



City of Mercer Island Parks and Recreation Commission

Department Report
September 3, 2026



Project Updates



E-Bikes in Parks & Open Spaces

- The community engagement campaign for e-bikes in parks and open spaces is coming to a close.
- Commissioners, Trustees, and staff conducted in-person outreach at:
 - Bike to Work Day (May 15)
 - Summer Celebration (July 11)
 - Mostly Music in the Park (July 28)
 - Mercer Island Farmer's Market (August 9)



E-Bikes in Parks & Open Spaces

- The E-Bikes in Park & Open Spaces Survey closed on August 31.
 - The survey received over 700 responses.
- Staff will analyze the survey data in the coming weeks.
- Staff anticipate a joint meeting with the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Open Space Conservancy Trust in October to present the results of the community engagement campaign and restart the e-bikes conversation.



Luther Burbank Park Dock and Waterfront Improvements Bid Award

- This week, the City Council awarded the Luther Burbank Park Dock and Waterfront Improvements construction contract to Quigg Bros., Inc., for a total of \$6,730,000 (including sales tax).
 - *Total project cost: \$9.75M*
 - \$5M in grant funding from five state and local grant sources to support design and construction
- Quigg Bros., Inc., is an Aberdeen-based firm specializing in marine construction. Their recent successful waterfront projects include the Des Moines Marina Redevelopment (2025-2026) and the Port of Poulsbo Breakwater Replacement (2022-2024).
- Construction is anticipated to begin this fall and last 15-18 months.
- Portions of the park will be closed throughout construction. Park impacts and other regular project updates will be shared on Let's Talk once construction begins.



[Letstalk.mercergov.org/lbdock](https://letstalk.mercergov.org/lbdock)



Programs/Events





SUMMER RECAP



FIELD BOOKINGS

- 4,908 bookings
- 15,183 hours

MICEC BOOKINGS

- 2,201 (+319 city business) bookings
- 8,018 (1,376.5 city business) hours

SUMMER CAMPS

- 11 partnered camps
- 1230 kids registered

- 2026 Returner Composition: 62.28%

MOSTLY MUSIC IN THE PARK

- Planned 6 concerts, hosting 5 and cancelled 1 due to wildfire smoke
- Estimated attendance across the 5 concerts was 3,800 attendees
- Total of 23 vendors across the 5 concerts



中秋佳節



八月十五

KUNGFU | 功夫
TRADITIONAL DANCE | 传统舞蹈
PEKING OPERA | 京剧
RESOURCE FAIR | 社区资源展
FOOD TRUCKS | 餐车
CULINARY DELIGHTS | 美食佳肴

Mercer Island Mid Autumn Festival Carnival 默瑟岛中秋嘉年华

SEP. 20, 2026 SUNDAY, 10 AM - 2 PM
九月二十日 (周日) 上午10点-下午2点
MERCER ISLAND COMMUNITY & EVENT CENTER
默瑟岛社区活动中心

免费活动, 无需注册
FREE EVENT | NO RSVP REQUIRED

CHINESE LACQUER FAN | 漆扇
CALLIGRAPHY | 书法
CHINESE KNOTS | 中国结
FACE PAINTING | 脸部彩绘
CHINESE STONE RUBBING | 拓印
TRADITIONAL GAMES | 传统游戏

Parks and Recreation Commission Planning Schedule

Oct. 1

- PRC Bylaws Review
- Recreation Summer Program and Event Highlights

Oct. TBD Open Space Conservancy Trust/PRC Joint Special Meeting

- E-Bikes in Parks- Community Engagement Review

Nov. 5

- Parks Capital Project Update
- MICEC Fee Waiver Policy (tentative)

Dec. 3 (Possible Cancellation)

- No Agenda Items

Dec. TBD Joint Special Meeting (Arts Council, PRC, Open Space Conservancy Trust)

- Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan Kick-off



Thank you!

