way in Bill Brown's Garage (RReporter)
- 1/28 Anderson Park is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The park has also been called Redmond City Park or Town Park (RReporter)
- Dartmoor School opens to teach learning disabled and professional children who need flexible schedules (RReporter)
- 1/31 Cindy Courtmanch is named the Chamber of Commerce "Champion of the Year" for exemplifying encouragement of businesses to do business with each other. She is active on committees and is an event supporter (RReporter)
- 2/4 Volunteers count 158 homeless people in Redmond, Bellevue, and Kirkland (RReporter)
- 2/7 Tree House consignment shop has been doing business in Redmond for 30 years, and credits their success to the stocking of specialty items (RReporter)
- 2/25 The city begins rewriting Redmond Community Development Guide. The last time the guide was revised was in 1978 (RReporter)
- 2/28 Sammamish Sew Whats make 60 or more quilts per month in order to give one to each injured soldier returning from Afghanistan and Iraq to Madigan Army Hospital near Fort Lewis (RReporter)
- 3/14 Police Chief, Steve Harris, retires after 28 years of police service to the citizens of Redmond. He is the third longest serving chief in the state, and has a career total of 42 years in law enforcement (RReporter)
- 5/14 Marymoor Connector Trail is completed, and connects Marymoor Park to the north end of Lake Sammamish (RReporter)
- The first Redmond school bell, made in Cincinnati in 1890, for the school built in Anderson Park in 1892 is rededicated at its new location behind the Public Safety Building facing the lawn of the Municipal Campus (RReporter)
- Alex Zylstra, 2005 graduate of The Overlake School, receives a Stewardship Science Graduate Fellowship from the US Department of Energy. Zylstra is pursuing a doctorate in high-energy-density physics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (RReporter)
- 5/29 Ford Motor Company CEO, Alan Mullaly, personally delivers a 2010 Fusion Hybrid

- Ford to Microsoft Corporation CEO, Steve Ballmer, the son of a 30-year Ford employee (RReporter)
- 7/24 Aerojet derives formulas to construct propulsion systems used by NASA in a variety of space exploration vehicles including the current Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter. Aerojet employs 400 in Redmond (RReporter)
- 7/30 The Bear Creek Extension opens that provides connections to Leary Way and Redmond Way (RReporter)
- 8/4 Smarter Cities Website sponsored by the National Resources Defense Council ranks Redmond 10th in the nation in its smaller cities category (50,000 to 99,999 population). Cities are ranked by Yale researchers in the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies according to data indicators of availability of clean air and water, efficient transportation, green buildings, and livability (RReporter)
- 9/25 Happy Valley Grange founded on October 1, 1909 celebrates 100 years of community service, and is one of the oldest organizations on the Eastside. The local grange was formed by local farmers and rural dwellers who wanted to protect their rights. The goal of the grange is equality for all and pursuit of good legislation (RReporter)
- 10/4 More than 170 people of all faiths unite in a choir to perform “An Ecumenical Musical Gathering, One Voice in Song and Praise” ceremony hosted by St. Jude’s Catholic Church. The ceremony was in appreciation to the community for hosting Tent City 4 at St. Jude’s (RReporter)
- 10/9 Trader Joe’s opens in Redmond Center (RReporter)
- 11/5 The city Signs a Memorandum of Understanding with partners, Port of Seattle, King County, Sound Transit, Puget Sound Energy, and Cascade Water Alliance, to preserve the Eastside Rail Corridor and place it in public ownership (RReporter)
- 11/27 Tom Anderson races the U-5 hydroplane sponsored by Precision Performance Engineering at the Oryx World Cup in Doha, Qatar, but a flip-up causes him to be out of contention in the race (RReporter)
- 12/4 Nancy McCormick, a City Council member since 1986, retires, but retains her appointment to the Development Guide Rewrite Commission (RReporter)
- 2010** US Census indicates Redmond population is 54,144

TIMELINE: WASHINGTON STATE HISTORY 1900-2009

- 1900** Frederick Weyerhaeuser, a German immigrant, and 15 partners purchase 900,000 acres
- 1901** Governor is Henry McBride
- 1902** Reclamation Service begins irrigation project in Yakima and Okanogan valleys to facilitate farming
Yacolt Fire burns 238,000 acres in Oregon and Washington and kills 38 people
- 1903** “Iron Chink” fish cleaning machine invented by Seattleite, Edmond A. Smith
- 1904** 9/21 Exiled Nez Perce Leader, Chief Joseph, dies of a “broken heart”. His story is published in 1984
- 1905** Albert Mead is governor
Tribal lands on the south half of the Colville Reservation not allotted are declared for sale to white settlers
Washington State Highway Department forms to oversee the construction and maintenance of roads and highways
- 1907** 8/28 Two Seattle teen-agers begin a telephone message service, the American Messenger Service. In 1913 American Messengers Service merges with Evert McCabe to form Merchants Parcel Delivery. The company expands beyond Seattle by 1919, and becomes United Parcel Service (UPS)
Mt. Rainier National Park becomes the first national park open to car traffic, which causes attendance to soar
Retired railroad magnate, Sam Hill, purchases 6,000 acres along the Columbia River. Originally intended for a Quaker community, he names the area for his daughter, Mary, and establishes a museum
- 1909** Samuel Cosgrove becomes governor, but is replaced by Marion E Hay the same year
Alaska-Pacific Exposition is held in Seattle to showcase the setting and bounty of the Northwest
Pergola in Pioneer Square built as a cable car stop. A truck destroyed it in 2001
Mt. Olympus National Park established
- 1910** Women gain the right to vote in Washington State
3/1 An avalanche at Wellington, Washington, pushes two Great Northern trains carrying 96 people over a ledge at Stevens Pass
6/19 Father’s Day is celebrated in Spokane. Seeking to honor her father, who raised her as a single parent, Sonora Smart Dodd is credited with the Father’s Day concept, although the holiday was celebrated in West Virginia on July 5, 1908. The holiday was approved in 1924, and in 1972 President Richard Nixon officially recognized the third Sunday in June as Father’s Day
The 15-floor US Bank building is constructed in Spokane
Swedish Hospital founded by Nils August Johanson
- 1911** Frank C Mars of Tacoma begins making candy modeled after a British confection that consists of a circle of chocolate covered with a crunchy coating. His son, Forrest, creates M & M’s in 1940
- 1913** Ernest Lister becomes governor
- 1914** Finish immigrant, Oscar Wirkkala, invents “spar” logging technique
- 1916** 7/15 The Boeing Company, originally known as Pacific Aero Products, was founded in Seattle by William Boeing
National Park Inn is built in Longmire, and serves as the first headquarters for Mt Rainier National Park
- 1917** 3/7 Seattle Metropolitans became the first US team to win the Stanley Cup by defeating the Montreal Canadiens

- Paradise Inn is built in Rainer National Park
 The Spruce Army originates
 Fort Lewis, a US Army base, was established
- 1918** “Spanish” flu epidemic becomes rampant
- 1919** Louis F Hart becomes governor
- 2/6 First day of 5-day general labor strike in Seattle, which is the first general strike in the US. Washington was a center for labor organizing efforts by the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), also know as the “Wobblies”, during this period. The labor strife lead to massacres in Centralia and Everett.
- 3/3 Boeing flies the first US international airmail from Vancouver, BC to Seattle
- 1921** 1/29 Hurricane hits Washington and Oregon
- 9/5 Roy Gardner, a train and mail robber, escaped from McNeil Island Penitentiary during an inmate baseball game. The escape led the US government to build an “escape proof” federal prison on Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay
- “Seattle Post-Intelligencer” acquired by the Hearst Corporation
- 1924** 9/28 First around-the-world flights are completed by two army planes in 175 days. The planes landed in Seattle
- 1925** Roland H Hartley is elected governor
- 1926** The unfinished Maryhill Museum of Art is dedicated with Queen Marie of Romania as speaker at the dedication ceremonies
- KOMO radio begins commercial broadcasting on New Year’s Eve. Network affiliation with NBC begins when the transcontinental line is completed in 1927
- 1928** Washington courts rule that Worker’s Party candidates may appear on ballot
 Capitol building in Olympia completed
- 1929** Stock market crashes
- 1931** Hooverville develops in South Seattle which indicates high rate of unemployment estimated to be about 25%
- Boeing produces first single-wing, all-metal fighter, P-26 Peashooter, with several design features that become standard on aircraft built after WW II. Last fighter mass produced at Boeing
- 10/4 First nonstop flight across Pacific Ocean from Misawa City, Japan to Wenatchee by Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon, Jr
- Sam Hill, owner of Maryhill dies
- 1932** Unemployment groups march on Olympia, and rivalries cause scuffles between organizations
- 1933** Clarence Martin is governor
 Unemployment peaks at more than 25%
 President Franklin D. Roosevelt begins New Deal program, and ground is broken for Grand Coulee Dam
- 1934** Indian Reorganization Act sets up Tribal Business Councils, and promotes the return of communal ownership of reservation lands in an effort to create self-sufficiency
- 1935** 7/4 The Kalakala (Flying Bird), a redesigned Peralta ferry from San Francisco Bay, is refurbished and placed into service by the Black Ball Line. It was retired in 1967
- 1937** Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River completed
- 1938** Recreation Equipment Incorporated (REI) founded as a basement co-op by Seattle area mountain climbers
- 1939** Eleanor Roosevelt christens Pan American’s new Boeing built Yankee Clipper
- 1940** 5/13 Maryhill Museum is completed and opens on founder Sam Hill’s birthday. Most of the art collection is donated by Alma de Bretteville Spreckles, wife of the California sugar magnate, Adolf Spreckles
- 7/1 The Tacoma Narrows Bridge in Tacoma opens to the public. To reduce costs, a New

- York City consultant replaces a 25-foot deep stiffening truss with an 8-foot truss
- 7/2 The I-90 bridge across Lake Washington from Seattle to Bellevue is dedicated
- 11/7 The center section of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge collapses during a windstorm. A new fortified bridge is built on the original piers in 1950
- 1941** Arthur B Langlie is elected governor
Grand Coulee Dam is completed, and operations start
- 1943** United States enters World War II after Japan attacks Pearl Harbor on December 7
Hanford nuclear reservation is constructed for the Manhattan Project, and produces plutonium until the 1980's
Harold LeMay founds Pierce County Refuse Company and builds it into LeMay Enterprises, the 10th largest trash removal company in the US. He also collects 2,400 vintage automobiles
- 1944** 8/14 A riot at Fort Lawton occurs following a scuffle between an Italian prisoner and a black soldier. POW Guglielmo Olivotto is found hung the next day. Convicted in an ensuing trial, were 28 men. The convictions were overturned based on shortcomings in the prosecution described in the 2005 book, *On American Soil*, authored by Jack Hamann and his wife, Leslie.
Radioactive releases originating from the Hanford Nuclear Reservation are heaviest from 1944 to 1972, but are only acknowledged in 1987
- 1945** Monrad C Wallgren becomes governor
- 1947** 6/24 Flying saucers are sighted over Mount Rainier by pilot Ken Arnold
- 1948** Clara Fraser leads a strike against Boeing, and pressures the union to represent women and minorities. After the strike, she is blacklisted and hounded from job to job by the FBI
- 1949** Arthur B Langlie is elected governor
A 7.1 slab earthquake shakes Olympia in the most damaging temblor of the century, but few lives are lost
Ray Charles makes his debut recording of "Confession Blues" in Seattle
- 1950** Luke Williams and his brother, Chuck, invent a time-temperature sign, and place the first one on a bank in downtown Spokane. The signs become common on buildings, and in 1951 the brothers form American Sign and Indicator
Edwin O Guthman (1919-2008) receives the Pulitzer Prize for national reporting for his Reporting in the "Seattle Times" on the Washington Legislature's Un-American Activities Committee
- 1951** 7/18 Pope Pius XII creates the Archdiocese of Seattle, and Rev. Thomas A Connolly is appointed the first archbishop
- 1953** Sick Brewery Enterprises of Seattle purchases the trade name of Rainier Brewing Company while Theodore Hamm Brewing Company buys all other assets of Rainier Brewing Company
- 1954** First flight of the Boeing 707--the first jet transport
- 1955** 3/15 The assay office in Seattle operated by the federal government closes
- 1957** Albert Rosellini becomes governor
Washington Public Power Supply System (WPSS) is established to develop Washington's energy resources, and construct nuclear power plants in several locations
- 3/20 The Dalles Dam on the Columbia River begins operation to produce hydroelectric powers, and in six hours the islands of Celilo Falls disappear into the reservoir
- 1958** 9- A Navy plane, that carries an unarmed nuclear weapon, crashes during a training mission in Puget Sound. The weapon is never found
- 1961** 4/21 The World's Fair opens in Seattle with the theme, "Century 21", and features a one-mile monorail between Seattle Center and downtown
- 5/22 The first revolving restaurant, Top of the Needle, atop the Space Needle opens
- 1962** The Columbia Winery, the oldest winery in the state, is founded in Woodinville

- 10/21 The Seattle World's Fair, "Century 21 Exposition" closes
- 1963** 2/9 First flight of the Boeing 727 jet
- 8/28 Evergreen Point Floating Bridge opens, and connects Seattle with Bellevue
- William L Dwyer, Seattle trial lawyer, defends John Goldmark from accusations of being a Communist. Dwyer later authors *The Goldmark Case: An American Liberal Trial*. LM Boyd begins a column of odds and ends in the "Seattle Post-Intelligencer" which is picked up by the "San Francisco Chronicle" in 1968 and titled "The Grab Bag". Boyd writes the column for 40 years, and retires in 2000
- 1964** Bill Kirschner (1918-2006), manufacturer of fiberglass products, begins manufacture of the first fiberglass skis
- 1965** 4/29 Seattle experiences an earthquake that kills 7 people and leaves damage estimated at \$12.5 million
- Daniel J Evans is governor
- 1966** Henry Holt serves as director of the Seattle Opera until 1984
- 1967** 4/9 The first Boeing 737-100 makes its maiden flight
- 1968** 9/30 The first Boeing 747 rolls out of the Everett assembly building
- 10/2 The Pacific Crest Trail, a 2,650-mile trail from Mexico to Canada, is designated as a National Scenic Trail as part of the US National Trails System Act
- 10/2 North Cascades National Park established
- 1969** 2/9 The Boeing 747, the world's largest airplane, makes its first commercial flight
- 7/25 Seattle Pop Festival is attended by 70,000 people in Gold Creek Park, Woodinville
- Samish Indian Nation is dropped from the list of recognized tribes by a clerk in the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The tribe, native to the San Juan Islands and western Skagit County, sued for recognition and damages in 2002
- 1970** 1/17 Silas Bissell and his wife, Judith, are caught when a homemade bomb placed under the steps of the ROTC Building at Washington State University fails to explode. Both are members of the Weathermen underground, and Bissell serves 17 months at Lompoc after apprehension
- Seattle Pilots baseball team moves to Milwaukee and becomes the Brewers after just one season in Seattle
- Seattle Mariners professional baseball team is founded
- Jacob Lawrence, painter of the African-American experience, becomes an art professor at the University of Washington
- John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men* is adapted for opera by Carlisle Floyd, and premieres at the Seattle Opera
- 1971** 7/1 Washington is the first state to ban sex discrimination
- 11/24 DB Cooper boards Flight 305 in Portland, Oregon, on Thanksgiving Eve, and threatening to bomb the plane demands \$200,000 in ransom. Cooper parachutes from the plane over the Cascade Mountains near Ariel, and is never seen again. In 1980 a \$5,880 packet of the cash was recovered near the Columbia River
- Starbucks opens in Seattle as a single coffee shop owned by Gordon Bowker, Zev Siegl, and Jerry Baldwin, former students at the University of San Francisco. They purchase coffee from Peet's Coffee in Berkeley, and hire Howard Schultz, a marketing director in 1982. Schultz bought Starbucks in 1987, took it public in 1992, and by 2006 had opened 10,500 locations around the world
- 1972** 11/2 Ground is broken for construction of the Kingdome, and is completed in 1976. The Kingdome is demolished on March 26, 2000
- Washington State's Highway 72, the North Cascades Scenic Highway, opens
- Former Minister, Jeff Smith, begins televising the "Frugal Gourmet" in Tacoma. The show is broadcast nationally on PBS
- The Kronos Quartet is founded in Seattle by violinist David Harrington. The original

- group included Harrington, violist, Hank Dutt, violinist John Sherba, and cellist Joan Jeanrenaud
- The Picard Farm P-Patch is established as a community garden north of the University of Washington
- 1974** In *United States vs. Washington* Judge George Boldt rules Native Americans have the right to share equally in the harvest of fish
- 2- Ted Bundy begins murders in February by killing Donna Manson then continues murdering other young women in April, June, and July
- 1977** 4/6 The Kingdome in Seattle opens, and the Mariners lose their game to the Los Angeles Angels 7-0
- Microsoft is formed as a partnership between Paul Allen and Bill Gates
- Dixie Lee Ray serves as the Democratic governor until 1981
- 1978** 5/13 Henry Rono of Kenya, running for Washington State University, sets an NCAA record for 3,000 meter steeplechase at 8:05.4
- 1979** 1/12 Kenneth Bianchi, LA's Hillside Strangler, is arrested in Bellingham. He and his cousin, Angelo Buono, sexually assaulted and murdered as many as 13 young women in 1977-1978, and dumped their bodies on LA area hillsides
- 6/1 Seattle Supersonics professional basketball team, coached by Lenny Wilkens, win the National Basketball Association championship by beating the Washington Bullets
- 9/26 Tammy Vincent, who testified against several people arrested during a raid of two establishments believed to be prostitution fronts in Seatac, is found stabbed and burned to death in Blackie's Pasture in Tiburon, California. Her remains were identified in 2007 through DNA
- 1980** 5/18 Mount St Helens after rumbling for three months, erupts three times in 24 hours, and leaves 57 people dead or missing. The mountain lost over 1,300 feet of elevation and gained a two-mile-long by one-mile-wide crater. Mount St Helens continues with six more eruptions through October 17
- 7/ Tim Paterson of Seattle Computer Products completes version 0.10 of QDOS
- 1981** 4/ Tim Paterson, who wrote QDOS in 1980 quit Seattle Computer Products, and began work Microsoft in May. He is best known as the original author of the popular MS-DOS operating system
- 9/26 The twin engine Boeing 767 made its maiden flight in Everett
- John D Spellman is governor
- 1982** 9/1 US Congress creates the 110,000 acre Mount St Helens National Volcanic Monument
- 12/5 University Baptist Church in Seattle declares itself a sanctuary for Central American refugees
- A series of female slayings begin in the Pacific Northwest that total 49 deaths, and are blamed on the Green River Killer. Police arrest Gary Ridgeway in 2001 on DNA evidence that linked him to three dead women
- 1983** 2/13 The *Americus* and *Altair* fishing boats sink in the Bering Sea, and 14 fishermen from Anacortes die. In 1998 Patrick Dillon authored *Lost at Sea*, an account of the tragedy
- 2/19 A shooting at the Wah Me gambling parlor in Seattle left 13 men dead. Kwan-Fai Mak and Benjamin Ng were later found guilty on 13 murder counts and sentenced to life in prison
- 7/22 Washington Public Power Supply System (WPSS) defaults on \$2.25 billion in bonds
- 9/1 Henry "Scoop" Jackson, long-time Senator from Everett, dies
- A judge in Lincoln County adopts a rule that says a court appearance is not required in uncontested divorces
- 1984** 3/19 The SS *Mobil Oil* spills 200,000 gallon of oil into the Columbia River near Longview
- 9/ The Army Corps of Engineers begin an 8,000 foot tunnel to drain Spirit Lake dammed by the debris of the eruption at Mount St Helens

- 12/8 Robert Mathews, co-founder of the neo-Nazi group, The Order, is shot and killed by FBI agents on Whidbey Island. His “Silent Brotherhood” was a small extremist far right group that engaged in a multi-state crime wave in this period. The group was also associated with the Aryan Nations church. His life was fictionalized in the TV movie, “Brotherhood of Murder” (1999)
- The Walla Walla Valley wine appellation is established
- 1985** Booth Gardner is governor
- In Seattle ten members of a white supremacist group called The Order are convicted of racketeering and other charges. They are linked to the ideas of William Pierce in West Virginia and his book, *The Turner Diaries*
- In Los Angeles Sgt. George Arthur is murdered in a suspected love triangle. DNA evidence implicates Ted Eugene Kirby in the crime, but after a police warrant is issued for his arrest in 1999 he is found dead in Spokane
- 1986** 8/17 A bronze pig statue is unveiled at Seattle’s Pike Place Market
- 11/17 President Reagan signs the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act that designates over 292,000 acres in Oregon and Washington as federally regulated land
- 12/12 A \$5.3 million Mount St Helens National Monument Visitor’s Center opens near Castle Rock
- 1987** 8/ Howard Schultz and a group of investors buy Starbucks from Jerry Baldwin and merge it with Il Giornale coffee bars
- The TV show, “A Year in the Life” is a drama about a Seattle widower businessman, and his four grown children
- 11,000-year-old Clovis points and other artifacts from Pleistocene hunters are discovered in East Wenatchee
- 1988** 8/31 A 5-day power blackout of downtown Seattle begins
- 1989** 9/22 The US Army Corp of Engineers completes a \$70 million, 184-foot-high sediment retention dam across the Toutle River to stop mudflows and debris from Mount St Helens
- A Seattle ballot initiative limits new buildings in the downtown core to 540 feet, and to varying heights in other parts of the city. The limits are repealed in 2006
- 1990** 5/5 Five people were killed as three small fishing boats capsize in the Strait of Juan de Fuca
- 1991** William L Dwyer, Washington State Federal District Judge, ordered the government to stop permitting logging on up to 60,000 acres of ancient forests a year on public lands because it endangers the habitat of the Northern Spotted Owl
- A secret deal is made by Exxon Corporation and seven Seattle fish processors to pay \$70 million to settle oil-spill claims from the 1989 *Exxon Valdez* spill in return for a quick settlement. The processors agreed to return to Exxon most of any punitive damages that might be awarded. The deal did not become public until 1996.
- A new downtown building for the Seattle Art Museum (SAM), designed by Robert Venturi, is completed for \$62 million. In 2004 SAM begins an addition in partnership with Washington Mutual
- Frank. D Stout II made a major donation of his Japanese art to the Seattle Asian Art Museum
- 1992** 2/10 Alex Haley, author of *Roots* and co-writer of *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, dies in Seattle at the age of 70. Much of his work was donated to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- 3/1 Senator Brock Adams abandons his re-election campaign after eight women accused him in a “Seattle Times” report of sexual abuse and harassment
- 7/11 Owners approved the sale of Seattle Mariners to a Japanese group
- 10/3 Bill Gates, the college dropout founder of Microsoft, headed the Forbes Magazine 400 list of the richest Americans with a net worth of \$6.3 billion. His assets reached \$51

billion in 2005

The film "Singles" features Ally Walker, and depicts friends in their 20's in Seattle
A series of arson fires at abortion clinics in the Pacific Northwest causes over \$1 million in damage, and are attributed to Richard Thomas Andrews of Wenatchee who is arrested on June 26, 1996 and pleaded guilty in 1998

1993

Mike Lowry is governor

1/3 The State of Washington executed Wesley Allan Dodd, an admitted child sex killer, in America's first legal hanging since 1965

Mia Zapata, a rising punk-rock star, was last seen alive in Seattle. In 2003 Jesus C Mezquia, who lived in Seattle at the time of the rape and murder, is arrested in Florida on DNA evidence. On March 25, 2004, a jury convicted Mezquia of Zapata's murder and he is sentenced to 36 years in prison

7/ William Stafford completes a set of poems for the US Forest Service about the North Cascade Scenic Highway, and dies a month later. He was a former poet Laureate of the US from Portland, Oregon

9/23 Seattle City Council passes a sit/lie ban affecting the downtown area between 7 am and 9 pm. The law was upheld by the US court of Appeals in 1996

1994

4/8 Kurt Cobain, singer-musician for the grunge band Nirvana, is found dead in Seattle of an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound. He was 27

6/20 Former airman Dean Allen Mellberg goes on a shooting rampage at Fairchild Air Base near Spokane, and kills four people and wounds 22 others before being killed by a military police sharpshooter

Former governor Dixie Lee Ray dies at age 79

The Tye Fire burns 130,000 acres

Researcher Janet Daling and a team at Seattle's Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center find a 50% increase in the risk of breast cancer for women who have abortions

Scientists at the University of Washington discover that the drug, tenofovir, protects monkeys from becoming infected with AIDS

Brian Pinkerton of the University of Washington releases WebCrawler that was able to index entire pages. It was later bought out by AOL. Lycos and InfoSeek soon followed

1995

4/14 Actor-singer Burl Ives dies in Anacortes at age 85

6/ John Stanford, a retired two-star Army general, becomes the first black school superintendent in Seattle

1996

2/2 Dennis Fong, aka Thresh, wins the Judgment Day tournament for cyber games hosted by Microsoft Corporation at its Redmond headquarters

3/ Ground is broken for the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) near Richland. Gravitational waves come from bulk motions of matter and LIGO should inform us about such tumultuous events in the universe as the gravitational collapse of a star into a black hole, debris and neutron stars tumbling into black holes, and neutron stars being born by supernova explosions

4/1 In Spokane a US Bank branch is robbed and bombed. On July 12, the same group robs the bank again and bombs a Planned Parenthood office. Three members of anti-government militia were convicted for the robberies and three bombings in 1997

5/16 The US federal government sets aside 3.9 million acres of land in California, Oregon, and Washington for the endangered marbled murrelet

7/ A 9,200 year-old skeleton is found by the Columbia River near Kennewick, and becomes known as the "Kennewick Man". A federal judge ruled in 1998 that scientists should be allowed to examine the remains held by the US Army Corps of Engineers

9/17 The Clinton Administration and 15 timber companies agreed to protect old-growth forest in Oregon and Washington. The companies will log substitute groves less critical to fish and wildlife

- 12/20 Carl Sagan, astronomer and writer, dies in Seattle at age 62. One of his final books was *The Demon Haunted World*. In 1999 Keay Davidson authored *Carl Sagan: A Life*
- A Kalispel Tribe casino plan is approved on a site off its reservation in metropolitan Spokane by Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt
- 1997** Gary Locke becomes governor
- 5/14 An explosion occurs at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation and releases plutonium and other hazardous chemicals. Emergency response procedures break down almost completely
- 6/ Voters narrowly approve a huge public subsidy for Paul Allen, co-founder of Microsoft, approving \$425 million for a new football stadium. Mr. Allen will pay 25% of the cost, and the remainder is to be paid by the taxpayers
- 10/1 The Center for Nonverbal Studies (CNS), a private, nonprofit research center located in Spokane, begins operations. The Center's mission is to advance the study of human communication in all its forms apart from language. The Center's goal is to promote the scientific study of nonverbal communication, which includes body movement, gesture, facial expressions, adornment and fashion, architecture, mass media, and consumer product design
- Voters in Seattle approve a ballot measure to build a \$1 billion mass transit system
- Denise Levertov, poet, dies in Seattle. Her first book of essays was: *The Poet in the World*
- 1998** 1/1 Washington State University plays in the Rose Bowl, and loses to University of Michigan 21-16
- 2/3 Mary Kay LeTourneau, 36, former teacher, violates probation with the 14-year-old father of her baby
- 2/6 Washington becomes the 27th state to ban same sex marriages
- 4/24 The "American Health for Women" magazine reports that Seattle was the healthiest city women while San Francisco rated #2 and Boston #3
- 4/27 A fire in a 90 year-old building in Arlington, which is used as a home for the elderly, kills seven residents
- 7/5 A gang shooting at the Tran Dai Vietnamese restaurant in Tacoma leaves five people dead and five wounded
- 9/ The new home for the Seattle Symphony, Benaroya Hall, opens. It was built at a cost of \$118 million
- 9/ Radioactive red harvester ants are found underground near waste pipes in Richland
- 10/1 The Makah Indian gray whale hunting season opens. The tribe had recently won the right to kill up to five whales a year over the next four years. A federal appeals court overturns the ruling in 2000 that allowed whale hunting
- 10/12 Raised from an Atlantic Giant seed by Lincoln Mettler of Eatonville, a record 974-pound pumpkin wins the Great Pumpkin Weigh-Off in Half Moon Bay, California
- 11/24 Bill Gates, chairman of Microsoft Corporation, donates \$20 million to the Seattle Public Library
- 11/25 An explosion at the Equilon Puget Sound Refining Company at Anacortes kills six people
- 1999** 4/10 The Energy Department announces that 90,000 acres of the security buffer around the Hanford nuclear reservation is being preserved as a wildlife refuge
- 4/12 The Snake River in southeastern Washington is named as the nation's most endangered river because four dams have brought salmon runs to the brink of extinction
- 4/22 Seattle teachers go on a one-day strike, and appeal to the Legislature for a 15% wage hike
- 5/17 Makah hunters in Neah Bay legally kill their first gray whale in 75 years
- 5/30 When the Waldorf Towers in downtown Seattle is demolished by implosion, the 4th floor falls out onto Pike Street

- 6/11 In Bellingham 88,000 gallons of gasoline from the Olympic refinery spill into a creek and explode after about 15 minutes. Wade King (10) and Stephen Tsiorvas (10) ignite the fire while playing with a lighter, and the two boys and Liam Wood (18) are killed in the resulting fireball
- 6/27 The Seattle Mariners beat the Texas Rangers 5-2 in the final game at the Kingdome
- 7/15 The Seattle Mariners play their first game in their new home, Safeco Field, losing to the San Diego Padres, 3-2
- 7/16 A fire in Spokane destroys most of a downtown city block and leaves 108 people homeless
- 8/ Mark Erickson, an employee at the University of Washington, files a suit alleging massive overbilling of Medicare and Medicaid by UW doctors. In 2004 UW agrees to pay the government \$35 million to resolve the allegations
- 11/29 In Seattle as many as 50,000 protestors gathered to oppose "the march of corporate globalization"
- 11/30 In Seattle riot police struggle with thousands of protestors who force the World Trade Organization (WTO) to cancel the opening session of a 3-day summit meeting. Mayor Paul Schell declares a state of emergency and a night curfew, and Gov. Gary Locke calls in some 200 unarmed National Guard troops
- 12/1 The 134-nation WTO begins a meeting in Seattle for a round of global trade talks under the proposed names "Millennium Round" or "Clinton Round". The purpose of the talks is to reduce tariffs and subsidies and to open markets. The last Uruguay Round lasted for nearly 8 years. President Clinton spoke, and urges the WTO to listen to the demands of protestors. Thousands demonstrate on labor and environmental issues and hundreds are arrested
- 12/3 The WTO negotiations in Seattle collapse with no agreement reached on an agenda for talks
- 12/7 Norm Stamper, Seattle Police Chief, announces that he will resign in order to "de-politicize" investigations over police actions during the WTO meeting
- 12/14 In Seattle Ahmed Ressam, an Algerian, is arrested after crossing the border at Port Angeles from Canada with a car trunk full of more than 150 pounds of bomb-making materials including 200 pounds of urea, timing devices, and a bottle of RDX, cyclotrimethylene trinitramine. Canadian authorities later issued an arrest warrant for Abdelmajed Dahoumane for possessing or making explosives, and he is arrested in Algeria in October 2000. In 2001 Ressam admitted that he planned to detonate a bomb at the Los Angeles International Airport. Mokhtar Haouari had provided a fake ID and \$3,000 to Ressam, and is sentenced to 24 years in prison in 2002. In 2005 Ressam is sentenced to 22 years in prison
- 12/28 Seattle officials cancel a public New Year's Eve celebration due to security concerns
- 2000** 1/10 Authorities find 14 Chinese stowaways with three dead men hidden in a cargo ship container at the Port of Seattle. Another 19 men are found the next day. A total of 203 people are caught over the last year hidden in containers in US and Canadian ports
- 1/31 Alaska Airline flight 261, an MD-83 jet with 88 people bound for Seattle with a stop in San Francisco from Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, crashed 2.7 miles north of Anacapa Island, California. There were no survivors
- 2/9 In Renton some 17,000 Boeing engineers and technical workers go on strike in one of the largest white-collar strikes in US history
- 3/9 The Snake River is declared the most endangered river in the US for second year in a row
- 3/17 The Boeing Company agrees to settle a 38-day strike by its engineers
- 3/26 The Seattle Kingdome is blown up in a controlled implosion. The 7.9 acre roof collapses in less than 20 seconds
- 6/21 Alan Hovhaness, composer, dies at age 89. He composed over 400 works including 9 operas, 2 ballets, and over 60 symphonies

- 6/23 The Experience Music Project opens in Seattle. Funded by Paul Allen and designed by Frank Gehry, the project is dedicated to the celebration of creativity in music
- 11/21 Newspaper Guild members of the "Seattle Times" and "Seattle Post-Intelligencer" go on strike
- 11/22 Democrat Maria Cantwell claims victory in the Senate seat race against Republican incumbent, Slade Gorton. The next Senate will have 13 female Senators
- 11/24 Striking workers produce their first edition in competition with the "Seattle Times" and "Seattle Post-Intelligencer"
- 12/6 The Seattle Zoo welcomes two young giant pandas on a ten-year loan from China, Mei Jiang (beautiful fragrance) and Tian Tian (more and more)
- 12/20 Four-fifths of the salmon spawning in the last free flowing reach of the Columbia River revert to female sex for unknown reasons. Water temperature and environmental pollutants are suspect
- 12/28 Union employees of the "Seattle Post-Intelligencer" accept a contract following a 5-week strike
- 2001** 1/4 The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation announces a private scholarship program with \$100 million in funds to help low income students go to college
- 1/15 Striking "Seattle Times" employees agree to a tentative settlement of their 45-day walkout
- 1/15 In Seattle a truck crashes into the Pergola in Pioneer Square and destroys the 1909 landmark
- 2/26 Leo Kenney, a leading artist of the Northwest School of Painters, dies at age 75
- 2/28 A 6.8 magnitude slab earthquake shakes Seattle. Damages are estimated at \$1.5-2 million
- 3/21 Boeing announces plans to move its headquarters to Chicago
- 4/3 A US fishing boat, the *Arctic Rose* out of Seattle, sinks in the Bering Sea and all 15 aboard are feared dead
- 5/21 Members of the Earth Liberation Front torch the University of Washington's, Center for Urban Horticulture, and cause \$6 million in damage. Four people are later convicted of taking part in the firebombing one of whom commits suicide in prison
- 7/10 The American League beats the National League 4 to 1 in the annual All-Star game held at Safeco Field
- 7/11 A wildfire kills two male and two female firefighters in the Chewuch River Valley of the north Cascade Mountains
- 9/12 In Mexico a twin-engine LET 410 plane crashes in the Yucatan, and all 19 people aboard are killed. The 16 passengers are all Seattle tourists on a Holland America cruise
- 10/11 Tom Wales, a Seattle federal prosecutor, is gunned down in his home office
- 10/ Seattle Mariners, professional baseball team, wins 116 games during the regular season, and wins its American League division in a playoff with the Cleveland Indians. The Mariners lose the American League championship to the New York Yankees
- 11/30 Gary Leon Ridgway is arrested in connection with 4 of 7 Green River serial killings in Washington State. Four murders are linked to him through DNA and three through paint he used at his job. In 2003 he pleaded guilty to 48 counts of aggravated murder, although estimates of his murders ran much higher. Ridgway was sentenced to 48 life sentences with no possibility of parole and one life sentence to be served consecutively
- 2002** 3/6 The Bush administration announces an additional \$450 million to speed the cleanup of the Hanford nuclear reservation by 35 to 45 years
- 3/28 The last Boeing 307 Stratoliner crash lands in the water in Puget Sound near Seattle, and all four people aboard are rescued
- 7/6 The new Museum of Glass: International Center for Contemporary Art, designed by Arthur Erickson, opens in Tacoma,
- 9/2 Consolidated Freightways Corporation of Vancouver files for chapter 11 bankruptcy and

- lays off 15,500 people nationwide
- 10/20 The *Galaxy* fishing ship, ported in Seattle, explodes and burns 750 miles SW of Alaska. One man is killed and two are missing
- 11/4 Eagle Scout Darrell Lambert (19) of Port Orchard is told to leave the Boy Scout organization due to his atheist beliefs. According to scout officials, "The Boy Scouts is a faith based organization and the issue of God is not negotiable." Lambert is given one week to declare belief in a higher power
- 12/9 Senator Patty Murray tells high school students that Osama bin Laden is popular in poor countries because of his charitable works and challenges the US to do the same
- 2003 3/16 Voters approve construction of a 14-mile monorail for Seattle
- 3/16 In the Gaza Strip Rachel Corrie (23) of Washington State is crushed to death by an Israeli Army bulldozer as she tries to block the demolition of Palestinian homes
- 4/26 Crystal Brame (35), the wife of Tacoma Police chief David Brame (44) is in critical condition and eventually dies from a gunshot wound to the head after being shot by her husband, who then turns the gun on himself
- 9/11 The Seattle Archdiocese agrees to pay \$7.87 million to settle lawsuits brought by 15 men who said they were molested by the same priest
- 12/23 A cow, slaughtered in Washington State on December 9, is reported to have tested positive for mad cow disease, the first such US case. The infected Holstein was imported into the US from Canada about two years ago. The \$2.6 billion beef export industry is hit as seven nations quickly suspended imports of US beef, and a beef recall soon spread to eight states and Guam
- 2004 3/7 Seattle's mayor says the city will begin recognizing the marriages of gay employees who tie the knot elsewhere, although it will not conduct its own same sex weddings
- 5/23 Seattle's new downtown Central Library, designed by Rem Koolhaas, officially opens
- 7/19 A three day meeting of the US National Governors Association ends in Seattle
- 8/4 Former teacher, Mary Kay LeTourneau, convicted of having sex with a 6th grade pupil, is released from a Washington State prison
- 9/4 Bellevue High School Wolverines beat San Francisco's De La Salle High School, who lose their first football game in 12 years and ends their winning streak of 151 games
- 10/12 The Seattle Storm wins their first WNBA title with a 74-60 victory over the Connecticut Sun
- 11/17 A recount is ordered in the governor's race between Christine Gregoire and Dino Rossi. The November 2nd balloting left them separated by just a few of 2.8 million votes cast. A hand tally looks likely after a machine recount showed Rossi 42 votes ahead. After three counts of the ballots, Gregoire was declared the winner by just 129 votes out of 2.9 million cast
- 12/23 Washington State election officials announce that Democratic candidate Christine Gregoire is the winner in the governor's race by 130 votes, out of 2.9 million ballots cast, over her Republican opponent Dino Rossi
- 12/30 Washington Secretary of State, Sam Reed, certified Democratic candidate Christine Gregoire as winner in the governor's race by 129 votes over Republican opponent Dino Rossi
- 2005 1/22 *Phytophthora ramorum*, a mutant of the sudden oak death pathogen, is found in a nursery in Washington State. It is believed to be the result of a union between California and European strains of the pathogen
- 8/2 Seattle Mariner pitcher, Ryan Franklin, is suspended for ten days for violating baseball's policy on performance enhancing drugs
- 10/10 Joel Holland, a retired Washington State firefighter, wins the annual Safeway World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-off with his entry of a gigantic pumpkin that weighs 1,229 pounds. This matches his winner in 2004. The Half Moon Bay, California

- contest began in 1974
- 11/15 The US government declares the Puget Sound Orcas an endangered species
- 11/20 Dominick Sergio Maldonado (20) goes on a shooting spree at the crowded Tacoma Mall, and seven people are injured, one critically, before he is arrested. Maldonado is charged with attempted murder and kidnapping
- 11/25 Nine inmates escape from the Yakima County Jail; all are recaptured although one was at large for three weeks
- 2006** 1/27 Lawmakers in Washington State pass a gay right bill and Gov Christine Gregoire says she will sign it on January 31
- 2/1 The Roman Catholic diocese of Spokane offers a \$45.7 million settlement to 75 people who claim they were molested by priests
- 2/5 Seattle Seahawks, professional football team, plays in Super Bowl XL, and loses to the Pittsburgh Steelers 21-10
- 4/18 Chinese President Hu Jintao arrives in Washington State, tours the Redmond campus of Microsoft, and has dinner at the home of MS Corporation Chairman Bill Gates
- 5/23 Washington Mutual Incorporated, the nation's largest savings and loan, notifies 1,400 workers in Washington and Florida that they will lose their jobs as part of the company's cost saving strategy
- 7/18 The Seattle Supersonics report a group of Oklahoma businessmen have purchased the club for \$350 million. The new ownership group says it plans to keep the team in Seattle, if it can work out a deal for a new arena in the next 12 months. Officials in Seattle say they plan to hold the Sonics to their lease which expires in 2010
- 7/28 Gunman Naveed Afzel Haq (30) kills Pam Waechter (58) of Seattle and wounds five others at the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle. Haq says he was "angry at Israel". On June 4, 2008, a jury finds him not guilty on one count of attempted murder; on the remaining counts, the jury declares itself to be hung. The judge declares a mistrial, and in 2009 another jury finds Haq guilty of eight counts, including aggravated first-degree murder. The murder verdict carries an automatic life sentence
- 8/5 Susan Butcher (51), four time Iditarod champion, dies in Seattle. In 1986 she became the Alaska race's second female winner that brought increased national attention to its grueling competition
- 8/23 Gov Gregoire declares a state of emergency due to a group of southeastern wildfires that covered 70 square miles near Dayton
- 12/15 About 1.5 million homes and businesses in Washington and Oregon have no power after howling windstorms and heavy rains cause at least three deaths, close two major bridges, and creates flooding
- 12/16 Residents of the Pacific Northwest struggle to stay warm after the worst windstorm in more than a decade knocks out power to more than 1.5 million homes and businesses. The storm kills at least 14 people including six from carbon monoxide
- 2007** 5/30 Robert Alan Soloway (27), described as one of the world's most prolific spammers, is arrested in Seattle. Federal authorities say computer users across the Web could notice a decrease in the amount of junk mail
- 6/27 William M Jenkins, former CEO of Seattle First National Bank, dies on Bainbridge Island. His term ended after the bank was forced into a merger due to bad loans following the 1982 failure of Oklahoma's Penn Square Bank
- 6/28 Bruce Kennedy, former CEO of Alaska Airlines, is killed when his Cessna 182 crashes in Cashmere
- 7/15 A new second bridge opens across the Tacoma Narrows
- 8/2 A helicopter with four people aboard crashes and bursts into flames on the east slopes of the Cascade Range, starting a wildfire. By the next day the fire had spread through dry timber to cover 300 to 400 acres

- 9/8 Five members of the Makah tribe kill a California gray whale with harpoons and a rifle without tribal approval. In October a federal grand jury charges the five Makah men with misdemeanors
- 10/7 A Cessna 208 Grand Caravan crashes in the Cascade Mountains after it leaves Star, Idaho, near Boise, en route to Shelton northwest of Olympia. The pilot and nine skydivers are found dead when searchers find the wreckage the next day
- 12/4 A state of emergency is declared after a severe storm smacks the region with hurricane force winds and several inches of rain. At least four people are killed by the storm
- 12/10 Washington Mutual says it will lay off over 3,000 workers and close 190 offices in response to loan losses in the mortgage market
- 12/25 Six people, three generations of one family, are killed in Carnation. The next day police arrest Michele Anderson and Joseph McEnroe, the property owners' daughter and her boyfriend
- 2008** 1/4 The second wave of an arctic storm sent trees crashing onto houses, cars, and roads, and ground air flights and overturn trucks with gusts of 80 mph wind. Hundreds of thousands of customers lost power
- 3/3 Three new expensive homes go up in flames in Woodinville, and two other homes sustain minor fire or smoke damage. A sign was marked ELF, the initials of the Earth Liberation Front
- 4/ Colton Harris-Moore (17) escapes from a juvenile detention center in Washington State. He had logged his first criminal conviction at age 12, and continues to evade authorities with burglaries and robberies in San Juan County and as well as other states
- 6/25 Jerry Brown, California's Attorney General, sues Countrywide Financial for unfair business practices relating to home loan mortgages. The Washington State Department of Financial Institutions files an administrative action against Countrywide alleging discriminatory lending practices
- 7/1 Starbucks says it will close another 500 stores in America, and reduce its workforce by about 7%. Announced earlier this year was the closure of 100 stores—70% of the stores that opened after 2005
- 9/2 Isaac Zamora goes on a shooting rampage in Mount Vernon, and turns himself into the sheriff's office. He is described as a person with a mental illness, and is later found incompetent to stand trial
- 9/17 About \$12 million in disaster relief is released to salmon fishermen by the Bush administration
- 9/25 The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation seizes Washington Mutual Inc., and sells the thrift's banking assets to JP Morgan Chase & Co. for \$1.9 billion. WaMu, founded in 1889, becomes the largest bank to fail by far in the country's history. Its \$307 billion in assets eclipse the \$40 billion of Continental Illinois National Bank, which failed in 1984
- 11/1 Members of the Machinists Union, representing some 27,000 workers in Washington, Oregon, and Kansas, ratify a new contract with the Boeing Company ending an 8-week strike
- 11/4 The state votes for Barack Obama, and becomes the second state after Oregon to legalize assisted suicide
- 2009** 1/8 Floods in west central Washington lead to mudslides and avalanches, and closes 20 miles of I-5 between Olympia and the Oregon line
- 3/11 Vice President Biden announces President Obama has chosen Seattle Police Chief Gil Kerlikowske as the nation's new drug czar
- 3/17 The "Seattle Post Intelligencer," owned by the Hearst Corporation, prints its last newspaper edition. It will become exclusively web based as seattlepi.com making it the nation's largest daily newspaper to move to only online

- 7/3 Federal agents arrest 31 people and break up a drug trafficking ring that is directed by a cartel in Jalisco, Mexico. The two week Operation Arctic Chill seizes 23 guns including a .50 Desert Eagle pistol and an AK-47 assault rifle
- 7/24 Isaiah MK Kalebu is arrested for breaking into a Seattle home and stabbing two women, one fatally. Kalebu has a history of mental illness
- 9/12 Researchers report finding dangerous methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) bacteria in sand and water for the first time at five public beaches along Washington's coast
- 10/31 Gunfire directed at a police patrol car kills police officer, Timothy Brenton, and wounds his trainee. Brenton is the first Seattle police officer killed in the line of duty since 2006. On November 6th suspect, Christopher Monfort, is shot by police as he drew a gun on officers investigating the death of Brenton. Monfort becomes paralyzed as a result of his wounds
- 11/29 Maurice Clemmons shoots and kills four police officers in Lakewood as they worked on their laptop computers in a coffee house at the beginning of their shifts in Parkland. On December 1 Clemmons is shot and killed by a patrolman investigating a stolen car. Seven people were arrested for helping Clemmons elude capture
- 12/4 In Perugia, Italy, Amanda Knox, a University of Washington student, is convicted of murdering Meredith Kercher, her British roommate. Knox is sentenced to 26 years in prison, and Raffaele Sollecito, Knox' boyfriend, is sentenced to 25 years in prison. Rudy Hermann Guede, and Ivory Coast citizen, had already been convicted of murder and sentenced to 30 years in prison. Upon appeal Knox and Sollecito are acquitted, and freed on October 3, 2011. Knox arrives in Seattle with her family on October 4, 2011
- 12/15 Boeing's new 787 jetliner makes its inaugural flight from Everett's Paine Field to begin an extensive testing program to obtain FAA certification

TIMELINE: UNITED STATES HISTORY 1900-2009

- 1900** 9/8 A Hurricane devastates Galveston, Texas, and leaves an estimated 6,000 to 8,000 dead.
Census count indicates the nation's population is 76 million
- 1901** 3/4 McKinley inaugurated for second term
9/6 McKinley is shot in Buffalo, New York, by Ron Czolgosz, and dies from his wounds
9/14 Teddy Roosevelt succeeds to presidency
Carnegie sells Carnegie Steel for \$225 million
- 1903** 11/17 The United States acquires the Panama Canal Zone
12/17 The Wright brothers make first controlled sustained flight in heavier-than-air aircraft at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina
- 1905** 3/4 Second inauguration of Teddy Roosevelt
- 1906** 4/18 An earthquake strikes San Francisco, California, leaving 500 dead or missing, and destroys about 4 square miles of the city
- 1908** 7/6 The Bureau of Investigation, forerunner of the FBI, is established
11/ William Howard Taft elected President
Ford introduces the Model T Ford
- 1909** 3/4 William Howard Taft inaugurated as 27th president
6/23 Transcontinental car race from Seattle, Washington to New York, New York, held. A Shamut won the Guggenheim Cup plus a \$2,000 first prize after a Model T Ford was disqualified
- 1912** Woodrow Wilson wins election for president
3/4 Wilson inaugurated
3/27 A gift from Japan, the first cherry blossom trees are planted in Washington, DC
4/8 17th Amendment to the Constitution ratified, which provides for direct election of US Senators by popular vote rather than vote by state legislature
Suffragettes march on the Capitol in Washington, DC. The growth in the number of women in the work force especially increased suffragist's support
- 1913** The Federal Reserve Act drastically revamps the American banking structure in accordance with seasonal and regional requirements for credit and currency
- 1914** World War I begins in Europe
8/15 The Panama Canal opens to traffic
- 1915** 1/25 The first long distance telephone service between New York and San Francisco is demonstrated
Refrigerators are sold for home use
- 1916** 8/14 US purchases the Danish West Indies (Virgin Islands) for \$25 million
11/7 Jeannette Rankin of Montana is the first woman elected to the US House of Representatives
16th Amendment to the Constitution ratified; permits the collection of income tax
- 1917** 3/5 Wilson's second inauguration
3/6 US declares war on Germany
5/15 The first regular airmail service begins with one round trip per day between Washington, DC and New York
12/7 US declares war on Austria Hungary
- 1918** Worldwide "Spanish" influenza epidemic strikes; 500,000 perish in US and 20 million die worldwide by 1920
11/11 World War I ends
- 1919** 1/13 League of Nations meets for first time; but the US is not represented

- 1/16 18th Amendment to Constitution ratified that prohibits manufacture, sale, and transportation of liquor
- 2/6 First day of 5-day general labor strike in Seattle, the first general strike in the US. Washington was a center for labor organizing efforts by the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), also known as the “Wobblies”, during this period. The labor strife lead to massacres in Centralia, Washington, and Everett, Washington
- 8/18 19th Amendment to Constitution ratified that grants women the right to vote
- 9/26 President Wilson is incapacitated by a stroke
- 11/19 Treaty of Versailles that outlines terms of peace at the end of World War I rejected by the Senate
- 1920** Commercial radio broadcasting in the US initiated by KDKA in Pittsburgh
- 1921** 3/4 Warren G Harding inaugurated as 29th president
- 7/2 Harding signs resolution that declares peace with Austria and Germany
- 1924** The National Origins Act effectively closes the gates to all but a few immigrants, and ends the traditional American welcome to settlers from abroad
- 1923** 8/2 Harding dies suddenly; Calvin Coolidge succeeds to the presidency
- 10/ The “Teapot Dome” scandal breaks, and the Senate begins investigation into improper leasing of naval oil reserves that occurred during the Harding administration
- 1925** 3/4 Coolidge’s second inauguration
- 3/23 Tennessee passes a law against the teaching of evolution in public schools
- 7/10-7/25 The Scopes “Monkey” Trial takes place
- 1927** 5/20 Charles Lindbergh makes the first solo nonstop transatlantic flight in *The Spirit of St. Louis*
- 1929** 3/4 Herbert Hoover inaugurated as the 31st president
- 10/29 Stock market crash precipitates the Great Depression
- 1931** 3/3 *The Star-Spangled Banner* is adopted as the national anthem
- 1932** 5/21 Hattie Wyatt Caraway of Arkansas is the first woman elected to the US Senate. She fills a vacancy caused by the death of her husband, and was re-elected in 1932 and 1938
- 1933** 1/23 The 20th Amendment to the Constitution, the “Lame Duck Amendment”, is ratified. It changes the inauguration date from March 4 to January 20
- 3/4 Franklin D. Roosevelt inaugurated as 32nd president
- 3/9 New Deal recovery measures enacted by Congress
- 12/5 The 21st Amendment to the constitution is ratified, and repeals prohibition
- 1935** 4/8 *Works Progress Administration* is established
- 8/14 *Social Security Act* passes
- 8/14 Federal Bureau of Investigation directed by J. Edgar Hoover succeeds the Bureau of Investigation
- 1937** 1/20 Franklin D. Roosevelt’s second inauguration
- 1938** 6/25 *Fair Labor Standards Act* is passed, and sets the first *minimum wage* in the US at 25¢ per hour
- 1939** 9/5 US declares its neutrality in European conflict
- 1941** 1/20 Franklin D. Roosevelt begins third term as president. He is the first and only president elected to a third term
- Refined by Howard Florey and Ernst Chan based on the research by Alexander Fleming, *Penicillin* is marketed
- 12/7 Japan attacks Hawaii, Guam, and the Philippines
- 12/8 US declares war on Japan
- 12/11 US declares war subsequent to the declaration of war by Germany and Italy
- 1942** 10-12 Allies invade North Africa
- 1943** 9-12 Allies invade Italy

- 1944** 6/6 D-Day—allies invade France
- 1945** 1/20 Franklin D. Roosevelt's 4th term starts
- 2/4-11 Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin meet at Yalta, USSR, to discuss postwar occupation of Germany
- 4/12 Roosevelt dies of a stroke at Saratoga Springs, New York
- 4/12 Harry Truman succeeds to the presidency
- 5/7 Germany surrenders unconditionally
- 7/16 First atomic bomb is detonated at Alamogordo, New Mexico
- 7/17-8/2 Truman, Churchill, and Stalin meet at Potsdam, near Berlin, Germany, to demand Japan's unconditional surrender and to discuss plans for postwar Europe
- 8/6 US drops atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan
- 8/9 US drops atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan
- 8/14 Japan agrees to unconditional surrender
- 9/2 Japanese envoys sign surrender terms aboard the USS *Missouri* in Tokyo harbor
- 10/24 United Nations established at a meeting in San Francisco, California
- 1946** 7/4 The Philippines, which had been ceded to the US by Spain at the end of the Spanish-American War, become an independent republic
- 1947** 7/18 Presidential Succession Act is signed into law by President Truman
The Central Intelligence Agency is established
- 1948** 4/2 The Marshall Plan is announced to assist in the recovery of Europe that is essential to democracy. US provides loans and large-scale assistance to European countries
- 6/24 Soviets begin blockade of Berlin
- 6/26 US and Great Britain begin airlift of food and fuel to West Berlin
- 1949** 1/20 Second inauguration of Harry Truman
- 4/4 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is established
- 5/12 Soviets end Berlin blockade, but airlift continues until September 30
- 1950** 5/ Truman sends 35 military advisers to South Viet Nam, and gives the French \$15 million in economic and military aid to assist in the retention of Viet Nam
- 6/27 Truman commits American troops to battle in the conflict between South Korea and Communist North Korea
- 1951** 2/27 The president is limited to two terms with the passage of the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution
- 4/11 Truman removes General Douglas MacArthur as head of the US Far East Command
- 9/4 Truman addresses the nation in the first coast-to-coast live television broadcast
- 1952** 7/25 Puerto Rico attains commonwealth status
- 11/1 First hydrogen bomb is detonated on Eniwetok atoll in the Marshall Islands by the US
- 1953** 1/20 Dwight Eisenhower becomes the 34th president
- 6/19 Julius and Ethel Rosenberg are executed for passing secret information about US atomic weapons to the Soviets
- 7/27 Armistice agreement is signed between South Korea and North Korea
- 1954** 4/22-6/17 The Committee on Un-American Activities holds hearings, and Sen. Joseph McCarthy accuses army officials, members of the media, and other public figures of being Communists during the highly publicized televised hearings
- 5/17 The Supreme Court rules that racial segregation in schools is unconstitutional in *Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas*
- 1957** 1/21 Eisenhower is inaugurated for his second term
- 9/24 The President sends federal troops to Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, to enforce integration of black students
- 1958** 1/31 The first American satellite, Explorer I, is launched
- 1959** 1/3 Alaska becomes the 49th state
- 8/21 Hawaii is the 50th state in the Union

- 1960** The birth control pill is approved for contraceptive use, and by 1963, 2.3 million women are taking the pill (needtoknow/wnet/pbs.org, Internet, 2011)
- 1961** 1/3 The US severs diplomatic relations with Cuba
 1/20 John F Kennedy is inaugurated
 4/17 The Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba fails
 5- “Freedom Riders” sponsored by the Congress of Racial Equality travel on buses through the South in order to protest racially segregated interstate bus facilities
- 1962** 2/20 Lt. Colonel John Glenn is the first US astronaut to orbit Earth
 10/22- President Kennedy denounces the Soviet Union for secretly installing missile bases on
 11/20 Cuba, and initiates a naval blockade of the island
- 1963** 8/28 Rev Martin Luther King, Jr. delivers the “I Have a Dream” speech before a crowd of 200,000 during the civil rights march on Washington, DC
 11/22 Kennedy is assassinated in Dallas, Texas, and Lyndon Johnson succeeds to the presidency
- 1964** 7/2 The Civil Rights Act signed by President Johnson
 8/2 US destroyer is allegedly attacked by North Vietnamese torpedo boats in the Gulf of Tonkin
 8/7 Gulf of Tonkin Resolution passes Congress that authorizes Johnson to take measures to defend US forces and prevent further aggression in Viet Nam
- 1965** 1/4 President Johnson proposes the *Great Society* program in his State of the Union address
 1/20 Lyndon Johnson’s second inauguration
 3/7 State troopers attack peaceful demonstrators led by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., as they try to cross a bridge in Selma, Alabama
 8/6 President Johnson signs *The Voting Rights Act* that prohibits discriminatory voting practices
 8/11 During six days of rioting in Watts, a black section of Los Angeles, 35 people are killed and 883 injured
- 1966** 6/13 In the landmark Supreme Court decision, *Miranda v. Arizona*, the due process clause of the 14th Amendment is further defined and establishes *Miranda* rights
- 1967** 2/10 The 25th Amendment to the Constitution is ratified, and outlines the procedures for filling vacancies in the presidency and vice-presidency
- 1968** 4/4 Martin Luther King, Jr., is assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee
 6/5 Senator Robert F. Kennedy is assassinated in Los Angeles, California
- 1969** 1/20 Richard Nixon is inaugurated as the 37th president
 7/20 Astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin, Jr., become the first men to land on the Moon
- 1970** 5/1 Four students are shot to death by National Guardsmen during an antiwar protest at Kent State University
 448 colleges and universities close or go on strike in protest of the war in Viet Nam
 Nixon names two women generals
- 1971** 7/1 The 26th Amendment to the Constitution is ratified that lowers the voting age from 21 to 18
- 1972** 2/21 Nixon travels to China
 5/26 US and Soviet Union sign strategic arms control agreement know as SALT I
 6/17 Five men, all employees of Nixon’s reelection campaign, are caught breaking into rival Democratic headquarters at the Watergate complex in Washington, DC
- 1973** 1/20 Second inauguration of Richard Nixon
 1/22 Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*, legalizes abortion in the first trimester of pregnancy
 5/17 The Senate Select committee begins televised hearings to investigate the Watergate cover-up
 10/10 Vice-president Spiro T Agnew resigns due to charges of corruption and income tax evasion

- 10/12 President Nixon nominates Gerald R Ford as Vice-president
- 12/6 Ford is confirmed by Congress and sworn in. He is the first Vice-president to succeed to the office under the terms laid out by the 25th Amendment
- 1974** 7/27 The House Judiciary Committee recommends to full House that Nixon be impeached on grounds of obstruction of justice, abuse of power, and contempt of Congress
- 8/9 Nixon resigns; he is succeeded in office by the Vice-president, Gerald Ford
- 9/8 Nixon is granted an unconditional pardon by President Ford
- 10/15 Five former Nixon aides go on trial for their involvement in the Watergate cover-up
- 12/19 HR Haldeman, John D Ehrlichman, and John Mitchell eventually serve time in prison
- Nelson Rockefeller is confirmed and sworn in as Vice-president
- 1977** 1/20 Jimmy Carter is inaugurated as the 39th president
- 9/7 President Carter signs a treaty agreeing to turn control of Panama Canal over to Panama on December 31, 1999
- 1978** 9/6 President Carter meets with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin at Camp David
- 9/17 Sadat and Begin sign Camp David Accord to end the 30-year conflict between Egypt and Israel
- 1979** 1/1 US establishes diplomatic ties with mainland China for the first time since Communist takeover in 1949
- 3/28 Malfunction at Three Mile Island nuclear reactor in Pennsylvania causes near meltdown
- 10/1 Panama takes control of the Canal Zone, formerly administered by the US
- 11/4 Iranian students storm US embassy in Teheran and hold 66 people hostage
- 11/19 Thirty-three of the hostages held at the embassy by the Iranian students are released
- 1980** 1/20 Unless the Soviet Union withdraws from Afghanistan, US athletes will not attend the summer Olympics in Moscow according the President Carter
- 2/2 FBI's undercover bribery investigation, code named Abscam, implicates a US senator, seven members of the House, and 31 other public officials
- 4/25 US mission to rescue hostages in Iran is aborted after a helicopter and cargo plane collide at the staging site in a remote part of Iran, and 8 servicemen are killed
- 1981** 1/20 Ronald Reagan is inaugurated as the 40th president
- 1/20 US hostages held in Iran are released after 444 days in captivity
- 3/30 President Reagan is shot in the chest by John Hinckley, Jr.
- 9/25 Sandra Day O'Connor is sworn in as the first woman Supreme Court justice
- 1982** 6/30 Deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the constitution passes without gaining the votes necessary for ratification
- 1983** 10/25 US invades Caribbean Island of Grenada after a coup by a Marxist faction in the government
- 1985** 1/21 Reagan's second inauguration
- 1986** 1/28 The space shuttle, *Challenger*, explodes 73 seconds after liftoff, killing all seven crew members. It is the worst accident in the history of the US space program
- 4/14 US bombs military bases in Libya in effort to deter terrorist strikes on American targets
- 11/ Iran-Contra scandal breaks when White House is forced to reveal secret arms-for-hostages deals
- 1987** 5/5 Congress holds public hearings in the Iran-Contra investigation
- 6/12 In a speech in Berlin, President Reagan challenges Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev to "tear down this wall" and open Eastern Europe to political and economic reform
- 12/8 Reagan and Gorbachev sign the INF treaty, the first arms-control agreement to reduce the superpower's nuclear weapons
- 1989** 1/20 George HW Bush is inaugurated as the 41st president
- 3/24 Oil tanker, *Exxon Valdez*, runs aground in Prince William Sound, and spills more than 10 million gallons of oil. It is the largest oil spill in US history

- 8/9 President Bush signs legislation to provide for federal bailout of nearly 800 insolvent savings and loan institutions
- 12/20 US forces invade Panama in an attempt to capture General Manuel Noriega, who previously had been indicted in the US on drug trafficking charges
- 1990** 8/2 Iraqi troops invade Kuwait--an action that leads to the Persian Gulf War
- 1991** 1/16- US leads the international coalition during the Persian Gulf War in a military operation, code 2/28 named "Desert Storm", in order to drive the Iraqi's out of Kuwait
- 4/6 Iraq accepts terms of UN ceasefire that marks the end of the Persian Gulf War
- 7/31 US and Soviet Union sign START I treaty, and agree to further reduce strategic nuclear arms
- 10/11 Senate Judiciary Committee conducts televised hearings to investigate allegations of past sexual harassment charges brought against Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas by Anita Hill, a law professor at the University of Oklahoma
- 1992** 2/1 Following the breakup of the Soviet Union in December 1991, President Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsin meet at Camp David and formally declare an end to the cold war
- 4/29 The acquittal of four white police officers charged in the 1991 beating of black motorist, Rodney King, in Los Angeles sets off several days of rioting, and leads to more than 50 deaths, thousands of injuries and arrests, and \$1 billion in property damage
- 12/4 President Bush authorizes sending US troops to Somalia as part of UN relief effort
- 12/24 President Bush grants pardons to six officials convicted or indicted in the Iran-Contra scandal, leading some to suspect a cover-up
- 1993** 1/20 Bill Clinton is inaugurated as the 42nd president
- 2/26 A bomb explodes in basement garage of the World Trade Center, kills 6, injures 1,000, and causes more than \$500 million in damage
- 4/19 After a 51-day standoff with federal agents, the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, burns to the ground and kills 80 cult members
- 6/26 President Clinton orders a missile attack against Iraq in retaliation for an alleged plot to assassinate former President Bush
- 10/3 Eighteen US soldiers are killed in ambush by Somali militiamen in Mogadishu
- 12/8 President Clinton signs the North American Free Trade Agreement into law
- 1994** 5/6 Paula Jones, a former Arkansas state employee, files a federal lawsuit against President Clinton for sexual harassment
- 1995** 4/19 The bombing of the federal office building in Oklahoma City kills 168 people
- 7/11 US establishes full diplomatic relations with Vietnam
- 12/ President Clinton sends the first 8,000 of 20,000 US troops to Bosnia for 12-month peacekeeping mission
- 12/16- The budget standoff between President Clinton and Congress results in a partial shutdown of US government
- 1997** 1/6
- 1997** 1/20 Clinton's second inauguration
- 1998** 1/17 President Clinton denies having had a sexual relationship with a White House intern named Monica Lewinsky
- 2/2 President Clinton releases the 1999 federal budget plan; it is the first balanced budget since 1969
- 8/17 In televised address, President Clinton admits having had a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky
- 8/20 US launches missile attacks on targets in Sudan and Afghanistan following terrorist attacks on US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania
- 12/16 US and Britain launch air strikes against weapon sites in Iraq
- 12/19 The House of Representatives votes to impeach President Clinton on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice

- 1999** 2/12 The Senate acquits Clinton of impeachment charges
 3/24- NATO wages air campaign against Yugoslavia over killing and deportation of ethnic
 6/10 Albanians in Kosovo
 4/20 A school shooting at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado leaves 14 students including the two shooters and one teacher dead, and 23 others wounded
 11/15 US and China sign historic trade agreement
- 2000** 4/1 The nation's population numbers more than 280 million according to the US census
 11/7 No clear winner is declared in the close presidential election contest between Vice-President Al Gore and Texas governor George W Bush
 12/12 More than a month after the presidential election, the US Supreme Court rules against a manual recount of ballots in certain Florida counties, which it contends would violate the Constitution's equal protection and due process guarantees. The decision provokes enormous controversy with critics maintaining that the court has, in effect, determined the outcome of the election
 12/13 Bush formally accepts the presidency, having won a slim majority in the Electoral College but not a majority of the popular vote
- 2001** 1/20 George W Bush is inaugurated as the 43rd president
 9/11 In the worst terrorist attack against the US two hijacked jetliners ram the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third hijacked plane flies into the Pentagon, and a fourth, intended to ram the White House, is taken over from the hijackers by passengers and crashes in Pennsylvania. More than 3,000 die in the attacks
 10/7 US and Britain launch air attacks against targets in Afghanistan after the Taliban government fails to hand over Saudi terrorist Osama bin Laden, the suspected mastermind behind the September 11th attacks
 12/9 Following an air campaign and ground assault by Afghani opposition troops, the Taliban regime topples; however, the hunt for bin Laden and other members of the al-Qaeda terrorist organization continues. On May 2, 2011 Osama bin Laden is finally found in Abbottabad, Pakistan, and killed by an elite team of US forces, SEAL Team 6
- 2002** 1/29 In his first State of the Union address, President Bush labels Iran, Iraq, and North Korea an "axis of evil" and declares that the US will wage war against states that develop weapons of mass destruction
 11/25 Bush signs legislation that creates a new cabinet department of Homeland Security
- 2003** 2/1 The space shuttle, *Columbia*, explodes upon re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere, and kills all seven astronauts on board
 3/19 US and Britain invade Iraq
 5/28 Bush signs a \$350 billion tax-cut bill
- 2004** 6/28 The US returns sovereignty to an interim government in Iraq, but maintains about 135,000 troops in the country to fight a growing insurgency
 8 & 9 Four hurricanes devastate Florida and other parts of the Southern United States
- 2005** The US engagement in Iraq continues amid that country's escalating violence and fragile political stability
 8/29- Hurricane Katrina wreaks catastrophic damage in Mississippi and Louisiana, and over
 8/30 80% of New Orleans is flooded. All levels of government are criticized for the delayed and inadequate response to the disaster
- 2006** 11/17 The US Census Bureau estimates that the population of the United States has reached 300 million
- 2007** 1/4 California Democrat, Nancy Pelosi, is the first woman to become Speaker of the House of Representatives
 3/13 Attorney General, Alberto Gonzales, admits that the Justice Department made mistakes and exercised poor judgment in firing nine federal prosecutors in late 2006

- 4/16 A male student at Virginia Tech kills two students in a dormitory, and two hours later kills 30 more and wounds 15 in a classroom building before committing suicide. The shooting rampage is the most deadly in US history
- 7/24 The minimum wage in the US increases to \$5.85, up from \$5.15— and is the first increase in 10 years. The wage will increase 70¢ each year through 2009, when it reaches \$7.25 per hour
- 8/1 An eight-lane interstate bridge packed with cars breaks into sections and falls in the river during rush hour in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Thirteen people are killed
- 8/27 The White House announces that Alberto Gonzales, the beleaguered attorney general, has submitted his resignation to President Bush
- 9/10 In highly anticipated testimony General David Petraeus tells members of the House Foreign Affairs and Armed Services committees that the US military needs more time to meet its goals in Iraq. Petraeus rejects suggestions that the US shift from a counter-insurgency operation to training Iraqi forces and fighting terrorists. Instead, he says the US must continue all three missions
- 2008** 6/3 After months of campaigning and primary races, Barack Obama and John McCain are finally chosen as the presidential nominees for the Democratic and Republican parties, respectively
- 9/ After months of unraveling, the economy finally comes crashing down in 2008, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average tumbling 4.4% in one day, Lehman Brothers filing for bankruptcy, and Bush placing mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac under government conservatorship
- 11/4 Democrats perform well across the board in the November elections. Barack Obama becomes the first African-American to be elected President with 52.8% of the vote. In Congress, Democrats retain majorities in both the House and the Senate with 57 Senators and 178 Representatives
- 2009** 1/22 President Obama signs executive orders closing all secret prisons and detention camps run by the CIA including the infamous Guantanamo Bay prison in Cuba, and bans coercive interrogation methods
- 2/17 Obama signs the \$787 billion stimulus package into law with the hope that the package will create 3.5 million jobs for Americans in the next two years
- 3/2 Insurance giant American International Group (AIG) reports a \$61.7 billion loss for the fourth quarter of 2008 in addition to the \$99.3 billion already lost in 2008. The federal government, which has already provided the company with a \$60 billion loan, will be giving AIG an additional \$30 billion. Nearly 80% of AIG is now owned by the federal government
- 4/26 After confirmation of 20 cases of swine flu in the US, including eight in New York City, the US declares the outbreak a public health emergency
- 6/25 Michael Jackson, lifelong musician, pop singer, and superstar, dies at the age of 50
- 8/6 The Senate approves, 68 to 31, the nomination of Sonia Sotomayor to the US Supreme Court. She's the first Hispanic Supreme Court justice and the third woman to serve on the court
- 8/25 Senator Edward "Ted" Kennedy, a fixture in the Senate for 46 years, dies of brain cancer at the age of 77
- 11/5 A shooting at the Fort Hood army post in Texas kills 13 and injures 29. Ten of those killed are military personnel. Major Nidal Malik Hasan, an army psychiatrist, is charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder
- 12/25 A Nigerian man on a flight from Amsterdam to Detroit allegedly attempts to ignite an explosive device hidden in his underwear. The alleged bomber, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, tells officials later that he was directed by the terrorist group, al-Qaeda, operating out of Yemen

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