

City Manager's Report

Tuesday, January 21, 2025





Council Board and Commission Updates



TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025

Hybrid Meetings

- Upcoming Hybrid City Council Meeting
 - Council Planning Session - Tuesday, February 4 at 12:00 PM
 - Regular Hybrid Meeting - Tuesday, February 4 at 5:00 PM
- Hybrid Boards and Commissions Meetings (All Meetings on Zoom)
 - Planning Commission – Wed., Jan 22 at 6:00 PM

Visit www.mercerisland.gov/meetings for more information.



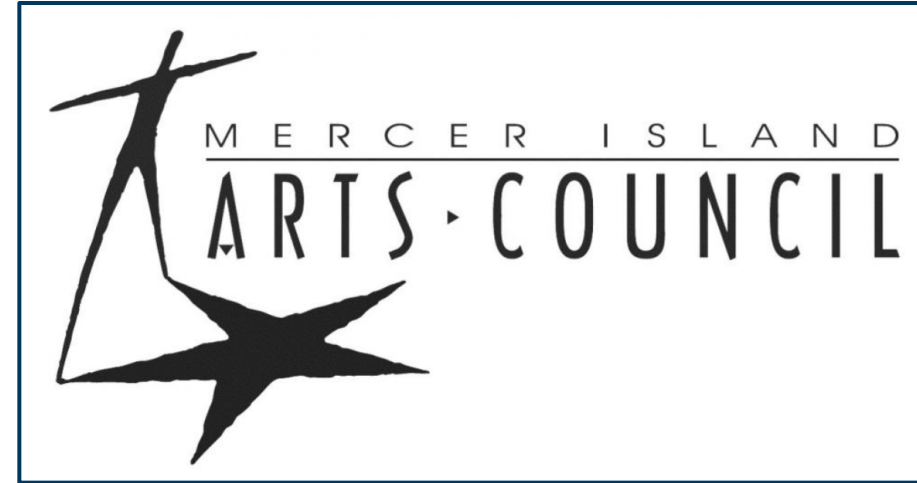
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Arts Council Vacancy

- The City Council is recruiting for an open position on the Arts Council, and you can join!
 - Applications will be accepted through February 25, 2025. Appointments are scheduled for the March 4 City Council Meeting.
 - The open position's term will end May 31, 2026.
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- Interested in volunteering? Go to our website to apply today.
<https://www.mercerisland.gov/bc>
 - Questions? Email City Clerk Andrea Larson at cityclerk@mercierisland.gov.



Island Crest Way Crosswalk Improvements

- This project installs a pedestrian signal at Island Park Elementary and flashing beacons at SE 62nd and SE 63rd Streets.
- Construction will resume the week of February 17 (mid-winter break), with crews trimming branches and installing conduit for Puget Sound Energy's new power service drops.
- During the week of April 14 (spring break), crews will install and wire the pedestrian signal, the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs), new light poles, and related equipment.
- To reduce traffic delays on Island Crest Way, construction is being scheduled during school breaks.



Traffic Signal Safety Improvements

- This project makes minor upgrades to four City traffic signals in Town Center.
- King County Transportation crews have updated signal timings and activated new 4-section left-turn signal heads in the Town Center at the SE 27th/77th Ave and SE 27th/78th Ave intersections.
- These upgrades enable protected left turns, improving traffic flow and efficiency at both intersections.
- Other work includes new pedestrian push buttons and enhanced signal heads.
- The project is now approximately 90% complete.



Thrift Shop Construction

- Construction at the Thrift Shop is scheduled!
- Starting February 3, contractors will begin mobilizing for the rebuild of the covered walkway and garage.
- The Thrift Shop will be closed from Feb 8 to 22 to allow contractors to complete all work that will affect donation and retail operations at the store.
- During this time, there will be no donation drop off and no shopping.
- We'll be pushing out extensive communications on this project to inform the community.



YFS Launches PARENT LAB

- On January 23, YFS is launching PARENT LAB, a new parent-support program funded by the Best Start for Kids grant.
- PARENT LABS are in-person, interactive workshops that teach parenting skills and build on the content of the Parenting Mercer Island online tool. PARENT LABS are facilitated by YFS counselors and staff.
- Topics include: stress and anxiety; connecting and communicating with your child; guidance and discipline for skill building, everyday parenting challenges, and important conversations with your adolescent/teen. Each lab is age-focused and participants can attend all four sessions or choose topics of interest.
- Please direct questions and sign ups to michelle.ritter@mercerisland.gov.



Upcoming Events

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Come Celebrate Lunar New Year!

- Join us for the Mercer Island Lunar New Year Celebration at the MICEC on Sunday, Feb 2 from 10am – 2pm.
- Celebrate the Year of the Snake with cultural performances, hands-on games and crafts, a community talent show, and a delicious food court featuring Lunar New Year delicacies.
- Bring your family and friends to enjoy a day of connection, tradition, and fun!
- Entry is free, but you must register ahead at www.michinese.org.



Senior Resource Fair

- The Mercer Island Senior Resource Fair returns to the MICEC on Saturday, March 1 from 10am – 12pm.
- This is a free event for Island seniors, their care partners, and families with information on staying active, health and safety, support and respite services, mental health care, volunteer opportunities, and social connections.

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The City of Mercer Island Presents:

SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR

MARCH 1, 2025 | 10AM - 12PM
Mercer Island Community & Event Center



Attention Mercer Island Seniors!

The Mercer Island Senior Resource Fair returns to the Mercer Island Community & Event Center this March!

A free event for Island seniors, their care partners, and families with information on staying active, health and safety, support and respite services, mental health care, volunteer opportunities, and social connections.

- Informational booths from local and regional senior resources
- Connect with experts in senior issues and aging
- Refreshments and seated social areas

Mercer Island Community & Event Center | 8236 SE 24th St.
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Some Good News

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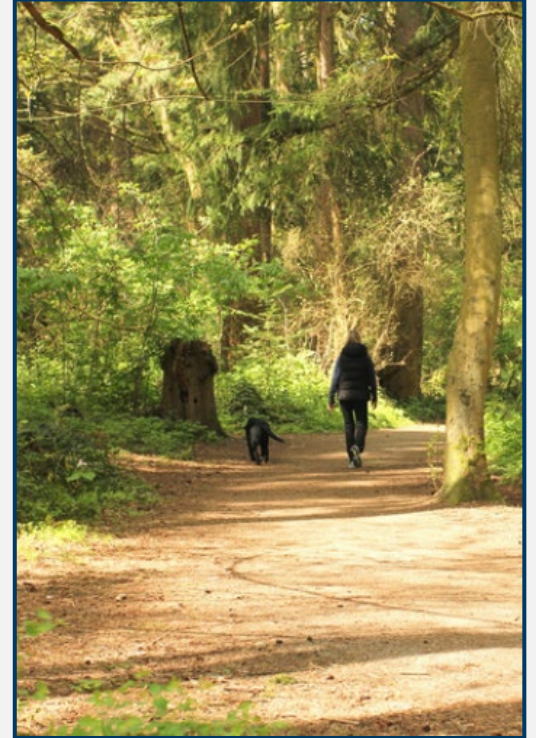
New Financial Management Software

- Organization-wide trainings in the new financial management software have begun! The in-person trainings cover how to make effective use of the new software, Enterprise ERP (ERP).
- Core financial systems in ERP officially go live this week with staff trainings continuing through February.
- This major undertaking involves staff across all departments and will notably improve internal operations.
- Staff will keep Council posted as we make progress and efficiencies using the new software!



Paws on Patrol!

- Police Support Officer Andrea Scinkovec has begun planning out activities and updates for the MIPD Paws on Patrol program.
- First on the list of activities is sharing out updates to Paws on Patrol members via a new quarterly e-newsletter.
- Officer Scinkovec has also scheduled the first meeting and training event of the year.
- Mark your calendars and bring your pup Thursday, May 8 at 5pm at Rotary Park for the Paws on Patrol meeting and training!
- Register on our website: mercerisland.gov/police



Thank you!

