

City Manager's Report

Tuesday, September 2, 2025





Council Board and Commission Updates



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

Hybrid Meetings

- Upcoming Hybrid City Council Meeting
 - Regular Hybrid Meeting - Tuesday, September 16 at 5:00 PM
- Hybrid Boards and Commissions Meetings (All Meetings on Zoom)
 - Utility Board – Tues. Sept 9 at 5:00 PM
 - Planning Commission – Wed. Sept 10 at 6:00 PM

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



City Updates

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Roanoke Playground is Ready for Play!

- This renovation was funded by the 2022 Parks Levy which:
 - replaced aging play equipment;
 - improved accessibility with new play area surfacing, ADA parking stall, and accessible pathways and picnic table;
 - and enhanced drainage infrastructure at the park.
- Thanks to the community for engaging with staff on the design through two surveys and a virtual meeting.
- City staff will put finishing touches on the play area through the fall.
- Watch Let's Talk for additional updates!



WSDOT I-90 Expansion Joint Replacement

- WSDOT crews will close the I-90 Eastbound on-ramp at East Mercer Way and the HOV on-ramp at 80th Ave SE beginning Thursday, Sept. 18, to complete essential roadway repairs and replace failing expansion joints on the East Channel Bridge.
 - The closure of the East Mercer Way on-ramp to I-90 Eastbound is expected to last 6 to 8 days.
 - The closure of the HOV on-ramp at 80th Ave SE to I-90 Eastbound is expected to last 16 days.
 - Additionally, one lane of traffic on I-90 Eastbound leading to the East Channel Bridge will be closed.
- The full project is anticipated to last 16 days, with access to all on-ramps slated to open on October 5.
- **IMPORTANT:** Expect major delays, as this closure by WSDOT is expected to be highly disruptive!



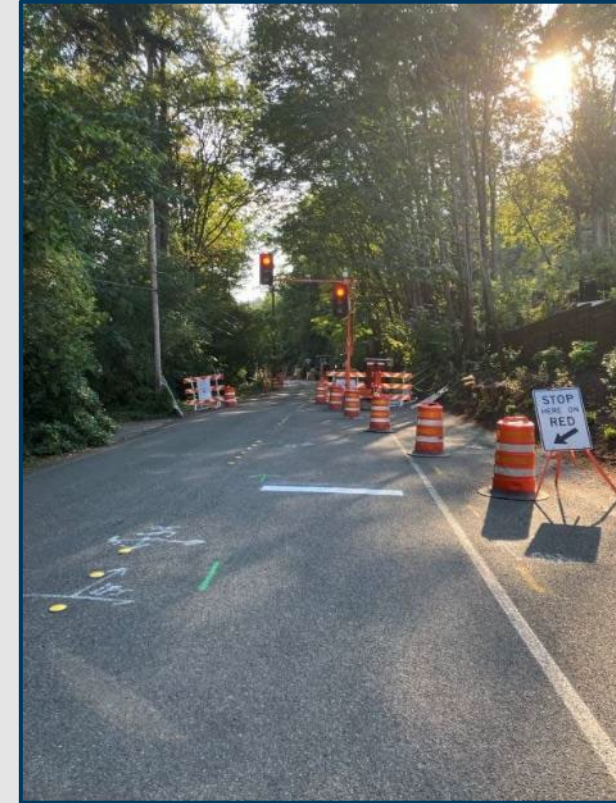
ICW Crosswalk Improvements

- Last week, contractor crews completed two minor concrete sidewalk pours on Island Crest Way at SE 62nd Street and the Island Park Elementary driveway.
- All sidewalks and new crosswalks were fully opened for use prior to school starting!
- The contractor has some minor punch list work to address in the coming weeks, but no lane closures will be needed.



EMW Emergency Water Main Repair

- After multiple main breaks earlier in August, City crews completed the replacement of 220 feet of water main last week, including pressure testing, flushing, and water quality testing.
- East Mercer Way was reopened last Tuesday to a one lane road controlled by portable traffic signals, allowing bus routes, trash pickup, mail, and all other traffic to resume through the area.
- City staff will restore normal water service this week to the five homes that have been on temporary water service lines since the August 5 break.
- Engineering staff are assessing the roadway and expect to have permanent pavement repairs completed by the end of October.



Upcoming Events

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Community Photography Show

- Recreation staff, in partnership with MIVAL, are excited to present the latest art show at the MICEC, showcasing the work of Mercer Island photographers.
- The exhibit runs from August 25 – October 17.
- Join us for the Artists Reception on Wednesday, September 3 from 5–7 PM at the MICEC.

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Community Photography Show

August 25 - October 17, 2025

Mercer Island Community & Event Center

Reception, Wednesday, Sept. 3rd, 5 - 7 PM

Community Center Hours:

9 AM - 7 PM Monday-Thursday

9 AM - 5 PM Friday & Saturday

Location:

8236 SE 24th Street

Mercer Island



Art Uncorked – Sept. 6

- The Mercer Island Chamber of Commerce is ramping up for its annual Art Uncorked event on Saturday, September 6 from 3-7 PM.
- Enjoy music, artisan booths, delicious food, and wine tasting with family and friends!

The poster features a central graphic of a wine cork being pulled out of a bottle, with a vibrant, multi-colored ribbon (orange, yellow, red, purple, blue) spiraling around the cork. To the left of the cork, the words "Music", "Art", "Food", "Wine", and "Tasting" are stacked vertically in a pink, sans-serif font. To the right, the text "Presented by Mercer Island Chamber" is in a small, dark font, followed by "Mercer Island" in a large, purple, sans-serif font, and "Art 2025" in a large, bold, blue, sans-serif font. Below this, "UnCorked" is written in a large, bold, pink, sans-serif font. The date "Saturday, September 6th" and time "3:00pm-7:00pm" are in a purple, sans-serif font. At the bottom, "21+ Event Only" and "20+ Wineries, Food Trucks, Artisan Booths, Music, Photo Booth, Games and More!" are in a small, dark font. In the top right corner, "Title Sponsor" is written in a small, dark font, followed by the logo for "THE MERCER APARTMENT HOMES" which consists of three vertical bars of increasing height and the text "THE MERCER APARTMENT HOMES" below them.

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Some Good News

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Summer Camp Success

- Recreation staff experienced a strong summer camp season, teaming up with local organizations to offer a wide variety of camps for the community.
- This year's summer camps saw more than 1,300 kids participating in 10 different camps hosted at the MICEC and multiple parks across the island.
- We welcomed five returning camp partners and introduced five new ones. Our returning LEGO Camp experienced remarkable growth, nearly doubling from 38 participants last year to 89 this summer.
- Nice work, Recreation Team!



Achievements in Municipal Leadership

- Councilmember Weinberg has earned the **Certificate of Municipal Leadership (CML)** from the Association of Washington Cities.
- This accomplishment reflects his dedication to learning, growth, and service to our community.
- By completing this program for City elected officials, he's strengthened skills in leadership, effective governance, and community engagement — helping Mercer Island continue to thrive.
- **Congratulations, Councilmember Weinberg!**



Thank you!

