

City Manager's Report

Tuesday, October 15, 2024





Council Board and Commission Updates



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024

Hybrid Meetings

- Upcoming Hybrid City Council Meeting
 - Monday, November 4 at 5:00 PM
- Hybrid Boards and Commissions Meetings (All Meetings on Zoom)
 - Arts Council – Wed. Oct 16 at 5:30 PM
 - Open Space Conservancy Trust – Thurs. Oct 17 at 5:00 PM
 - Planning Commission – Wed. Oct 23 at 6:00 PM

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



City Updates



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Police Modular Building Update

- Installation of the third modular building on the City Hall campus is proceeding after its arrival at the start of the month.
- The modular buildings will house the Police Department while the new Public Safety and Maintenance Building is designed.
- Last week, the ramps and stairs for the modular building were installed. The electrical feeders were also energized.
- Plumbing was completed and inspected on Monday, and data cabling is underway.
- The final interior finishes, access control, and furniture installation will follow in the next two weeks.



Clarke and Groveland Beach Parks

- The City has launched a digital survey to collect information about how the community uses Clark and Groveland Beaches.
- The City has received more than 140 responses to the background survey on Clarke and Groveland Beach Parks.
- Community members have one week left to complete the survey before it closes on Tuesday, October 22.
- Survey input will be combined with other background data and technical analysis to inform the scope of the Clarke and Groveland joint park improvements plan.
- View the Let's Talk page and the survey here:
www.mercerisland.gov/cgmp



Luther Burbank Boiler Building

- Work continues on the Luther Burbank Boiler Building project.
- The steel roof cap has been installed on the Boiler Building chimney. The contractor has also finished up handrails and electrical items.
- The architect and engineering team conducted a substantial completion walk-through last week. They will publish a punch list this week to guide completion on the remaining 5-10% of project work.
- Trenching for new electrical conduit may be delayed until spring if weather conditions deteriorate in the next several weeks.



Sewer SCADA System Replacement

- Residents near sewer pump stations 12, 15, 16, and 17 may have noticed an increase in work vehicles and personnel from Valley Electric and the City of Mercer Island.
- Valley Electric will be on-site for approximately two weeks at each station, focusing on replacing electrical control panels and instrumentation in both the dry and wet wells.
- This work maintains the equipment for the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system to provide reliable water system monitoring.
 - Pump Station 12 - 4000 block E Mercer Way
 - Pump Station 15 - 4700 block Forest Ave SE
 - Pump Station 16 - 5400 block W Mercer Way
 - Pump Station 17 - 6400 block 77th Ave SE



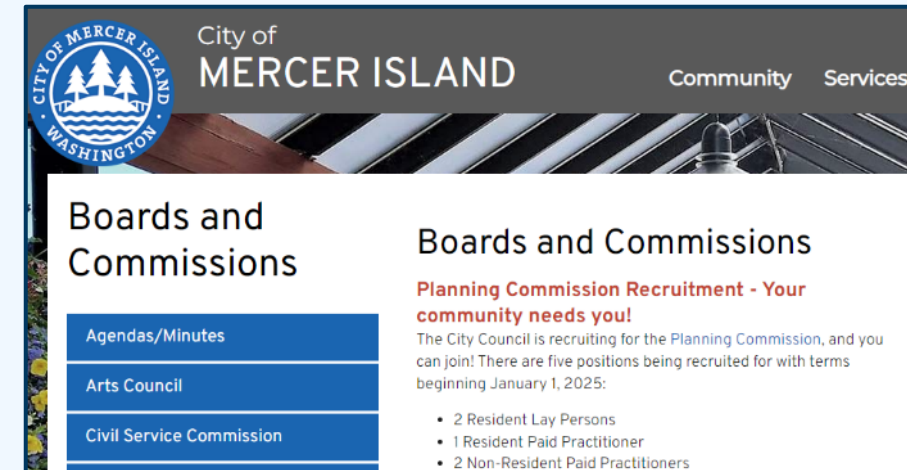
Reservoir Improvements

- Reinvestment work on the City's two 4-million gallon water reservoir tanks continues. The interior and exterior coatings, which protect the underlying steel from corrosion, are being replaced.
- The contractor has cut a temporary door into the south reservoir to provide access for large equipment and materials.
- The contractor will begin paint removal on the interior and then shift to spot welding structural roof support elements.
- Expect an invitation from City Engineer Patrick Yamashita for a tour of the inside of the reservoir in the next two weeks. We will plan for a follow up tour for Council once the interior painting is complete in late Q1 2025.



Join the Planning Commission

- Want to help shape the future of your community? The City Council is recruiting for five positions on the Planning Commission, with terms beginning January 1, 2025.
- We're looking for:
 - 2 Resident Lay Persons (no specific planning knowledge needed)
 - 1 Resident Paid Practitioner (Islanders who work in the industry)
 - 2 Non-Resident Paid Practitioners (anyone in the industry)
- Applications will be accepted online through October 25, 2024. Learn more and apply at mercerisland.gov/bc. Contact City Clerk Andrea Larson with any additional questions.



Upcoming Events

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Arbor Day Celebration

- This weekend is our big Arbor Day Celebration!
- On **October 19** from 10am – 2pm, we will be kicking off our volunteer planting season by planting over 800 plants in Gallagher Hill Open Space.
- We currently have 20 volunteers signed-up and are hoping to get at least double that number.
- It should be a fun event and Pagliacci's will be donating pizza for the volunteers!
- With limited parking in the Shorewood community, additional parking will be available at the Country Village Day School.

mercerisland.gov/parksrec/page/celebrate-arbor-day





PUMPKIN WALK



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 5 - 8 PM
MERCERDALE PARK

Join a fun, family friendly walk along the Mercerdale loop. The path will be lined with a glowing display of carved pumpkins.

WE NEED YOUR PUMPKINS!

Carvers of all ages are encouraged to participate in the display. Carved pumpkins can be dropped off from 12pm - 4pm on the day of the event at Mercerdale Park or the week of at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center.

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Bloodworks Blood Drive

- Join us Monday, Nov 4, from 10:30am – 4:30p at MICEC!
- Bloodworks Northwest will be here for another mobile blood drive. Make an appointment today!

donate.bloodworksnw.org/donor/schedules/geo

- Our last blood drive in August was a great success! We had 7 first time donors and 33 appointments.
- We'd love to top that in November! Give thanks by giving blood.



Some Good News

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City's Credit Rating

- Earlier this month, the Finance Director and City Manager presented an overview of the City's financial position to Moody's credit rating division.
- The meeting is a standard practice before conducting a competitive bond sale. Moody's latest assessment of the City's creditworthiness maintains the City's current Aaa rating, the highest for a local government. It signals Mercer Island's strong capacity to meet its financial commitments, even under adverse economic conditions.
- The rating will be used by underwriters competing to purchase the City's LTGO Bonds, which will support improvements in the water distribution system.
- The competitive Bond sale is scheduled next week with closing and delivery of Bond proceeds likely the first week of November.



Thank you!

