



Department Report

Arts Council
Meeting

October 25, 2023

City Hall Closure: Accessing City Services

Customer Service Team

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(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.





Summer Celebration!

- Summer Celebration returned on July 15 – and fun was had by all!
- The day kicked off with the Community Parade, brought to you in partnership with Island Books, John L. Scott, & Island Treats.
- Activities throughout the afternoon included: live entertainment, food trucks, arts and craft vendors, non-profit and sponsor booths, City department booths, kid's activities and entertainers and LOTS of sunshine!





- The evening activities were held at Luther Burbank Park – with live entertainment, food trucks, kid’s activities and ended with the fireworks show!

- Special thanks to the Mercer Island School District, who provided shuttles to and from the park. There was also paid parking available at the Community Center, all proceeds benefiting the event.



THANK YOU
SUMMER CELEBRATION
SPONSORS!

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Mostly Music in the Park

- The Mostly Music in the Park series kicked off on Thursday, July 13 and ran for 6 weeks of shows!
- The community enjoyed outdoor concerts at Mercedale Park, from children's classic piano to rock 'n roll!
- Our thanks for the support from 4Culture, The Mercer Island Community Fund, Classic Pianos, Island Treats – who sold s'mores onsite and MIVAL, who provided arts and crafts for kids of all ages!
- It was a fantastic 2023 season!



Shakespeare in the Park

- Shakespeare in the Park returned to the Luther Burbank Amphitheater this summer with 12 shows and amazing crowds throughout July and August.
- This is a long standing partnering between Wooden O, through Seattle Shakespeare Company and we look forward to their return in 2024!





Summer Camps

- We offered **15** different types of camps through community partnerships over 10 weeks which included a wide variety of programming: paddle camps, Youth Theatre NW, Movie Star, Curiosity Camps and Seattle Shakespeare Company.
- Approximately 1,600 kids were enrolled throughout the summer. We will be debriefing outcomes soon and are already planning for summer of 2024!



Trick or Treating in Town Center

Friday, October 27
4 - 6pm

Ghosties, unicorns, superheroes, and more are invited downtown to trick or treat with participating business. Look for the pumpkin decal in the windows!

This free-family-friendly event provides our community with the perfect start to their Halloween festivities!

A map of participating businesses will be posted at:
www.mercerisland.gov/mihalloweekend





PUMPKIN WALK



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 5 - 8 PM
MERCERDALE PARK

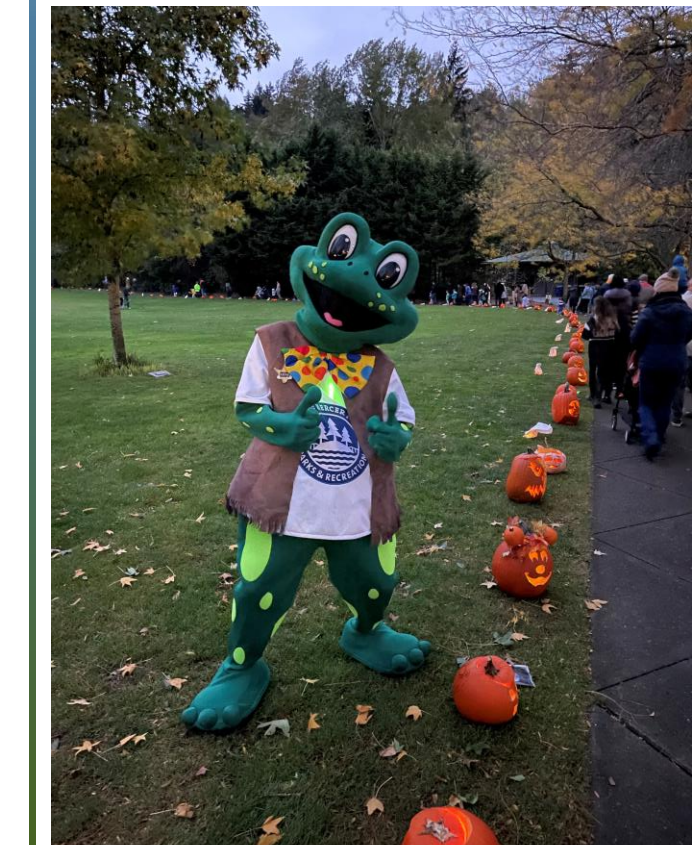
Join a fun, family friendly walk along the Mercerdale loop. The path will be lined with a glowing display of carved pumpkins. Music provided by 88.9, food trucks and more!

WE NEED YOUR PUMPKINS!

Carvers of all ages are encouraged to participate in the display. Carved pumpkins can be dropped off from 12pm - 4pm on the day of the event at Mercerdale Park.

TAKE A PUMPKIN TO CARVE FOR THE WALK!

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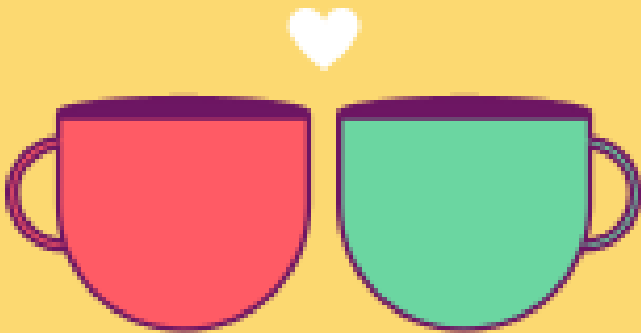


COMMUNITY COFFEE CELEBRATES
HALLOWEEN

9:30am - 11:30am

Costume Parade and Songs at 9:30am
Presented By the Students of Creative Learning Center

Sip 'n' Socialize!
**Community
Coffee Hour**



Every Tuesday & Friday
9:30 - 11:30am

Mercer Island Community & Event Center

Enjoy FREE coffee & tea and catch up with old friends or new acquaintances. No need to register, just show up, join us for a warm cup of joe, and start your day in a wonderful way.

MIVAL and Sister City Receptions

**MIVAL Holiday Show 2023:
October 23-December 15**

- This years **MIVAL Annual Holiday Show** will be located at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center. The artist reception date is October 26 from 5-7PM. Refreshments and awards to winning artists will be presented.
- Exhibit is available to view during building open hours

SAVE THE DATE

SISTER CITY RECEPTION

TO WELCOME HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS FROM THONON LES
BAINS ON EXCHANGE



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023
5:30 - 6:30 PM
THE LANDING AT MICEC

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

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- December 1: Tree Lighting & Firehouse Munch
- December 2: Holiday Market at MICEC
- December 7: Menorah Lighting at Mercedale

- December 9: Girls Scouts Toy Drive
- December 17: Argosy Ship at Luther Beach



Island Lanterns

- The community art project will return this year!
 - We will host painting days at the Community Center in January – stay tuned!
 - Lanterns will be on display January – March (weather permitting).
 - Looking to have displays at Mercedale and the Community Center.
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Thank you!

