

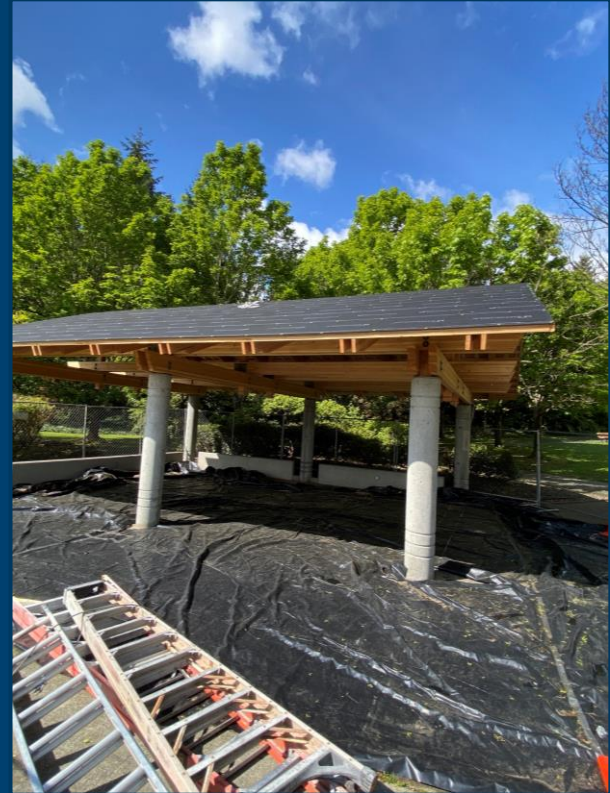
Mercer Island Parks & Recreation Commission



June 2, 2022

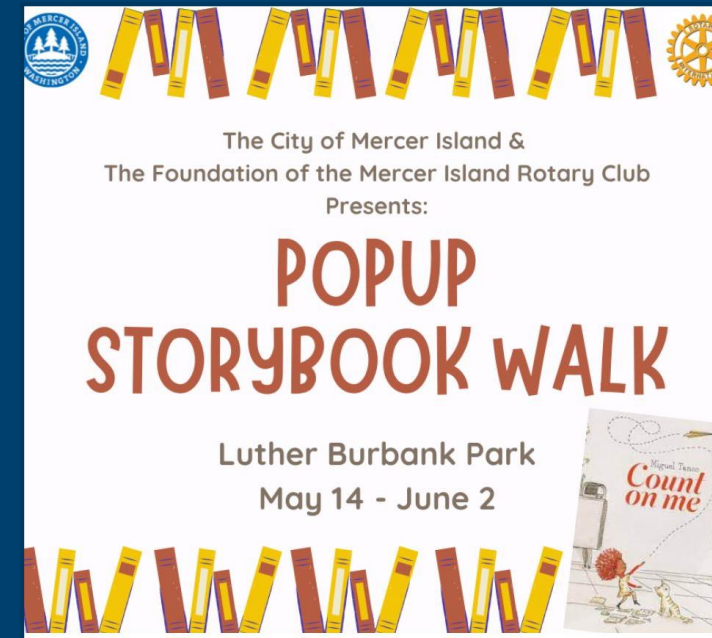
Aubrey Davis Park Picnic Shelter Replacement Progress

- The Aubrey Davis Park Picnic Shelter is taking shape!
- The contractor will be staining the structure and installing the metal roofing over the next two weeks.
- We are still on track to complete the work in the next month.
- The picnic shelter will be ready to rent this summer. For rental info visit: www.mercerisland.gov/rentalinformation



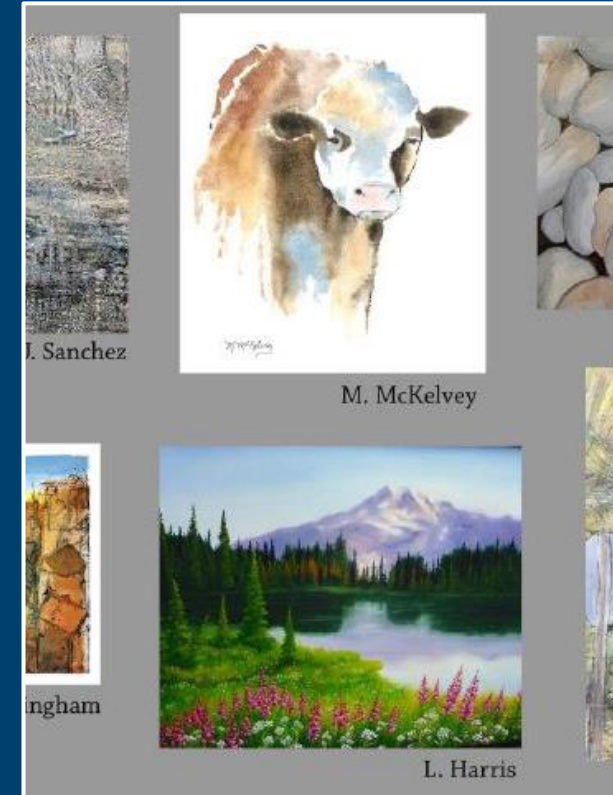
Pop-Up Story Walk

- Now through June 2, visit the new Pop-Up Story Walk at Luther Burbank Park.
- "Count On Me," by Miguel Tanco, is the story of one young girl's love of math – she sees math in everything: the concentric circles a stone makes in a lake, the curve of a slide, the geometric shapes in the playground.
- You and your little ones will enjoy the story and stroll around the park.
- Special thanks to the **Foundation of the Mercer Island Rotary Club** for partnering with the City to bring this wonderful story to our community!



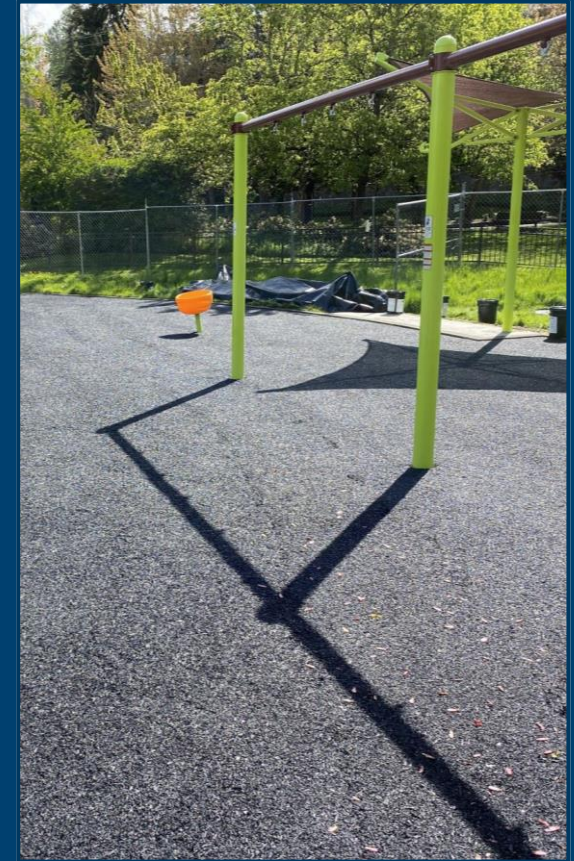
Wild in the West MIVAL Art Instillation at MICEC Gallery

- Twenty-three Mercer Island Visual Arts League (MIVAL) artists are featured in a new **Wild in the West** art instillation at the MICEC gallery.
- Visit the MICEC Gallery now through July 16 to view the exhibit.
- Gallery Hours are Monday-Thursday, 10 am-7 pm and Friday-Saturday, 10am-5 pm.
- Visit www.mercerisland.gov/arts for more information.



Mercerdale Playground Update

- We are finally in the home stretch!
- Crews installed the resilient rubber base layer last week.
- However, this is a stop and start process as crews continue to navigate the rain – the top (color) layer of rubber and play grass surfacing will be installed as weather cooperates.
- A significant challenge is a need for the sub-base to be dry, as well as dry weather for the poured-in place surfacing. Our very wet spring is not helping.
- Visit the project page for information and photos of the installed playground <https://letstalk.mercergov.org/mercerdale-playground>



Mercer Island Farmers Market

- The Mercer Island Farmers Market 2022 Season kicks off **Sunday, June 5.**
- Enjoy live music and purchase fresh produce, hot/prepared food, and crafts.
- Located on SE 32nd Street, just north of Mercerdale Park.
- The Market runs every Sunday from 10am - 3pm through September.



Summer Celebration!

- Visit www.mercerisland.gov/summercelebration for sponsorship opportunities, community group/non-profit booth applications, food vendor applications, and more information as it comes available.
- Thank you to our first sponsors!
 - Mercer Island Windermere (Entertainment Level)
 - Recology (Supporter Level),
 - The Mercer Island Community Fund



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Summer Celebration!

- Staff committed to raising a minimum of \$45K to support SC!
 - This included vendor fees and sponsorships.
 - We have received \$24K thus far in sponsorships and are projecting approx. \$8K in vendor and other fees.
- Sponsors needed- help us close the gap!
- If you know a business that may be interested, please send them our way. Visit www.mercerisland.gov/summercelebration for sponsorship information.



South Mercer Playfield Project

- The City and School District are working on joint project.
- Anticipate project to begin in early July and should conclude in early fall.
- The project will convert field #3 and field #4 to synthetic turf, installing lights and replacing turf on fields #1 and #2.
 - The turf on fields #1, 2, and 3 has reached the end of its useful life.
- The Mercer Island School District is the project manager.



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Potential Parks Levy

- **On June 7th the City Council will review the renewal of the parks levy lid lift.**
- **The current levy for parks operations expires in 2023.**
 - **This Supports: athletic fields, recreation facilities, Luther Burbank Park and open space.**
- **Staff has provided a recommendation to renew the levy a year early, before expiration. 3 options are being provided for Council discussion:**
 - **Maintain current base levy rate**
 - **Include playground replacement funding**
 - **Include Pioneer Park restoration funding**
- **Additional information can be found in the June 7 City Council Agenda Packet.**

Thank You!

June 2, 2022

