

# City of Mercer Island

## Parks and Recreation Commission

### Department Report

January 5, 2023





# Mercer Island Community and Event Center

## 2023 Hours:

Monday - Thursday: ~~10am~~ 9am-7pm

Friday - Saturday: ~~10am~~ 9am-5pm

Sunday: Rentals only

*\*Rentals are available outside of operating hours.*

- Fully operational!
- Currently offering ongoing programs hosted by Jazzercise, Yoga Bliss, OSHER- Life Long Learning, and Friendship Circle.
- Expanding programing options in Q1 of 2023.



# MICEC Fitness Room- OPEN!

\*Ages 13 and over

- **Come check it out- It looks great!**
- **Several equipment upgrades:**
  - new dumbbells
  - new barbells
  - new chin-up assist machine
  - new cable crossover strength machine
- **FREE ACCESS through the month of JANUARY!**

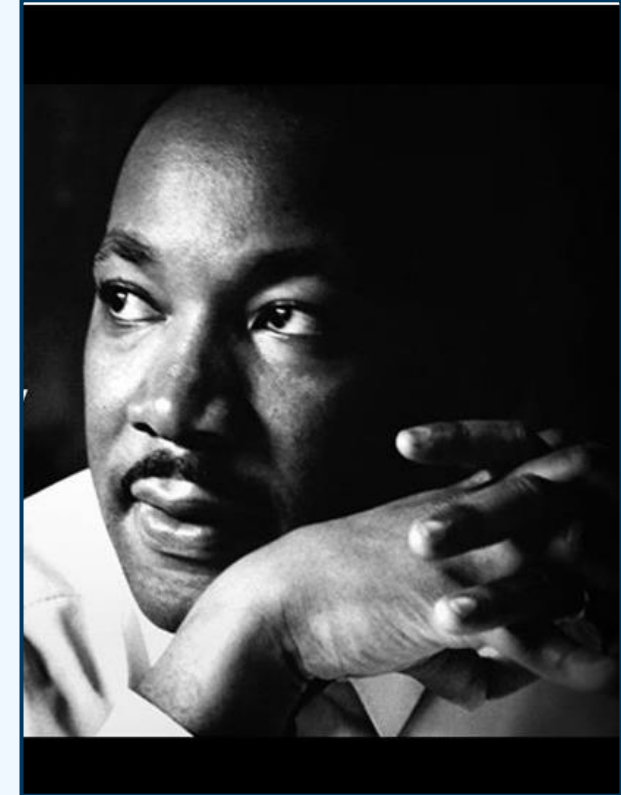
# Transforming the Community Center

- In early December, the Community Center hosted a cultural event for the Oriana Ladies League.
- The group worked with the City team to completely transform the Mercer Room into a runway that had fashion, dancing, singing, and a celebration of their one-year anniversary.
- Our thanks to the staff team who patiently worked to bring the Oriana Ladies League's vision to life!



# City Facilities Closed for MLK Day

- On Monday, January 16, most City Facilities (including MICEC) will be closed in observance of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



# MLK Day Volunteering Event

- Join us for a day of service on Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Volunteers will work to restore part of the Lake Washington shoreline at Luther Burbank Park.
- The volunteer teams will be spreading mulch to improve soil health on an old trail and create ivy rings around large canopy trees that shade and protect the shoreline.
- The volunteer event is scheduled for **Saturday, January 21, 10am-1pm at Luther Burbank Park.**
- To register, visit the City event calendar [www.mercerisland.gov/calendar](http://www.mercerisland.gov/calendar)



# Parks Maintenance and Natural Resources

- Park Maintenance Team Member Jenni Gregg obtained Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI)
- Urban Forestry Project Manager Andrew Prince has added the Municipal Specialist credential to his arborist certifications
- Wrapping up in December, contractors replaced over 90 stair treads, replaced handrails and other repairs in Mercerdale, North Mercerdale and Right of Way connector trails
- Storm cleanup ongoing in Parks and Open Spaces





# Update: Gift Acceptance Policy

- Draft policy was endorsed by PRC at the Dec. Meeting- but not yet approved.
  - Still work to do!
- Staff is currently refining procedures to accompany this policy.
- The policy and procedures will undergo a legal review.
- Until the policy is approved by the Chief of Operations we will be operating under the current policy.



# South Mercer Playfield Project Update

- The South Mercer Playfield (SMP) project is progressing!
- The multipurpose field is now complete and open for use and the parking lot has reopened as well.
- The remainder of the fields at SMP will open later this month, in addition to the restrooms, playground and batting cages.
- Field Rentals have begun, and a ribbon cutting will take place this spring.
- Our sincere thanks to everyone who made this project possible!





# MIYFS Foundation 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Fundraising Breakfast

- Feb. 8, 7:30am at the MICEC
- Don't miss this opportunity to connect with neighbors, learn about MIYFS services, and help support their mission.
- To register visit: <https://breakfast.miyfs.org>



CITY OF MERCER ISLAND  
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**Illuminate MI  
 Events**



❄️ These events are in addition to the Holiday lights that illuminate the Town Center, Mercedale Park & The Greta Hackett Outdoor Sculpture Gallery!

**Tree Lighting & Firehouse Munch**

Mercedale Park \* Station 91, 6 - 8pm



**Dec. 2**

**Lights Up at the J**

Stroum Jewish Community Center, 4pm daily

**Dec. 1 - Jan. 1**

**Friends of MI Library Book Sale**

**Dickens Carolers (Dec. 12, 2pm)**

Mercer Island Library

**Dec. 8 - 12**

**Dec. 12**

**Girl Scouts Toy Drive**

Mercedale Park, 9am - 4pm

**Dec. 10**

**Argosy Ship**

Luther Burbank Beach, 8:40pm

**Dec. 18**

**Chabad MI Menorah Lighting**

Mercedale Park, 6pm

**Dec. 19**



**Hands on Hanukkah**

Stroum Jewish Community Center, 4-6pm

**Dec. 20**



Sponsored By:



# Thank You Sponsors!

- The Mercer Apartments (Title Sponsor)
- The MI Community Fund
- Stroum Jewish Community Center (JCC)
- ArtsWA & NEA

# Thank You Partners!

- Mercer Island Firefighters IAFF Local 1762
- John L. Scott
- Friends of the MI Library
- Mercer Island Girl Scouts
- Chabad Mercer Island
- Mercer Island Visual Arts League (MIVAL)
- Mercer Island Preschool Association (MIPA)



**Thank you!**

