



City of Mercer Island Arts Council

Department Report

January 15, 2025



Project Updates



Clarke & Groveland Beach Joint Planning Process

- The City received more than **220 responses** to our background survey on current park uses. Thank you to the community for providing input!
- At an upcoming **City Council meeting**, the project team will present the site conditions and proposed public engagement plan for the planning process.
- After the City Council approves the scope, the effort to plan for replacing aging infrastructure at these two beach parks will begin with the community.
- Stay tuned!



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Playground Replacements

- Work continues to replace aging play equipment at Mercer Island parks!
- Permits for **Roanoke Park** have been issued, and the construction contract is being finalized. Staff anticipate construction will begin by the end of Q1 2025.
- **First Hill Park:** Playground equipment is being delivered next month, and permits are being submitted this week, with construction also planned for 2025.
- **Deane's Children's Park** play area: Later this year, the City will kick off the process to develop a new vision plan that integrates the play area, park entrance, restrooms, and other site amenities.



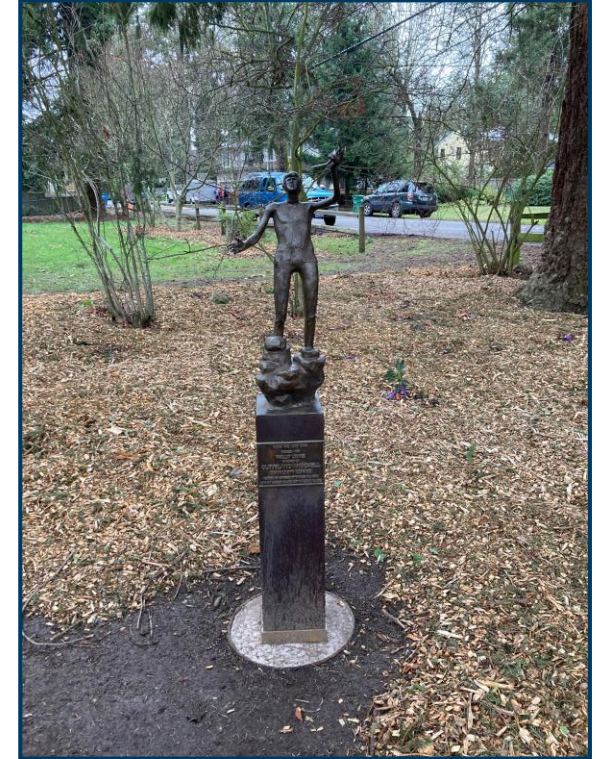
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Public Art Reinstallation at First Hill Park

- This month, the City also reinstalled *Now We Are One* by Phillip Levine at First Hill Park!
- The sculpture, which honors long-time resident and public servant Cleve Anschell, was removed in 2020 so the base could be repaired.
- Thank you to the Parks Maintenance team, who prepped the site for reinstallation, and to Art Work Fine Art Services for completing the install.
- Learn more about *Now We Are One* on STQRY!

<https://mercerisland.stqry.app/>



Upcoming Events



需提前注册
凭*免费*票入场
FREE EVENT
RSVP REQUIRED



FEB. 2, 2025
SUNDAY,
10 AM - 2 PM

MERCER ISLAND
COMMUNITY & EVENT
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KUNGFU | 功夫
PEKING OPERA | 京剧
WAIST DRUM | 腰鼓
PHOTO BOOTH | 国风春节拍照打卡
30+ GAMES | 30+ 游戏/活动
LANTERN MAKING | 灯笼制作
MOVABLE TYPE PRINTING | 活字印刷
BOBA TEA | 奶茶饮品
TRADITIONAL SNACKS | 传统小吃



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January 6 - February 28, 2025

Receptions:

Saturday, February 8, 12 - 2 PM

Please join us for hors d'oeuvres, refreshments

Location:

MICEC Gallery
Mercer Island Community & Event Center
8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island

Gallery Hours:

Monday - Thursday, 9 AM - 7 PM
Friday & Saturday, 9 AM - 5 PM

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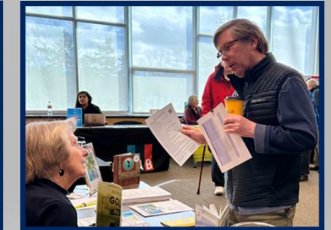


The City of Mercer Island Presents:

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.
206.275.7609 | miparks@mercerisland.gov

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Festive Fun and Memories Made! 2024 Wrap-up!

- December 5, the annual **Tree Lighting** at Mercerdale Park brought out the community. The MIHS Choir and Creation Dance Studio performed, before the countdown to light the tree!
- December 7, the Chamber partnered for the **Holiday Makers Market** in the MICEC Gym. Lots of people attended to holiday shop!
- December 13, the **Family Movie Night and Holiday Party** at the MICEC drew a crowd of 250 people, who enjoyed snacks, arts and crafts, a movie, and even a visit from Santa.
- December 15, about 150 people gathered at Luther Burbank Park Beach for the **Argosy Christmas Ship** event, where they enjoyed carols, festive lights, hot cocoa, and cookies, all while soaking in the holiday spirit.
- On December 29, the Mercer Island **Chanukah Celebration** at Mercerdale Park added a magical touch to the season with a glow-in-the-dark menorah lighting, delicious treats, and festive music.



Arts Council Recruitment

- The recruitment is open!
- Applications will be accepted online through February 25, 2025.
- Learn more and apply at mercerisland.gov/bc. Contact cityclerk@mercerisland.gov with any additional questions.

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Arts Council
Civil Service Commission
Design Commission
Disability Board
Open Space Conservancy Trust
Parks & Recreation Commission
Planning Commission
Utility Board

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Application Process

The application is an **online application process**. After submitting your application online, the City Clerk will contact you regarding timeline for appointments. If you need a paper copy of the application, please contact the City Clerk at cityclerk@mercerisland.gov or 206-275-7793.

Applications submitted via the online application process will be sent directly to the City Clerk. Paper applications may be returned via email to the City Clerk at cityclerk@mercerisland.gov, dropped off at the white drop box located outside of City Hall, or mailed to City Hall, c/o City Clerk at 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, WA 98040.

Please know that the City Council gives a great deal of thought to the make up of each board and seeks to have a diversified and balanced group. Current board or commission members who are interested in seeking reappointment should submit a **current application** to the City Clerk's Office. Please note that reappointments do not automatically occur.

Applicant Requirements

Candidates must be current residents of Mercer Island, unless otherwise specified by the Mercer Island City Code (see MICC 3.34.030(B)2 Design Commission and MICC 3.46.030 Planning Commission). In addition, applicants are urged to familiarize themselves with the applicable criteria for the position they are applying for, as some boards or commissions highly prefer certain qualifications (for example, Design Commission and Planning Commission).

- Mercer Island Arts Council
- Design Commission
- Open Space Conservancy Trust
- Parks & Recreation Commission
- Planning Commission
- Utility Board



Arts Council Planning Schedule

February 10 – Special Meeting

- Art in Public Places Six-Year Plan

April 16

- Arts & Culture Comprehensive Plan Kick-off
- Deane’s Children’s Park AIPP

July 16 *

- Chair & Vice Chair Elections
- 2024 Recreation Division Annual Report
- 2025 – 2026 City Arts & Culture Workplan Update

October 15

- GHOSG Activation Plan Kick-off

*Move to June - TBD



Thank You

