

# City Manager's Report

Tuesday, March 19, 2024





# Council Board and Commission Updates



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# Hybrid Meetings

- Upcoming Hybrid City Council Meeting
  - Tuesday, April 2 at 5:00 PM
- Hybrid Boards and Commissions Meetings (All Meetings on Zoom)
  - Planning Commission Special Meeting – March 20 at 6:00 PM
  - City Council/MISD Joint Meeting – March 21 at 5:00PM
  - Parks & Recreation Commission with Open Space Conservancy Trust – March 21 at 5:00 PM
  - Planning Commission – March 27 at 6:00 PM
- Visit [www.mercerisland.gov/meetings](http://www.mercerisland.gov/meetings) for more information.



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# City Hall Transitions

- Maintenance crews worked through the weekend on site prep to connect the new PD Modular buildings to utilities.
  - This week utility crews are on-site installing the water lines. Work on the sewer connections will begin later this week and the water and sewer work should be wrapped up by next week.
  - The contractor performing the work on the electrical and data connections is scheduled to mobilize on Monday. This work will take a few weeks to complete.
- We are taking delivery of a third modular building for PD use later this spring. The prep work for the third building is being done now.
- Recently, Emergency Manager Keverkamp and Police Recruits Luke Bonagofski and Jonah Peoples moved the emergency management supplies out of the storage garage under City Hall into the storage container at the Community Center. The Community Center will serve as our EOC during this transition period.



# Luther Burbank Boiler Building

- Phase 1 of the Luther Burbank Waterfront Project is underway. This project work primarily entails seismic retrofits for the Boiler Building.
- Contractors continued demolition work by removing the concrete floor slab inside the building and removing the fire brick from inside the chimney.
- In late March, crews will start excavation for utilities and footings. Steel reinforcement of the building is scheduled to begin in April.
- Project completion for this phase is anticipated for later this year. A second phase of project work on the docks and waterfront is anticipated to begin in 2025.



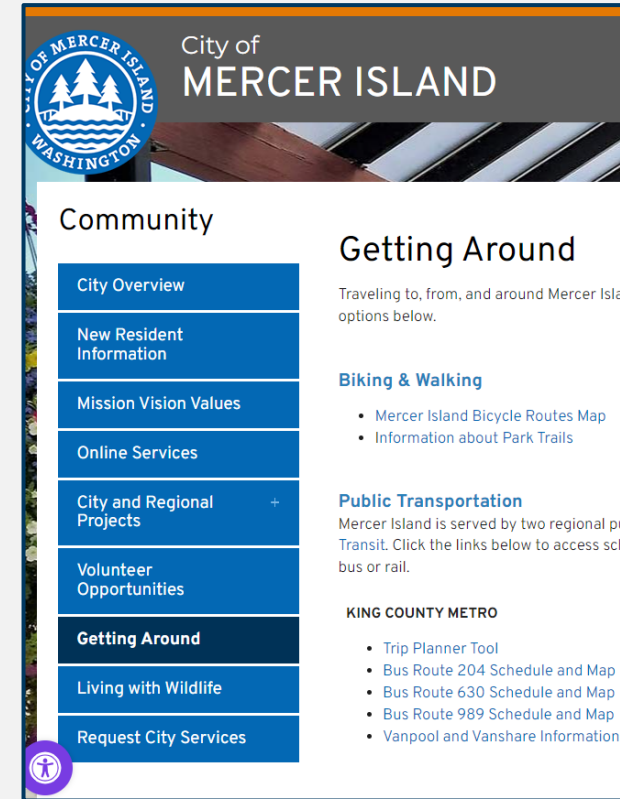
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# New Wayfinding Resources

- Here is an update on one of the work items from the recently adopted Town Center Parking Plan.
- New wayfinding resources are now live on the City website and include:
  - PDF and digital versions of the Free Public Parking Options in Town Center map.
  - Links to schedules for public transportation options provided by King County Metro and Sound Transit.
  - Details of the Town Center and parking permit programs, and more,
- Staff will begin promoting these new resources this month.

[www.mercerisland.gov/community/page/getting-around](http://www.mercerisland.gov/community/page/getting-around)



# Island Crest Park North Infield Turf Replacement

- After weather delays, the north infield turf replacement at Island Crest Park is finally complete!
- The field was able to open in time for the Varsity baseball team's first home game on March 11.
- Thank you to the maintenance teams for shoveling snow and "drying" the fields when the weather was not cooperating!
- And thank you to all of the other staff and community members that joined together to identify alternative practice options when the project was delayed!





# Upcoming Events

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# Spring Recycling Event

- The popular Spring Recycling Event returns this month, taking place on Saturday, March 30, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. This event is the perfect opportunity to safely dispose of old equipment, hardware, appliances, and other household items that are cluttering your basement or garage.
- It's easy to participate - simply drive up and unload eligible items for recycling and disposal. You can learn more about what's accepted on the event webpage.
- Don't miss the new location! Due to the closure of City Hall, the event will be held at the Islander Middle School Parking Lot (7447 84th Ave SE) - the City thanks the Mercer Island School District for this support.

[www.mercerisland.gov/publicworks](http://www.mercerisland.gov/publicworks)



# Comprehensive Plan Update

- The City is hosting an Open House to discuss the Comprehensive Plan Update.
- Join us **May 1 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM** at the Mercer Island Community and Event Center.
- This is a great opportunity for the community to learn about the upcoming changes to the Comprehensive Plan and to provide their input.
- We will be actively promoting these event across City communication channels in the coming weeks.



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# Some Good News

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# Booster Chlorination Project Completion

- Last Friday, we welcomed members of the City Council, the Utility Board, and staff to the Reservoir to celebrate the “switching on” of the Booster Chlorination System.
- This project spanned 10 years and is the final action item identified after the major Boil Water Advisory in 2014.
- This new station is an essential infrastructure component, allowing us to adjust residual chlorine levels within our water distribution system.
- Thanks to the entire team involved in bringing this major project to fruition!



**Thank you!**

