



City of Mercer Island Parks and Recreation Commission

Department Report
May 1, 2025



Project Updates



Playground Replacements - Deane's Children's Park

- On March 18, 2025, City Council approved the scope of work and community engagement plan for the Deane's Children's Park Site Plan
- Staff has initiated public engagement for the Site Plan. Input is being gathered through two primary opportunities:
 - Open House: Saturday, May 3 | 10am – 12pm at Island Park Elementary
 - Online Survey: open now through May 12 on Let's Talk
- Feedback collected will inform development of design concepts that will be presented to community in July. Concepts will be presented to PRC on September 4, 2025.



To participate in the survey, visit www.mercerisland.gov/dcpq

Playground Replacements – Roanoke & First Hill

- **Roanoke Park:** Work continues to build the new drainage system and prepare for new accessible play area surfacing, including installing the crushed rock subgrade and removing old concrete footings leftover from previous playground equipment. Posts for the new swings and spinner have also been installed, and the City's Stormwater team built the pipe connection from the play area drainage to the existing stormwater ditch along 70th Ave SE.
- **First Hill Park:** Permits have been issued, and City staff are finalizing the construction schedule with the project team.



www.mercerisland.gov/playgroundreplacements



Luther Burbank Park Sport Courts

- The pickleball courts have seen LOTS of activity this spring thanks to sunny, dry weather.
- In April, FieldTurf removed the construction fencing and protective tarps so the Parks team could replant the south hill.
- Court surfacing is on track to be installed in early June (weather permitting), and the mural *Summer in the Wetlands* will be restored at the end of that month.
- The courts will be fully closed during court surfacing and may be partially or fully closed for mural work. City staff will share the closure schedule at least 2 weeks ahead of time.
- When re-opened, updated rules and court guidelines will be posted.



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OPEN ART STUDIO

Still Life Drawing for All

April 25th, May 23rd & June 27th

- 9:30am-11:30am
- Free. No registration required.
- All supplies provided.
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Good News



A Heartfelt Thank You

- Bloodworks Northwest would like to thank the generous donors and dedicated Recreation Staff for making our recent blood drive at the MICEC a great success.
- A total of 25 units of blood were collected, each one going directly to support local patients in need.



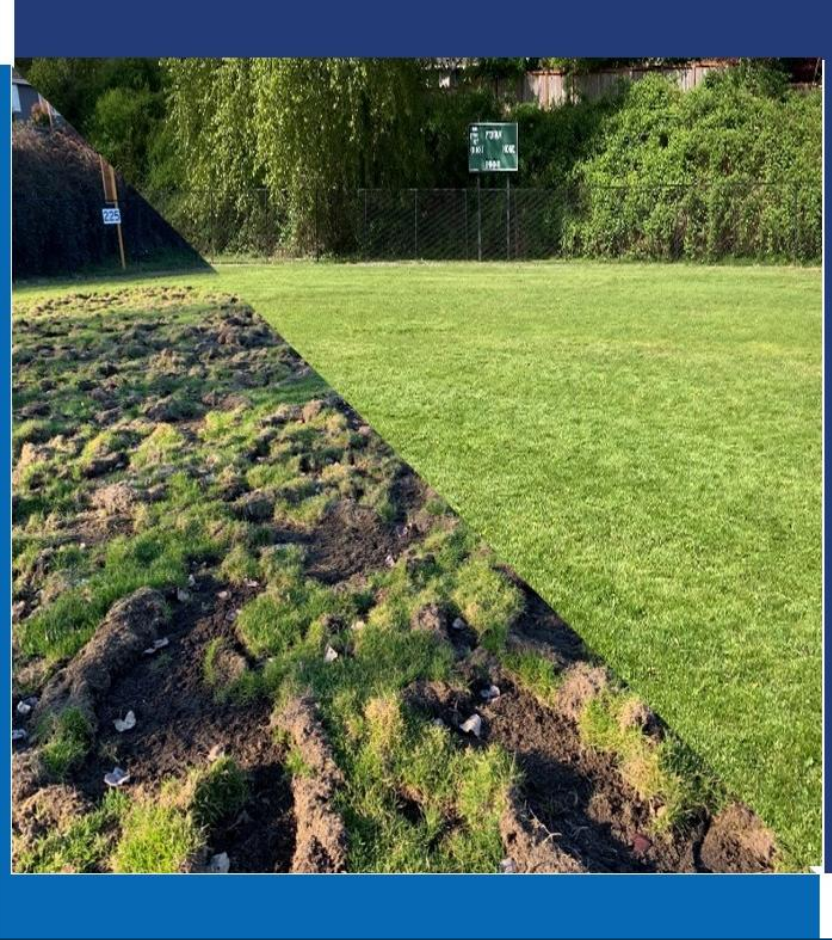
Park Maintenance Update

- City said thank you and goodbye to Team Member Tyler Shaw (pictured in orange shirt), who is moving with his family out of the area.
- Eagle Scout Bowen Nago completed service project of replacing 90 ft of fencing in Luther Burbank Park.
- Hanging flower baskets were installed in several parks including Island Crest, Mercedale and Luther Burbank, just in time for spring!



Turf Damage Rehab

- Restoration efforts were successful at South Mercer Playfields, and work continues this year around other parks:
 - Integrated Pest Management (IPM) principles, combination of cultural, biological and mechanical methods.
 - Overseeding damaged areas, aerating and fertilizing, monitoring mow heights and irrigation schedules.





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2025 LEAP FOR GREEN SUSTAINABILITY FAIR

APRIL 5, 10AM - 1PM

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Annual Boards & Commissions Recruitment Underway

- There are vacant and expiring positions on the City boards and commissions. The recruitment has been extended and is open through **May 9, 2025**.
- We are looking for volunteers to fill expiring terms on:
 - Arts Council (1 position)
 - Design Commission (2 positions – Urban Planners or Civil Engineers are encouraged to apply)
 - Open Space Conservancy Trust (2 positions)
 - Parks & Recreation Commission (2 position)
 - Utility Board (4 positions)
- Learn more and apply at www.mercerisland.gov/bc.



Parks and Recreation Commission Planning Schedule

June 5

- PRC Chair/Vice Chair Elections
- KCLS Annual Update (*send in leading questions by May 12*)
- Deane's Children's Park Engagement Plan

July 3

- TBD

August- No Meeting

September 4

- Athletic Field Use and Allocation Policy
- Annual Bylaws Review



Thank you!

