

# City Manager's Report

Tuesday, February 17, 2026





# Council Board and Commission Updates



# Upcoming Meeting Snapshot

- Upcoming Hybrid City Council Meetings
  - Regular Hybrid Meeting - Tuesday, March 3 at 5:00 p.m.
  
- Boards and Commissions
  - Planning Commission - Wed. Feb 25 at 6:00 p.m.
  - Parks & Rec Commission – Thur. March 5 at 5:00 p.m.

Visit [www.mercerisland.gov/meetings](http://www.mercerisland.gov/meetings) for more information.



# City Updates

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# Happy Lunar New Year

- The Year of the Fire Horse is here!
- On Sunday, February 8, the City partnered with the Mercer Island Chinese Association (MICA) to bring the community another joyous Lunar New Year celebration at the MICEC!
- Although it was Super Bowl Sunday, staff estimate we had close to 1,000 community members joined the festivities.
- Activities included live entertainment, vendor booths, kid's activities, food trucks and more!
- Thank you, MICA for a wonderful event!



# Transportation Feedback Needed

- The City of Mercer Island's public comment period for the annual update of its Six Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is now open, and we want to hear from you!
- The TIP covers the City's roadway, pedestrian, and bicycle projects planned for the six-year period from 2027 to 2032.
- Visit [Let's Talk](#) to learn more about the TIP and to submit comments for consideration before April 21, 2026.
- This issue will come before Council for a public hearing on April 7, and after the public comment period closes, the TIP adoption is scheduled for the May 5 City Council meeting.



# Sewer SCADA System Update







- The Sewer SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) Upgrades project was awarded to Valley Electric in January 2023 to modernize the City's 1990s-era system, providing real-time monitoring and remote control of sewer pump stations while improving reliability and cybersecurity.
- City staff recently observed successful factory acceptance testing of the newly fabricated Pump Station 11 (PS 11) SCADA panels in Lynnwood. The testing verifies panel functionality prior to field installation.
- Field installation is scheduled for March, with completion anticipated in April.
- PS 11 is the final remaining City utility site requiring upgrade. Upon completion, it will join all other water and sewer utility sites on the modernized SCADA network, formally closing out the project.




# E-Moto Legislation Moving Forward

- The State Legislature is advancing two different bills that address e-moto safety in different ways, and the City is working directly on this issue with our legislators.
- City staff helped Rep. Zahn develop HB 2374's bill language and prefers this bill as it directly adopts a definition of what an e-motorcycle is, while SB 6110 only clarifies that e-motos are not e-bikes and sets up a work group to study a definition of e-motos.
- The City is working to either have HB 2374 adopted or have SB 6110 amended to have the preferred bill language from HB 2374.
- The Senate passed SB 6110 (42–7) with Senator Wellman voting yes. And late Friday night, HB 2374 successfully passed the House, thanks to significant efforts by Rep. Zahn.

**KNOW THE DIFFERENCE**

E-BIKES	VS	E-MOTORCYCLES
 Pedals with electric assistance	 POWER	 Powered by an electric motor
Up to 20 or 28mph, depending on class	 SPEED	Greater than 28mph
Up to 750W	 MOTOR	Greater than 750W
Driver's license and license plate not required	 OPERATION	Driver's license (with motorcycle endorsement) and license plate required

 CITY OF MERCER ISLAND <https://www.mercerisland.gov/e-bike-safety>

For more information on e-bike and e-motorcycle safety, go to [mercerisland.gov/publicworks](https://www.mercerisland.gov/publicworks).



# Boards & Commissions Recruitment

- There are three vacant positions currently, one on the Arts Council, one on the Open Space Conservancy Trust, and one on the Utility Board.
- The recruitment for these positions has been extended and is open through March 6 with appointments scheduled for the March 17 City Council Meeting.
- Learn more and apply at [mercerisland.gov/bc](https://mercerisland.gov/bc).



# Upcoming Events

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# Senior Resource Fair

- Join us at the MICEC on March 7 from 10am to 12pm for our Senior Resource Fair! It's free to attend.
- This event for Island seniors and their families will have informational booths and experts to discuss the following topics:
  - Staying active
  - Mental healthcare
  - Volunteer opportunities
  - Support and respite services
  - Social connections
  - And other senior issues



The City of Mercer Island's

## SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR

MARCH 7, 2026 | 10AM - 12PM  
Mercer Island Community & Event Center



**Attention Mercer Island Seniors!**

The Mercer Island Senior Resource Fair returns to the Mercer Island Community & Event Center this March!

A free event for Island seniors, their care partners, and families with information on staying active, health and safety, support and respite services, mental health care, volunteer opportunities, and social connections.

- Informational booths from local and regional senior resources
- Connect with experts in senior issues and aging
- Refreshments and seated social areas

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# Coffee with a Cop

- Join your Mercer Island Police Department (MIPD) for Coffee with a Cop on Saturday, March 7 from 1 – 3pm.
- Chief Bennett and MIPD officers will be at the Starbucks on the north end to meet with members of the community.
- It's a great chance to chat about safety concerns and build community connections.
- Thanks to Starbucks for hosting us!



# Some Good News

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# Right Place, Right Time

- Two weeks ago, members of the MIPD Marine Patrol Unit were participating in cold-water rescue training in Chelan County alongside the King County Sheriff's Office when a man suddenly fell through thin ice near where they were training.
- Thanks to their quick action, MIPD officers and their Sheriff partners were able to secure the individual and pull him safely out of the 35-degree water.
- The man was evaluated on site and ultimately able to drive himself home.
- This incident highlights the value of ongoing ice and water rescue preparedness by MIPD and regional partners.



Kudos to MIPD Officer Tranter, Sergeant Herzog, Corporal Robinson, and Officer Johnson!

**Thank you!**

