

City Manager's Report

Tuesday, February 20, 2024





Council Board and Commission Updates



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024

Hybrid Meetings

- Upcoming Hybrid City Council Meeting
 - Friday, March 1 at 9:00 AM – Council Planning Session
 - Tuesday, March 5 at 5:00 PM
- Hybrid Boards and Commissions Meetings (All Meetings on Zoom)
 - Planning Commission – February 28 at 6:00 PM
- Visit www.mercerisland.gov/meetings for more information.



City Updates



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City Hall Transitions

- On Tuesday, February 27, the first two MIPD modular buildings, the locker room portable and evidence room portable, will be delivered. Site development and utility connection engineering is ongoing.
- Kudos to our Utility Billing Team who went above and beyond during their file organization and move-out of City Hall recently! They sorted Finance materials as well as emptied existing bins into the larger totes and arranged for pickup. Their efforts supported our busy custodial staff and made a good dent in the process of clearing out City Hall.



Parks Zone Update

- The City of Mercer Island is updating its Comprehensive Plan as part of the periodic review required by the Washington Growth Management Act (GMA). The City Council added the creation of a new Parks Zone to the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update scope of work with [Resolution No. 1621](#).
- The Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission held a joint special meeting on February 8, 2024, to discuss the revised process and the collaborative work ahead.
- City Manager Jessi Bon presented on the background of the Parks Zone idea, as well as the adoption of the PROS Plan and the process of updating the City's Comprehensive Plan.
- The Parks and Recreation Commission will begin their review work of the parks zone on March 7.

letstalk.mercergov.org/parks-zone



Island Crest Park Athletic Fields Turf Replacement

- Last week, FieldTurf finished laying and trimming most of the new turf for the North Infield at Island Crest Park.
- The remaining infield turf, including high-wear areas such as home plate, the baselines, and the new permanent pitcher's mound, will be installed this week.
- This project is on track to be completed by the end of the month and ready to go for MIHS Boys Baseball to start.
- Questions can be sent to Sarah Bluvás, CIP Project Manager, at sarah.bluvás@mercerisland.gov.



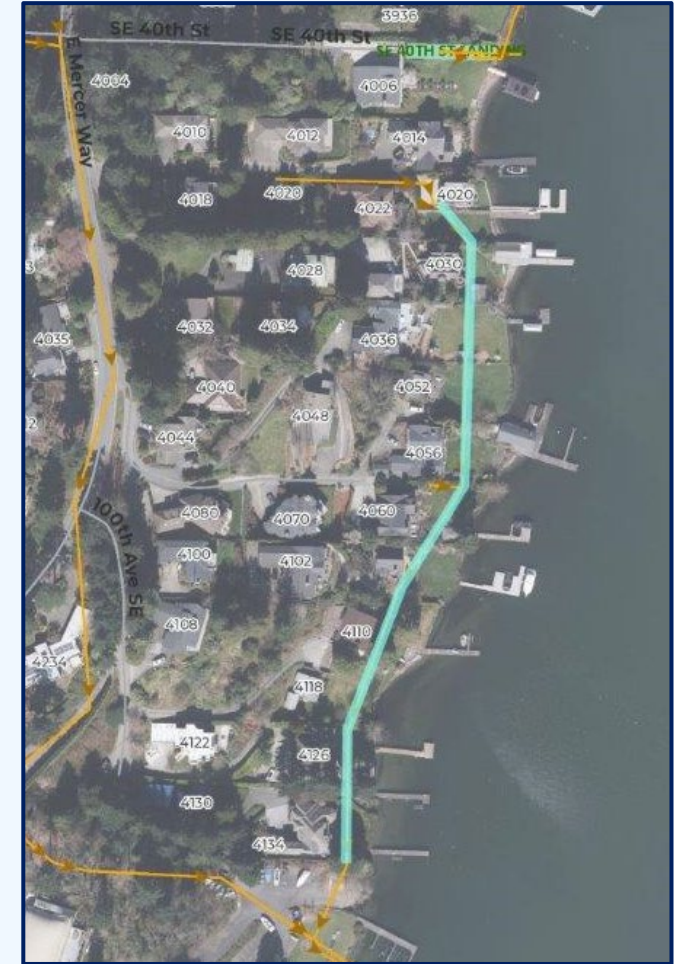
Sewer Basin 40 Project Update

- Teams are installing 12,000 feet of cured-in-place-pipe (CIPP) into existing sewer mains to prevent groundwater seepage and stormwater runoff inflow into our sewer network.
- In February, Insta-Pipe successfully lined the most difficult sewer mains of this project.
- Up until now, crews had been working out of an assortment of specially-equipped box trucks meant for collecting CCTV, jetting, bypassing, curing, and reinstating, but steep narrow driveways and backyard manhole locations in the final phases of the project meant the team had to re-configure their work plan.



Sewer Basin 40 Update

- From 4022 E Mercer Way to the Mercerwood Shore Club boat ramp, crews hand carried lines and equipment overland, deployed a custom barge, and winched CIPP liner material through nearly 1000 feet of existing and previously lined sewer main to execute the work. This difficult access led to a few workdays finishing up after dark.
- The project is nearly complete, with only about 600 feet of liner and less than 60 service connection seals remaining to install.
- All work should be finished by the end of March.



Luther Burbank Boiler Building

- City staff had a preconstruction meeting this week with our design consultant and contractor. The contractor will begin mobilizing staff and equipment to the Boiler Building site this week.
- Trail areas near the Boiler Building will be temporarily closed, and the main Luther Burbank parking lot will be used for some contractor parking over the next couple of months until park usage increases in the spring.



Celebrating Lunar New Year

- On Sunday, January 10, the Mercer Island Chinese Association, in partnership with the City, hosted a wonderful Lunar New Year celebration at the Community Center.
- **Over 1,500 people attended** and enjoyed a fun-filled day of activities, dazzling performances, crafts, and tasty cuisine. We are already talking about additional collaborations!

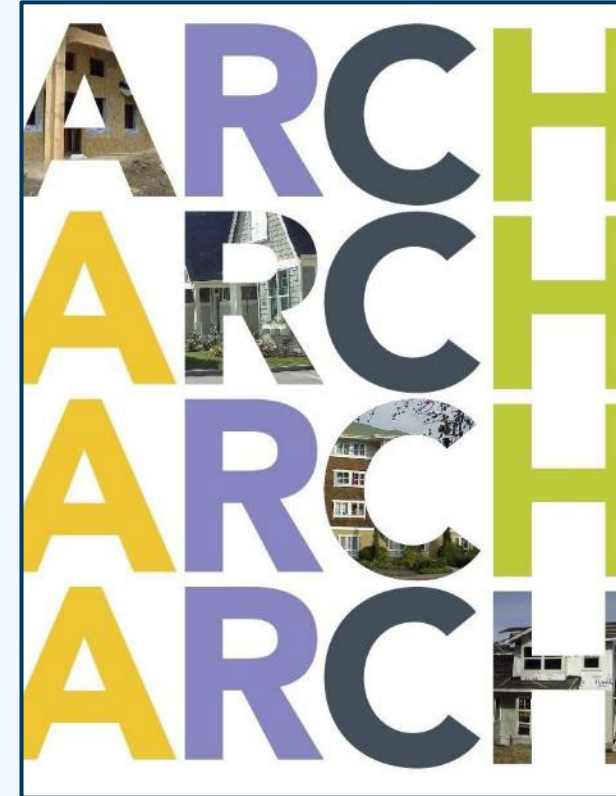


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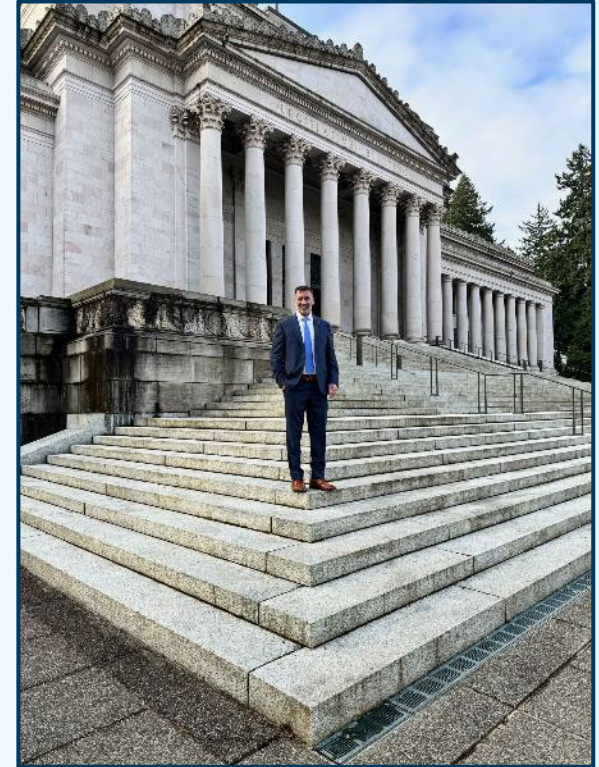
ARCH Community Advisory Board

- A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) is recruiting volunteers for the Community Advisory Board (CAB).
- The CAB consists of twelve to fifteen community residents and housing professionals that work with ARCH staff to evaluate local housing funding proposals and increase awareness of housing issues on the Eastside. Board members contribute their understanding of housing and community issues, as well as varied specialized perspectives.
- The CAB typically meets the fourth Wednesday evening of each month for two hours either virtually or in-person in Redmond.
- Applications are due March 15. For more info, please see the ARCH website at archhousing.org/news.



Legislative Session Updates

- Last week, Mayor Nice testified in Senate Local Government Committee in opposition to HB 2160, the transit-oriented development bill, and in support of HB 1956, the Fentanyl education and prevention bill in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education.
- This morning, Mayor Nice testified in opposition of HB 2474, which inserts Department of Commerce into our permit review process related to transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and homeless shelters. Shortly after testimony was heard, the Senate Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs committee declined to move this forward.
- There are a handful of bills that relate to recruitment and retention of police officers. AWC is leading the advocacy work on these bills this session.



Upcoming Events

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Senior Resource Fair

- The City's Recreation Division and Youth and Family Services Department are hosting a Senior Resource Fair to provide older adults with information, resources, and services that cater to their specific needs and interests.
- This event is a great opportunity for seniors and their families to see all that's available in our community to help navigate various aspects of aging, while maintaining a healthy and fulfilling lifestyle.
- This free event takes place on Saturday, March 2, 2024 from 10:00am - 12:00pm.
- More information can be found at mercerisland.gov/parksrec



The City of Mercer Island Presents:

SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR

MARCH 2 | 10AM - 12PM
Mercer Island Community Center

Attention Mercer Island Seniors!

Get ready to unlock a treasure trove of resources and services tailored just for you.

Bring your loved ones along and discover a world of tips and tricks to keep you healthy and happy within your community!

- Youth & Family Services Support
- Parks & Recreation offerings
- Local Providers & Resources
- Volunteer Opportunities
- REFRESHMENTS & MORE!

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Mostly Music in the Park 2024

- Is it summer yet?
- Please mark your calendars for 2024 Mostly Music in the Park: 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, and 8/1, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm!
- We'll have a shorter summer schedule this year due to the upcoming sewer line replacement at Mercerdale Park.
- Sharing a big thank you to our sponsors – 4Culture and MioPosto!



Some Good News

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Thank you to MIPD Officer Lum!

- Recently, a community member reached out to thank MIPD Officer Lum for a positive experience they shared.
- A Mercer Island Kindergarten Girl Scouts troop was hosting a meeting about respecting others. Officer Lum came to the meeting, answered questions from the group of young girls, and did a wonderful job talking with them about how to be safe.
- We thank Officer Lum and Sergeant Schmalhofer for investing their time in building positive experiences like this with our youth and community.



MI Thrift Shop Now Open on Fridays!

- The Mercer Island Thrift Shop recently opened on Fridays for shopping from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- The first three Fridays have gone well, but we need more volunteers! If you are interested, sign up at mercerislandthrift.org/volunteer
- Thank you to the community for your continued support!



NEW HOURS
STARTING IN FEBRUARY

***NEW* SHOP HOURS**
SUN - FRI | 9 AM - 5 PM
SAT | CLOSED

DONATION HOURS
SUN - THURS | 8 AM - 12 PM
FRI & SAT | CLOSED

Thank you!

