

City of Mercer Island

Parks and Recreation Commission

Department Report

May 4, 2023





SUMMER CELEBRATION!

JULY 15, 2023

PARADE ART VENDORS LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

FOOD TRUCKS COMMUNITY BOOTHS

TOUCH-A-TRUCK FIREWORKS



WWW.MERCERISLAND.GOV/SUMMERCELEBRATION

Summer Celebration!

- Join MI Martial Arts, The Mercer Apartment Homes, Belle Harbour, The Mercer Island Community Fund and Jake Jacobson in sponsoring Summer Celebration. Many opportunities still available!
- Applications for community groups, art vendors, food trucks and parade participants are posted online.
- The Community Parade is BACK! Thanks to Island Books, John L. Scott and Island Treats.

For applications and more info:

Mercerisland.gov/SummerCelebration

Mercer Island Medallions Engagement Opportunities

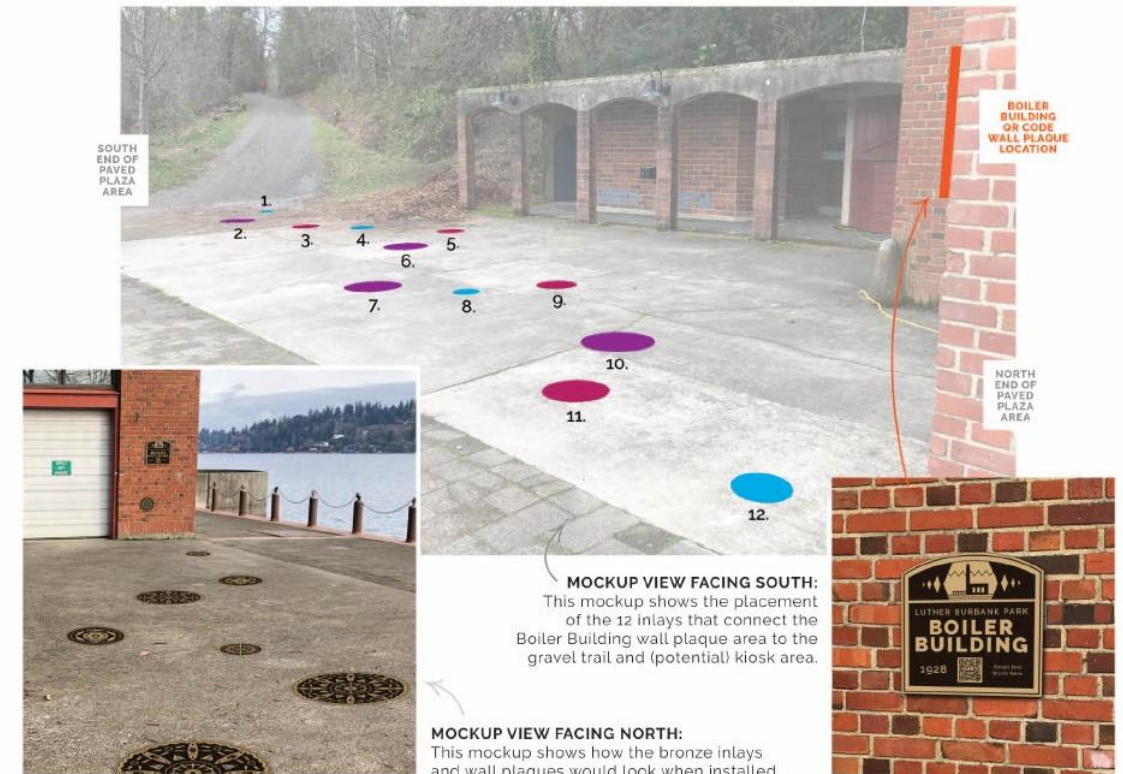
- The City selected local artist Marsha Rollinger to create new public art for the Luther Burbank Park waterfront plaza.
- Rollinger will use community input to develop 12 individual bronze pieces that will be inlaid in the new plaza pavement.
- Participate in this public art project throughout the summer at community events and online via Let's Talk!

Community Events

- MI Farmers Market: June 25
- Summer Celebration: July 15
- Mostly Music in the Park: Aug. 10

“Share Your Ideas” Tool on Let's Talk

www.mercerisland.gov/medallions



Upcoming Events!

June 2: First Friday Art Walk

- Town Center: 4-8pm
- Venues include: Suzanna Zahr, Aljoya, Barrels, Coldwell Banker Bain, MIVAL, Cascade Frames, Clarke & Clarke, Realogics Sothebys International Reality

June 17: PRIDE In the Park

- Mercerdale Park 3pm-6pm
- Games, treats, music, LGBTQIA+ Book Swap
- Hosted by PRIDE+

June 19: Juneteenth (Music/Activities)

- Mercerdale Park from 12 – 4pm.
- Hosted by: Mercer Island High School's Black Student Union

June 27: Senior Lunch and Conversation

- Free Event with Lunch sponsored by Belle Harbor Senior Living
- Mercer Island Community Center- 12pm
- Presenter John Jensen will discuss the British Rock invasion of the 1960's
- Must pre-register by calling 206.275.7609



SENIOR LUNCH & CONVERSATION

THE FAB BRITISH ROCK'N'ROLL INVASION OF 1964

A FREE EVENT FOR OUR SENIOR COMMUNITY!

Presented by:
Belle Harbour

JUNE 27 | 12PM

Mercer Island Community & Event Center: 8236 SE 24th St.

Come and hear about the people and events who brought forth one of the most exciting times in rock & roll history; the British Rock invasion of America in the early 1960s. You'll hear how it all began and soon dominated the nation's radio and television airwaves for the greater part of that decade. Presented by John Jensen

Refreshments and Lunch Provided!

Registration is required! Must be 3 days in advance for lunch
206-275-7609 | COURSE #19135





JOIN US FOR
**COMMUNITY
COFFEE**



TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS
9:30AM – 11:30AM

At the Mercer Island Community & Event Center

COMMUNITY COFFEE CELEBRATES!

In June:

- ❖ **Friday June 2nd - National Donut Day!**
- ❖ **Friday June 9th - LGBTQI+ PRIDE**

Join us 9:30am-11:30am



Mercer Island Farmers Market

- The Mercer Island Farmers Market 2023 Season kicks off **Sunday, June 4.**
- Enjoy live music and purchase fresh produce, hot/prepared food, and crafts.
- Located on SE 32nd Street, just north of Mercerdale Park.
- The Market runs every Sunday from 10am - 3pm through September.
- Get details music calendar, and vendor information at www.mifarmersmarket.org.



Riley Cove Dedication

Your invited to the dedication of Riley Cove! This small bay is located off Lincoln Landing.

- Huston (Hu) Riley was a lifelong resident of Mercer Island and Us Army Veteran in 1st Infantry Division.
- Riley was the subject of Robert Capa's famous war time photo as he fought through the surf during the 1944 D-Day Landing at Omaha Beach (Pictured)
- After returning home, he remained an active member of VFW Post 5760 and served on the board of the Mercer Island Historical Society.

Dedication:

Lincoln Landing

June 6, 4pm

Reception at VFW Hall immediately following

Parking is available at the VFW Hall or the Lid Park parking lot and walk safely along the I-90 trail to attend. Limited ADA parking will be available at the park site.



Maintenance and Operations Update:

- Parks Maintenance Team has completed a landscape installation on the East side of 80th Avenue SE overpass just across from the new Sound Transit Station.
- Completed first round of weeding for the year in the Island Crest Way median.
- New parks sign installed at Lincoln Landing; interpretive sign being installed for Riley Cove
- Play Chips! 145 cubic yards installed across 9 parks



Maintenance and Operations Continued:

- New trees planted this spring in the parks and right of ways
- Sound Transit completing landscape construction on North Mercer Way near the park and ride and roundabout, MI Parks will take over the maintenance of these new areas
- **Volunteer events-**
 - 6/3 National Trails Day and start of Letterboxing at Pioneer Park, 10am-1pm volunteers will spread mulch, clear trails and remove non-native plants.
 - 6/8 Luther Burbank Work Party
 - 6/17 Gallagher Hill Work Party
 - 6/22 Pioneer Park Summer Plant ID Walk
 - Links to sign up <https://www.mercerisland.gov/calendar>



Mercer Island P-Patch “Community Garden”

- Located above the Community Center behind Kite Hill.
- This is a City-coordinated program with are 65 plots occupied by gardeners. Currently full, with a waitlist of xxxx
- Gardeners cultivate produce and flowers which can not be sold or used for profit making purposes- its all about the benefits of gardening!
- The spaces are public and part of Luther Burbank Park.
- Over the last year staff have worked in collaboration with program participants to develop rules and responsibilities.
- Staff are working with gardeners to ensure plots remain safe, within the boundaries, and ensuring alignment with established rules and regulations for the enjoyment of all users.

Note on Future Agenda Item:

The staff review the operating guidelines annually with a leadership group of gardeners. Going forward, the operating guidelines will also be provided to the Parks and Recreation Commission for comment prior to implementation by the Administration.

<https://www.mercerisland.gov/parksrec/page/p-patch>



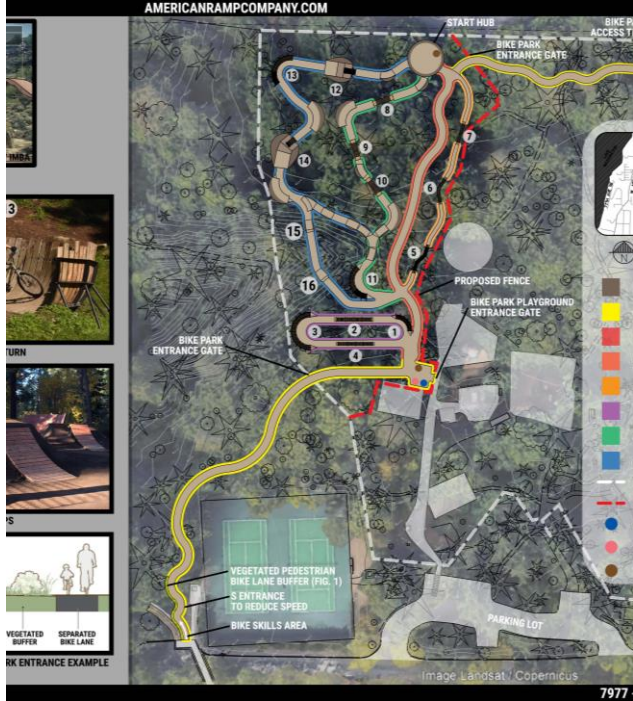
Project Update: Luther Burbank Park Sport Courts Renovation Update

- CIP, Recreation, and Parks staff members are reviewing several potential layout concepts.
- The City aims to finalize the design and proceed to permitting in June.
- Construction is tentatively planned to begin in late summer/early fall, with completion planned for 2024.

Project updates continue to be shared at:

<https://www.mercerisland.gov/lbpcourts>





PROJECT UPDATE: Bike Skills Area

- **Project Status:** Staff are working through the permit review process and finalizing the design drawings.
- **Construction:** American Ramp Company will be here later this summer to stake the BSA design in the field with staff. Still on track for a late summer/early fall construction window.
- **ICP Trail Counts:** Trail usage counts continued over two days in May. Baseline counts will continue into the summer, including assessing trail usage on a weekend day.
- **Safety Improvements on 84th AVE SE:** Three painted bump outs and one painted crosswalk were installed on 84th Ave SE. These road improvements were designed by the City's Transportation Engineer and intend to increase visibility of ICP trailheads as well as calm vehicle speeds.

Updates continue to be shared at:

<https://letstalk.mercergov.org/bike-skills-area-design>



PROJECT UPDATE: Groveland and Clarke Beach Master Plans

- We are currently negotiating a contract with a consultant for this important master planning work.
- Much of 2023 will be dedicated to site assessment work, particularly related to the docks and shoreline.
- The public engagement process will commence early 2024. The PRC will serve as the advisory board to this process.
- Anticipating adoption of the final master plan in early 2025.
- **Homework:** Visit the parks this summer and this fall!



PROJECT UPDATE: Mercerdale Park Master Plan

- We are also currently negotiating a contract with a consultant for this master planning work.
- Much of 2023 will be dedicated to site assessment work and coordination with Public Works regarding the sewer line replacement project.
- Construction timing is not yet determined, but the staff are anticipating a future park closure of 6 to 9 months during for the sewer line replacement work.
- This utility project presented an opportunity to perform other repair and improvement work at the park, consistent with the guidelines established in the Master Plan.
- The public engagement process will commence in early 2024. The PRC will serve as the advisory board to this process.
- Anticipating adoption of the final master plan at the end of 2024.



City Hall Closure (Update)

- Staff teams have been advised that City Hall will likely remain closed through the summer.
- The types of HVAC ducts at City Hall (mixed fiberglass and metal, and accordion style) cannot be abated by cleaning, and must therefore be fully removed and replaced. This will add both time and expense and alternatives need to be considered before work commences.
- We have staff relocated to work areas in City Buildings – the Community Center, the Fire Station, and Luther Burbank, with many also working fully remote.
- We are currently working on solutions for MIPD.
- We will share more information as our testing and planning progresses.



Thank you!

