



City of Mercer Island Parks and Recreation Commission

Department Report
March 26, 2026



Project Updates



LAKE WASHINGTON DEBRIS CLEANUP

- MI Marine Patrol leading Lake Washington debris cleanup with partners
- 60+ tons removed; on-water work reducing costs
- ~50% cleared; flooding causing re-accumulation
- Focus on Cedar River mouth; Operations may extend into April



Maintenance Updates

- Gateway concrete wall repair has started, likely to be finished this week.
- Deep cleaning at the Jake Jacobson pickleball court took place last week. In addition to weekly cleaning, we anticipate closing the courts 1-2 times a year for deep cleaning.



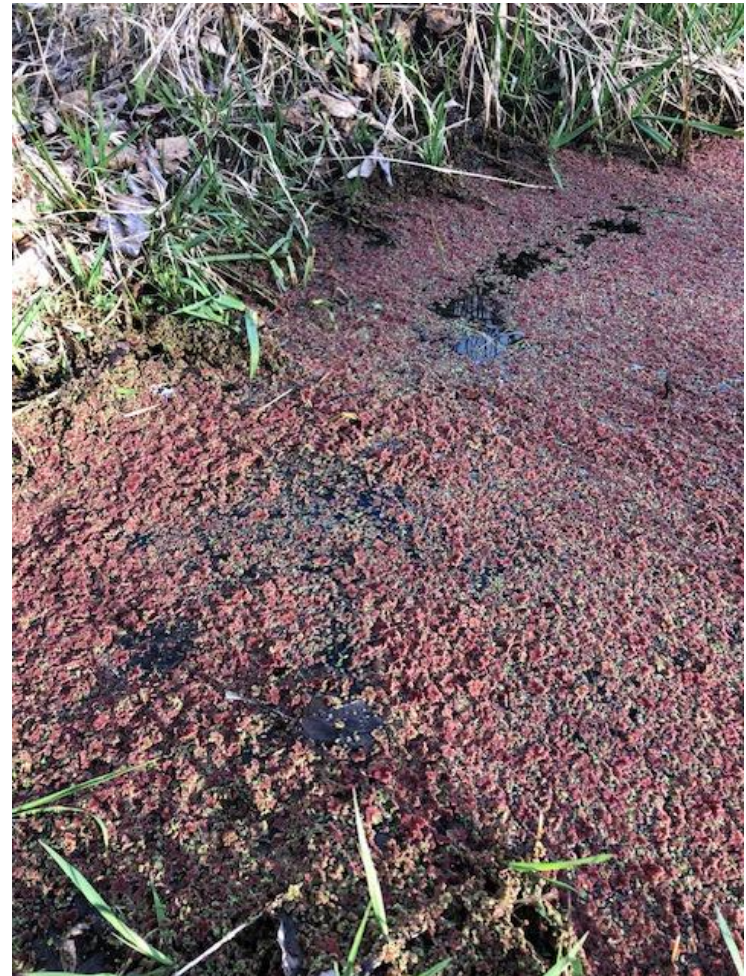
Maintenance Updates Continued:

- Crew finished planting the overpass on 77th across from the Sound Transit Station. Additional landscape cleanup taking place around the area ahead of the opening.
- Storm response focus occurred last week, clearing debris from the wind and snow



Mosquito fern at Luther Burbank wetland:

- With the help of experts from the Department of Ecology and King County Noxious Weeds, City staff identified the reddish growth on the Luther Burbank South Wetland as a native mosquito fern species.
- Likely flourished due to the relatively mild winter, staff will continue to monitor and determine if management will be necessary.



SAVE THE DATE! First Hill Park Ribbon Cutting

- The City will host a ribbon cutting event for the renovated playground at First Hill Park in May!
- Save the Date – Tuesday, May 5, at 4pm, at the park
- Join the City Council for light refreshments as we celebrate another successful playground project for the Mercer Island community



Annual Board and Commission Recruitment March 25 – May 8

- Recruitment for annual appointments to the City's advisory boards and commissions are open March 25 to May 8
- Annual appointments at the May 19 City Council meeting.



Programs/Events



SNOW-FRIDAY AT THE MICEC!

- Open Art Studio
- Indoor playground
- Pickleball!
- Youth Basketball
- Family Movie Night!!



Celebrate the 2 Line!

- Join the City of Mercer Island, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Island's vibrant local business community for the **Mercer Island Station Opening Celebration: Together at the Center!**
- On Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the top deck of the Park and Ride lot, we're marking the historic debut of the Island's brand-new light rail station and official opening of the Cross Lake Connection.
- Enjoy live entertainment and family-friendly activities (including a Kids Zone), local vendors and community booths, delicious food from around the Island, and commemorative giveaways.





EARTH MONTH EVENTS

APRIL 2026

SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Shop secondhand all month at the All Things Shop!

- 29 - Recycling Event, 9a-3p, Mercer Island Boat Launch
- 4 - Volunteer Event, 10a-1p, Gallagher Hill Open Space
- 7 - Mindfulness Walk, 11a-12p, Pioneer Park
- 9 - Volunteer Event, 12p-2p, Native Plant Nursery
- 11 - Paint Recycling Event, 9a-3p, City Hall
- 11 - Volunteer Event, 9:30a-11:30a, Ellis Pond
- 14 - Stormwater Stewardship, 1p-3p, Pioneer Park
- 15 - Garden Club, 1p-3p, Gallagher Hill Habitat Garden
- 16 - Nature Journaling, 10a-12p, Pioneer Park
- 18 - Volunteer Event, 10a-1p, Homestead Field
- 21 - Plant ID Walk, 1p-3p, Pioneer Park
- 22 - Art in E(CART)H Day, 1p-3p, Clarke Beach Park
- 23 - SUSTAINABLE FASHION SHOW, 11a-1p, MICEC
- 23 - Heat Pump Workshop, 5:30p-6:30p, MICEC
- 25 - Volunteer Event, 9a-11a, Wildwood Park
- 25 - Noxious Weeds Class, 10a-12p, MICEC
- 25 - Guided Bird Watching Walk, 9a, North Luther Burbank Parking Lot Kiosk
- 30 - Mindfulness Walk, 11a-12p, Pioneer Park



Scan for more info

www.mercerisland.gov/publicworks/page/2026-earth-month-events



A GUIDED BIRD WATCHING WALK

With The Friends of Luther Burbank Park

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

9:00AM ✨

What to Bring

- Binoculars
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Water bottle
- Notebook for observations
- Camera (optional)

Why Join?

- Explore Luther Burbank Park
- Spot a variety of local bird species
- Guided walk with experienced birdwatchers
- Learn practical birdwatching tips



Luther Burbank Park
8236 SE 24th St.
Mercer Island

Meet at the kiosk in the North Parking Lot

To secure your spot, email:
jroan@fredhutch.org



Spring Recycling Event

- Join us for the annual Spring Recycling Event on Sunday, March 29, 2026, from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Boat Launch.
- Safely dispose of the old equipment, hardware, appliances, and other household items that are cluttering your basement or garage!
- For more event details and information on alternative disposal options, visit mercerisland.gov/recyclingevent



City of Mercer Island

2026 Spring Recycle Event

When: Sunday, March 29, 2026
9am-3pm
Where: Mercer Island Boat Launch
3600 E Mercer Way

DO bring your:
Confidential Document Shredding (5 box limit) | Tires* | Propane Tanks* | Electronic Equipment | Scrap Metal* | Lead Acid & Households Batteries | Porcelain Toilets & Sinks* | BBQs | Mattresses* | Appliances, Refrigerators & Freezers* | Lawnmowers | TVs, Computers, & Monitors | Printers & Copiers*

Also accepting donations to MIYFS Food Programs!

*Fees may apply, see list below

Price List
Air Conditioner: \$35
Refrigerator/Freezer: \$35
Mattress/Boxspring: \$35
Propane Tank [residential only]: \$10
Tires [Up to 6 free | >6]: \$3-\$30
Toilets and sinks: \$25
Water heater w/ insulation: \$5
Printer/Copier: \$5
CASH ONLY!

DON'T bring your:
Construction/Demolition Debris | Garbage | Styrofoam | Furniture | Plastics | Paint | Scrap Wood | Cardboard | Window Glass | Cleaning Products | Pesticides/Herbicides | Solvents or Thinners | Household Goods and Clothing | Light Bulbs | Motor Oil, Filters, & Antifreeze | Household Hazardous Waste

No flat beds or dump trucks allowed. We reserve the right to refuse oversized, commercial, contaminated, excessive, or unacceptable loads.

For more event details and information on alternative disposal options, visit www.mercerisland.gov/recyclingevent or scan the QR code



Funded in part by a Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology, as well as funding from King County Solid Waste Division, Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County and E-Cycle WA.



COMMUNITY COFFEE CELEBRATES!

OPENING DAY!!

THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH



**SEATTLE MARINERS
TEAL THURSDAYS**

9:00AM-12:00PM | SNACKS, COFFEE & TEA

GRILLING UP HOT DOGS 12PM-1PM

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE GEAR & SUPPORT THE TEAM



MERCER ISLAND COMMUNITY & EVENT CENTER
8236 SE 24TH ST, MERCER ISLAND, WA 98040



Parks and Recreation Commission Planning Schedule

May 7

- Recreation Division Annual Report
- PROS Plan Update- Intro
- KCLS-Mercer Island Branch Update

June 4

- Clarke and Groveland Joint Infrastructure Plan: Preferred Plan Recommendation
- Parks Capital Project Update

July 2 (possible reschedule)

- MICEC Fee Waiver Policy
- Clarke and Groveland Joint Infrastructure Plan: Hand-off Memo

August (no meeting)



Thank you!
GO MARINERS!!

