

# City Manager's Report

Tuesday, January 16, 2024



# How do you access City services?

Customer Service Team

(206) 275-7600

[CustomerService@mercerisland.gov](mailto:CustomerService@mercerisland.gov)

(staffed Mon-Fri 8:30a-5:00p, except holidays)

- For the quickest and fastest service, community members should contact the City of Mercer Island Customer Service Team.
- The City's Customer Service Team can help answer your questions about services, such as service requests, pet licensing, business licenses, or parking permits during the closure of City Hall.
- The Customer Service Team can also assist you in getting connected to other City department teams as needed.





# Council Board and Commission Updates



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# Hybrid Meetings

- Upcoming Hybrid City Council Meeting
  - Tuesday, February 6 at 5:00 PM
- Hybrid Boards and Commissions Meetings (All Meetings on Zoom)
  - Arts Council – January 17 at 5:30 PM
  - Planning Commission – January 24 at 6:00 PM
  - Parks & Recreation Commission – February 1 at 5:00 PM
- Visit [www.mercerisland.gov/meetings](http://www.mercerisland.gov/meetings) for more information.



# City Updates



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# City Hall Transitions

- The relocation of our Court services to Newcastle City Hall is almost complete. Technology work has been completed, carpeting is in, and movers are scheduled for this week!
- A site visit is scheduled this week to bring together the engineers, vendor, and City staff to manage the installation and connection of the Police Department modular buildings, in preparation for their delivery early next month.
- Staff are working through modifications requested after our inaugural City Council session on Jan 2. We've installed a monitor on the back wall, adjusted lighting over the Council dais, and will be installing exterior light fixtures as soon as they're delivered.



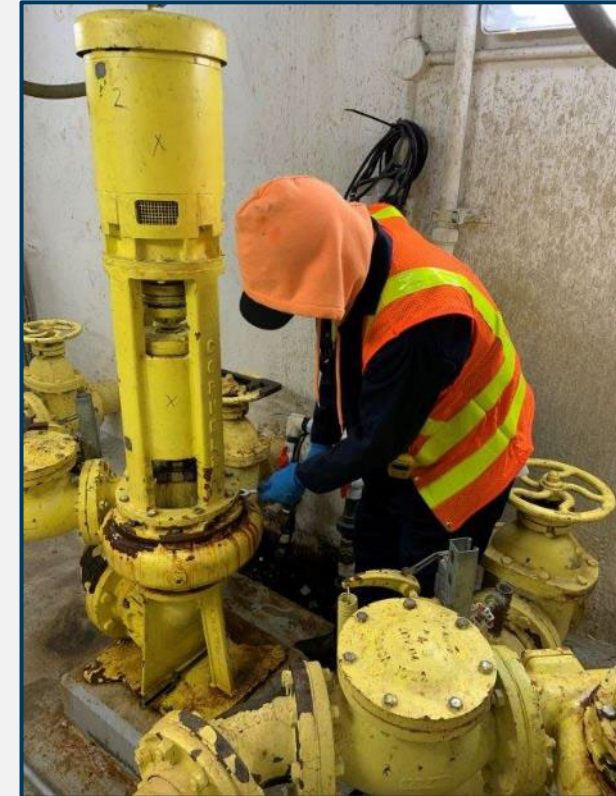
# Parks Maintenance Updates

- Parks Maintenance staff have completed some tree chipping in the Greta Hackett Outdoor Sculpture Gallery recently. This not only looks nice, but it also provides benefits to tree roots.
- Parks Maintenance teams repainted the interior of the restroom at Deane's Childrens Park last week.



# Utility Team Updates

- The Utility Team pulled the pumps to clear grit from the impellers at sewer pump station #24. This is done as preventive maintenance to keep sewage flowing through the station and to avoid backups.
- In other preventative maintenance news, the Utility Team completed video inspections on over 94,000 feet of sewer main, and jetted and cleaned an additional 199,000 feet of main over the course of 2023. This maintenance keeps our systems running and helps us stay on top of any issues in the sewer system.





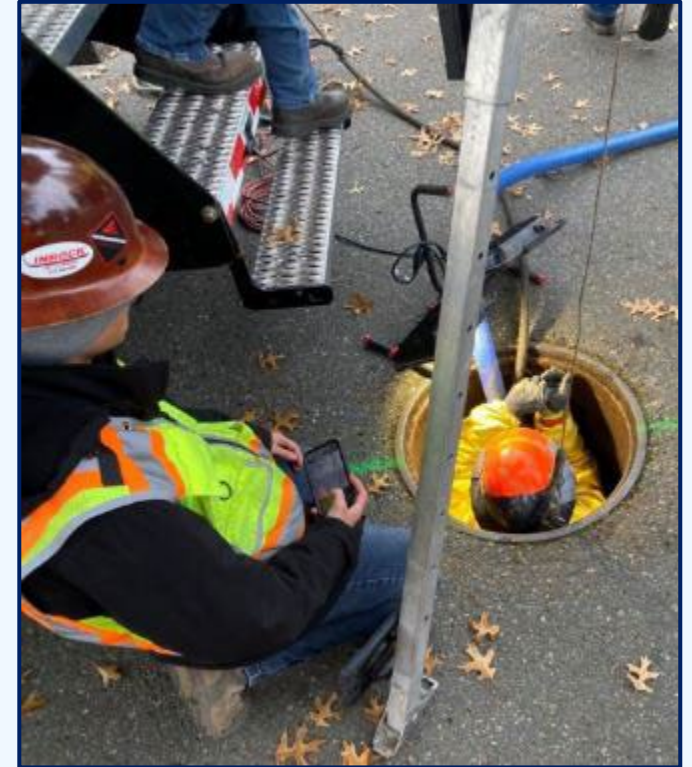
# Sewer Basin 40 Project Updates

- This sewer project in the Mercerdale neighborhood is making great progress. 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.
- By the end of 2023, Insta-Pipe had lined over 10,600 of the roughly 12,000 feet of sewer mains identified in the Sewer Basin 40 project.



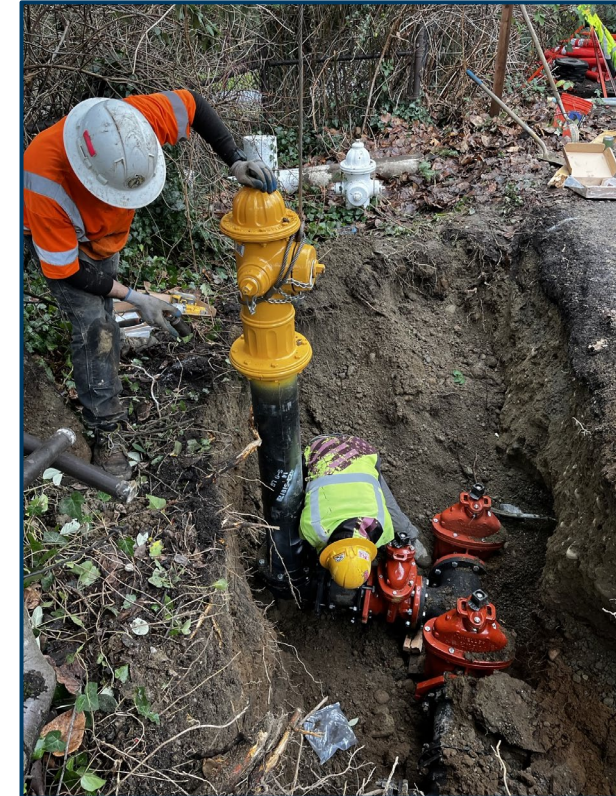
# Sewer Basin 40 Project Updates

- This week, crews continued working in the backyards of lakefront homes in the 4000-4100 blocks of East Mercer Way, where they raised several manhole covers to grade.
- This work is expected to continue into next week, then the contractor will switch their efforts back to installing approximately 80 service connection seals.



# Water System Improvements

- Over the last two weeks, crews have pressure-tested the new water main on 60<sup>th</sup> Ave SE in the East Seattle neighborhood. Numerous connections to link the new main into the City's existing water main system have been completed as well.
- Throughout January, crews are making additional connections and hope to have most of the old water main disconnected by mid-February. Water main installation is also occurring on 74<sup>th</sup> Ave SE near SE 24<sup>th</sup> St.
- Homes in the area will be swapped to the new main beginning this week.



# Roanoke Park Playground Replacement

- A survey to collect community input for the Roanoke Park playground replacement has been completed on Let's Talk!
- It included questions about age ranges, specific types of playground equipment, and early potential concepts for the replacement at Roanoke.
- Feedback from the survey will inform concepts that will be discussed with the community at the virtual public meeting on January 30, 2024.
- More information about the Roanoke Park playground replacement is available on the City website, as well as registration link for the January 30 meeting!

[www.mercerisland.gov/roanokeplayground](http://www.mercerisland.gov/roanokeplayground)



# Upcoming Events

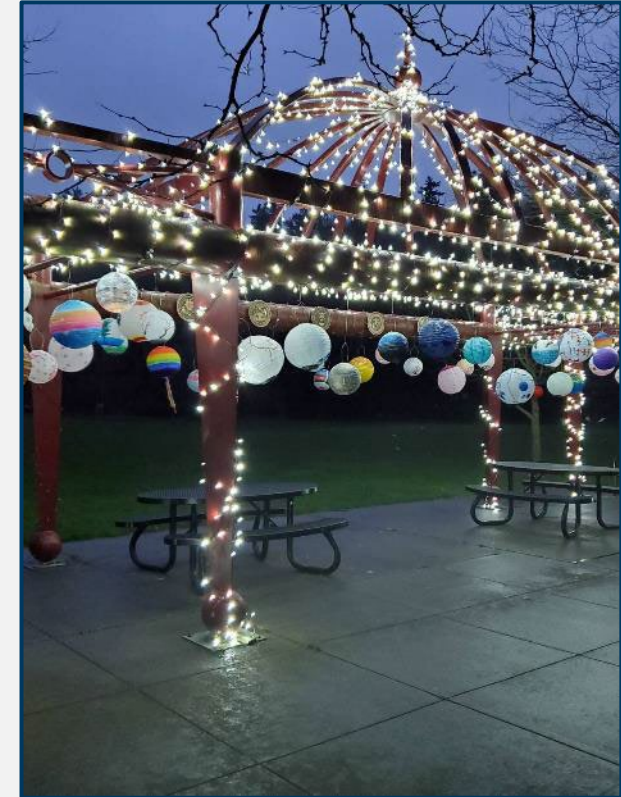
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# Island Lanterns Return

- The community is invited to paint solar lanterns for installation at Mercerdale Park and the MICEC.
- Pick up a lantern from the MICEC, starting January 8, and return your painted lantern by January 30 for display through February and March.
- The MICEC is hosting a painting day on Saturday, January 20 from 1-5 PM. Come and join us!

[mercerisland.gov/IslandLanterns](https://mercerisland.gov/IslandLanterns)



# Summer Celebration 2024

- Looking ahead to warmer weather and community fun, Summer Celebration is right around the corner.
- Mark your calendars for July 13, 2024 and be on the lookout for more information in the coming months.



# Some Good News

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# Our Thanks to YFS Volunteer

- Long time YFS Food Pantry volunteer, Mary Duray, won the Alliance of Eastside Agencies “Volunteer of the Year” award and will receive her award at a ceremony at the Together Center in Redmond on January 18.
- Congratulations, Mary, for all your hard work giving back to the community and doing your part to fight food insecurity!



# Blood Drive Success

- The Bloodworks Northwest's blood drive hosted at the MICEC last week was another success, providing 40 units of blood!
- Bloodworks Northwest, the primary supplier to over 90 hospitals throughout Washington and Oregon, extends their gratitude to all those who participated in the blood drives at the MICEC.
- The impact we made in 2023 was HUGE: 100 units of blood collected, and 200 lives impacted. 2024 is off to a great start as well thanks to last week's donors!





# Reflecting On A Recent Loss

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# In Memoriam

We are saddened to share that our co-worker, Karlene Johnson, passed away on December 21, 2023.

Karlene was an Individual and Family Therapist with Youth and Family Services for the past eleven years. Since she joined YFS in July of 2012, Karlene has exemplified the kind of warmth, wisdom, and compassion that made her both an exceptional therapist, as well as a guiding light for the team.

We were very lucky to have Karlene on the Mercer Island team for the time that we did.

The City of Mercer Island extends our heartfelt condolences to Karlene's family, friends, coworkers and the many clients she served. She will be greatly missed.



**Thank you!**

