

City Manager's Report

Tuesday, October 1, 2024





Council Board and Commission Updates



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024

Hybrid Meetings

- Upcoming Hybrid City Council Meeting
 - Tuesday, October 15 at 5:00 PM
- Hybrid Boards and Commissions Meetings (All Meetings on Zoom)
 - Parks & Recreation Commission – Tues. Oct 8 at 5:00 PM
 - Utility Board – Tues. Oct 8 at 5:00 PM

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



City Updates

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Public Input on Clarke & Groveland Beaches

- The City has launched a digital survey to collect information about how the community currently uses Clarke and Groveland Beaches.
- Responses will be accepted until October 22.
- Community input will be combined with other background analysis to inform the scope of the planning process for future improvements at these parks.
- Staff anticipate bringing a recommended planning scope to the City Council in early 2025.
- Please visit our Let's Talk page to provide input!

www.mercerisland.gov/cgmp



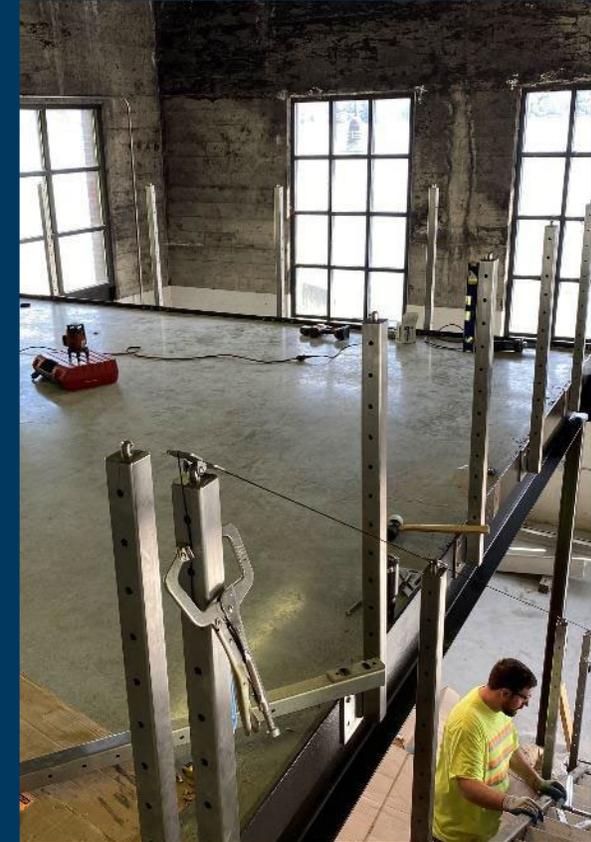
Police Modular Buildings

- The long-anticipated third modular Police Department building was delivered over the weekend, with installation work continuing through this week.
- Once the structure assembly and building envelope is complete, City contractors will begin the electrical, data, water, and sewer connections, followed by the installation of access control and security infrastructure, and finally furniture.
- We hope to have it ready for staff to begin moving in by the last week of October.



Luther Burbank Boiler Building

- Work continues on the Luther Burbank Boiler Building project.
- Installation of the mezzanine and stairway railings is underway. Some parts need to be modified, so the completion may be delayed a few weeks.
- The rollup door for the concessions stand and the water heaters for the restrooms have been installed.
- The chimney cap fabrication is complete, and it should be delivered and installed soon.
- Substantial completion on the project is expected in about 2 weeks.



Pickleball Courts at LBP

- Northwest Asphalt placed the second lift of asphalt pavement yesterday, and today the team conducted a flood test to check the court planarity and drainage.
- Drainage performed as planned, and the team found a few ridges along the paving seams, which is typical for sport court paving.
- Next up, FieldTurf will complete other items, including installing a new drains, building the new access path, and grading the south hillside.
- Staff still anticipate the courts will be playable for pickleball later this month, with temporary striping.
- The final playing surface and markings will be installed next spring.
- Stay updated at: www.mercerisland.gov/lbpcourts



80th Ave SE Pedestrian Improvements

- The City's contractor is currently working between SE 30th and SE 32nd Streets, along the east side of 80th Avenue SE.
- New concrete curbs have been poured near SE 32nd St.
- New electrical conduit has been installed for street lighting.
- This week, crews will continue with sidewalk grading.
- Pouring the new concrete sidewalks should start in about two weeks.
- Work along 80th Ave SE is expected to continue through the end of this year.



King County Metro Sewer Project

- The County's asphalt subcontractor, Lakeside Industries, recently completed asphalt paving of the I-90 trail from near the Luther Burbank south parking lot to Shorewood Drive.
- Shoulder restoration and landscaping work along the trail is wrapping up.
- This section of path should fully reopen to pedestrian and bicycle traffic later this month.



Comprehensive Plan

- The 2024 City Council Draft Comprehensive Plan is now available for public review on Let's Talk! This important document will help shape the future of Mercer Island for the next 20 years, and we invite you to share your feedback.
- Please send comments on the 2024 City Council Draft Comprehensive Plan Elements to comp.plan@mercerisland.gov by Thursday, October 31, 2024.
- Your input will be compiled and included in the City Council packet for the November 4, 2024, meeting.
- We look forward to hearing your thoughts and working together to plan for the future of our community!

letstalk.mercergov.org/comprehensive-plan-periodic-update



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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MIHS Homecoming Parade

- All signs point toward fall – which means that the annual Mercer Island High School Homecoming Parade is almost here!
- The parade will take place in Town Center
Saturday, October 5 at 10:30am
- There will be street closures from SE 32nd Street, down 77th Ave SE to the Greta Hackett Outdoor Sculpture Gallery, from approximately 10:15am – 11:30am.



Women's Day Out

- The MI Chamber of Commerce and On the Eastside have partnered with the City to host the "Women's Day Out" event.

Sunday, October 20 from 10am – 2pm at MICEC

- This event brings local businesses together for a day to nourish your mind, body, and soul!
- Enjoy mindful movement sessions, learn stress management techniques, visit our selfcare vendors, and more.
- For more information, visit: mercerislandchamber.com/womens-day-out



Some Good News

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King County Grant Awarded to YFS

- The City of Mercer Island and the Youth and Family Services Department has been selected for a Best Starts for Kids Positive Family Connections grant award amounting to approximately \$288,000.
- We were one of only eleven agencies to receive this award, out of over a hundred applicants.
- This grant will allow YFS to increase support for Island parents and families and continue the implementation of the parentingmercerisland.org web-based parenting tool developed over the past two years. The program will bring parent support groups, parent-focused Town Hall events, and elevate the connection between strong parenting and healthy youth.
- City Leadership is incredibly proud of the work we are doing to provide much-needed mental health services and counseling to our kids.



Family Movie Night Fun

- 124 people registered for last Friday's Family Movie Night, watching Kung Fu Panda 4!
- Families brought blankets and chairs, enjoyed popcorn and treats, played in the Game Room, and hung out in the lobby.
- THANK YOU to Mercer Island Martial Arts for sponsoring!
- The next Family Movie Night is scheduled for Friday, December 13th.
- Staff is currently arguing about the BEST family-friendly holiday movie to show - input can always be sent to MIPARKS@mercerisland.gov to sway the selection.



Thank you!

