

City Manager's Report

Tuesday, November 19, 2024





Council Board and Commission Updates



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024

Hybrid Meetings

- Upcoming Hybrid City Council Meeting
 - Tuesday, December 3 at 5:00 PM
- Hybrid Boards and Commissions Meetings (All Meetings on Zoom)
 - Design Commission – Wed. December 4 at 6:00 PM
 - Planning Commission – Special Meeting TBD

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



City Updates



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LBP Sports Court Renovations

- The pickleball courts are open for play!
- In the photo to the right is the asphalt surface. This spring we'll be adding the permanent surfacing and court lines.
- We're also planning for the official opening this spring, where we'll celebrate a number of the recently completed parks projects.
- Thank you to the community for your patience while our teams worked hard to complete these courts!
- Stay updated at:
mercerisland.gov/lbpcourts



4004 ICW Repairs and Improvements

- This project installed landscaping and pedestrian improvements in late 2023 on City-owned property at the corner of Island Crest Way and SE 40th Street.
- Staff noticed significant plant material die-off in Spring 2024. Soils tests confirmed the landscaping was intentionally vandalized with herbicides and a police report was filed.
- Last week, Kamins Construction removed the damaged landscaping and contaminated topsoil.
- Next week, crews will begin bringing in new, clean topsoil and new trees and shrubs. The irrigation system will be reinstalled.
- Work is weather dependent but should be completed by the end of December.



Sewer SCADA System Replacement

- This project replaces the equipment for the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system to provide reliable sewer system monitoring.
- Teams are nearing the 30% completion milestone, with SCADA upgrades successfully completed at sewer pump stations 12, 15, 16, 17, and 18.
- Valley Electric is working at the following stations over the next month:
 - Pump Station 19 (7651 W Mercer Way)
 - Pump Station 20 (8790 85th Ave SE)
 - Pump Station 21 (8002 Avalon Pl)
- The project will pause after December 20 and then resume in the new year.



Town Center Pedestrian Improvements

- Last week, contractor crews poured more concrete sidewalk along 80th Avenue. This is part of the larger pedestrian project happening along 80th Ave SE.
- Weather permitting, additional sidewalk grading and concrete work will occur along 80th Avenue in the coming weeks.
- Crews have also completed the replacement of eleven ADA ramps, along SE 27th Street and at the SE 28/78th Avenue intersection.
- Staff will conduct a walk through of the new ramps next week to identify any remaining punch list work.



Healthy Youth Initiative

- The YFS Healthy Youth Initiative team hosted a Youth Suicide Prevention for Adults webinar last Tuesday
- 25 attendees learned tools to identify signs and symptoms of suicide and how to intervene.
- Information about upcoming trainings and a link to prevention resources is available on the HYI website:
www.mihealthyyouth.com



Stop The Bleed Training

- Emergency Management hosted two Stop the Bleed classes at the Community Center last week.
- Between the two classes, nearly 50 Islanders received hands-on instruction on how to correctly apply a tourniquet, pack a wound, and apply pressure during life-threatening bleeding.
- These community members are better prepared to help their families, neighbors, and co-workers during a life-threatening bleeding event.
- Thank you to our volunteers for their dedication to our community safety and Emergency Manager Keverkamp for hosting these classes.



Upcoming Events



YFS Holiday Programs

- During the winter holidays, YFS provides Mercer Island families and individuals experiencing financial insecurity with:

Gifts for Kids | Holiday Meals | Financial Assistance

For information or to apply for these programs, contact YFS Family Assistance Coordinator Cheryl Manriquez at (206) 275-7869

To support these programs with a donation, contact YFS Programs Coordinator Marina Gonzales at (206) 275-7743

- In addition, the **Hopelink Mobile Market** will provide free food to Islanders experiencing food insecurity in the MICEC parking lot from 1pm-4pm on December 4 and December 20.
- Questions? Call YFS at (206) 275-7657



Illuminate MI: Tree Lighting

- Our Holiday Tree is almost complete!
- Join us at 5:30pm on December 5 as we light our Holiday Tree at Mercerdale Park!
- Bring the whole family out and enjoy the sights and sounds of the MI High School Choir and Creation Dance Studio performances.
- Cocoa will be provided by John L. Scott; additional sponsors are Mercer Island City Lifestyle and Puget Sound Energy.



The poster features a dark blue background with a bokeh effect of light blue and white circular lights. In the top left corner is the City of Mercer Island logo, which is a circular seal containing three evergreen trees and the text 'CITY OF MERCER ISLAND' and 'WASHINGTON'. The main title 'Holiday Tree Lighting' is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below the title, the date and time 'DECEMBER 5, 2024 5:30PM' are displayed in a bold, white, sans-serif font. Underneath that, the location 'MERCERDALE PARK' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. A paragraph of white text in the center reads: 'JOIN THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND LIGHTING OUR HOLIDAY TREE. BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY OUT AND ENJOY THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF THE HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR AND CREATION DANCE STUDIO PERFORMANCES. COCOA PROVIDED BY JOHN L. SCOTT!'. At the bottom, the text 'Sponsored By:' is written in a small, white, cursive font. Below this are two logos: 'MERCER ISLAND CITY LIFESTYLE' and 'PSE PUGET SOUND ENERGY'.


Holiday Tree Lighting
**DECEMBER 5, 2024
5:30PM**
MERCERDALE PARK

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CITY LIFESTYLE
PSE PUGET SOUND ENERGY

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024



Holiday Makers Market

- Join Us at Mercer Island's Holiday Makers Market on December 7 from 10am – 3pm at the MICEC!
- Mercer Island's Holiday Makers Market is your one-stop destination for unique, handcrafted goods and services from local artisans. We have something for everyone!
- Mark your calendar, spread the word, and get ready to shop local, support artisans, and have fun! See you at the market!
- Thanks to the MI Chamber of Commerce and On the Eastside for partnering with us on this event.

A festive poster for the Holiday Makers Market. The background is a light beige grid. At the top, the title 'HOLIDAY MAKERS MARKET' is written in a dark brown, serif font. Below the title, the date and time 'DECEMBER 7TH 10AM-3PM' are listed in a green, sans-serif font. The location 'MERCER ISLAND COMMUNITY & EVENT CENTER' is also in green. Below that, the event features are listed: '75+ VENDORS', 'KIDS ACTIVITIES', 'HOLIDAY TREATS', 'FESTIVE DRINKS', and 'FREE ENTRY', all in green. The poster is decorated with various holiday-themed icons: a brown gift box with a white ribbon and a blue circular logo, a green gift box with a white ribbon, a brown and white striped candy cane, a brown mug with white marshmallows, and several brown stars. At the bottom, the sponsors and presenters are listed in a dark brown font. The City of Mercer Island logo is in the bottom right corner of the poster.

HOLIDAY MAKERS MARKET

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10AM-3PM
MERCER ISLAND COMMUNITY
& EVENT CENTER

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KIDS ACTIVITIES
HOLIDAY TREATS
FESTIVE DRINKS
FREE ENTRY

Sponsored by: Aegis Living and Puget Sound Energy
Presented by: On the Eastside, Mercer Island Chamber, MI Parks & Rec



Family Movie Night

- Join us for a Family Holiday Party on December 13th to watch the classic [The Muppets Christmas Carol](#)!
- We'll provide the big screen, food, snacks, cocoa bar, and dessert. Outside food, blankets, pillows, and low back chairs are allowed.
- Arrive at 5:30pm and the movie will begin at 6:15pm. Dickens Carolers will be caroling in the lobby.
- RSVP on our website by December 9th!
mercerisland.gov/parksrec/page/family-movie-night-holiday-edition



The poster features a festive design with a red curtain at the top, a Santa hat, a red cup with a straw, a bucket of popcorn, and a clapperboard. The City of Mercer Island logo is in the top left corner. The main text is enclosed in a glowing yellow border.

Family Movie Night
HOLIDAY PARTY
THE MUPPETS CHRISTMAS CAROL

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH 5:30PM
Dickens Carolers: 5:30-6:30pm
Arts & Crafts: 5:30pm
The Muppets Christmas Carol: 6:15pm start time
Cocoa Bar, Food, Snacks, Dessert (outside food allowed)
Special VIP Guest Expected!

Mercer Island Community & Event Center
8236 SE 24th St

For more information
and to sign up
206.275.7609

RSVP
by December 9th

SCAN ME

Sponsored By: MERCER ISLAND CITY LIFESTYLE and PUGET SOUND ENERGY



Argosy Christmas Ship

- Join us on Sunday, December 15 at 7:00pm at the Luther Burbank Park Swim Beach to welcome the Argosy Christmas Ship!
- The ship will sail in at 7:40pm, bringing a live caroling performance to fill the air with holiday cheer for all to enjoy, plus hot cocoa, cookies, and community spirit.
- The calendar is brimming with holiday happenings and festive events! Check out the full lineup of events and more details mercerisland.gov/parksrec/page/city-special-events



FREE!

ARGOSY Christmas Ship™

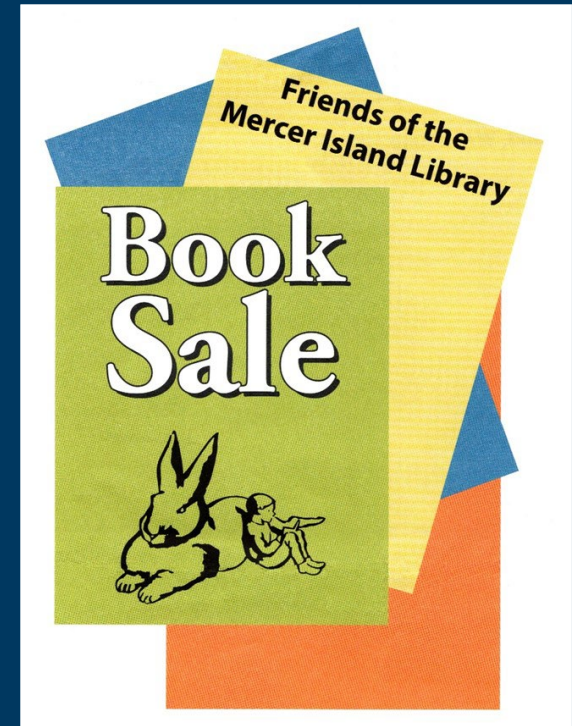


SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15
7PM ship arrives 7:40pm
Luther Burbank Park Swim Beach
*Join us for Cocoa, Cookies
& Christmas Carols!!*



Friends of the Library Book Sale

- The Friends of Mercer Island Library are preparing for their annual book sale beginning Thursday, December 5 through Monday, December 9.
- The funds raised from this sale are used to sponsor a variety of events and programs, such as author appearances, children's story times, teen discussions, opera appreciation, and more.
- The sale will be held during library hours and you can find additional information by emailing the Friends at milibraryfriends@gmail.com or visit the King County Library System website: kcls.org/friends-of-the-library/



Some Good News

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024



Athletic Field Bookings Pilot Program

- Our pilot program for online athletic field reservations has been a great success.
- Customer feedback is positive, and we've already exceeded our \$10,000 revenue goal.
- With 82 bookings totaling 214 hours, we've saved significant staff time—requiring just one hour of staff involvement for all 214 hours of bookings.
- This represents a major reduction in labor for the service.
- Read more about the program and reserve a field on our website.

mercerisland.gov/parksrec/page/athletic-fields-tennis-courts

EXTENDED

**Winter Web Special
Online Athletic
Field Reservations**

~~October-November~~
October-February

- 5 turf fields to choose from
- \$49/hr
- Lights are included
- No extra fees
- No hassel



 www.fieldsonmercer.com 



Thank you!

