



# City of Mercer Island Parks and Recreation Commission

Department Report  
November 7, 2024



# Project Updates



# Clarke & Groveland Beach Joint Planning Process

- The City received more than **220 responses** to our background survey on current park uses. Thank you to the community for providing input!
- Now the Berger team is analyzing the results, which will be combined with other background assessments to develop an existing conditions report for the parks.
- In February 2025, staff plan to hold a **special PRC meeting** with the Berger team to review the existing conditions and collect PRC input on the draft public engagement plan for the joint planning process. (More details coming soon!)
- The planning process scope and draft public engagement plan will then be presented to the City Council for approval. Staff anticipate kicking off the joint park planning process with the community by early Q2 2025.



**Updates at:**

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





# LBP Pickleball Courts

- Get your paddles out – the courts are almost ready!
- Northwest Asphalt completed paving corrections at the end of October, and Beynon Sports has installed the temporary court markings, pickleball nets, and court fencing.
- FieldTurf is finishing up grading the south hill and preparing to pour the new concrete access path.
- Once staff and D.A. Hogan sign off on the work, FieldTurf will demobilize, and the City will make final preparations to open the courts to the community.
- The City will host a ribbon cutting event next year after the permanent acrylic surfacing is installed.



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# Playground Replacements

- Work continues for the 2025 construction of the Roanoke and First Hill Park playground replacements.
- Progress includes ordering play equipment and completing the pre-app meeting with CPD for First Hill Park, and staff continue working with Berger to wrap up permitting for Roanoke Park.
- Construction of both parks is planned for early 2025. Both playgrounds have been inspected recently and will remain open until construction begins.
- Staff are also finalizing the project scope for a vision plan and design concept for the Deane's Children's Park play area. We anticipate reviewing the draft public engagement plan with the PRC at the **special meeting in February 2025**.
- **Updates at:** [www.mercerisland.gov/playgroundreplacements](http://www.mercerisland.gov/playgroundreplacements)



# Mercerdale Playground Repairs

- In August, vandalism damaged the train structure and playground surfacing. Staff promptly notified Police, filed a report, and began cleanup and repairs.
- NW Playground and our Parks Maintenance team have collaborated with the manufacturer to repair the poured-in-place surfacing, repair and repaint the train's interior, and complete warranty repair on the cone spinner.
- Most repairs are finished, and the playground is functionally back in service.
- Parks Maintenance staff will continue the repair to the train interior.



**Good News**





# Halloween Roundup



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024





# Upcoming Programs and Events



# Illuminate MI Is Back!

- The holiday lights are up in Town Center and work on the Mercerdale tree is almost complete!
- The Town Center lights will be shining bright beginning in mid-November and the tree lighting event will be held on Thursday, December 5.
- The calendar is brimming with holiday happenings and festive events! Check out the full lineup of events and more details [mercerisland.gov/parksrec/page/city-special-events](https://mercerisland.gov/parksrec/page/city-special-events)



The poster features a dark blue background with a bokeh effect of light blue and white circles. In the top left corner is the City of Mercer Island logo, which is a circular seal containing three evergreen trees and the text 'CITY OF MERCER ISLAND' and 'WASHINGTON'. The main title 'Holiday Tree Lighting' is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below the title, the date and time 'DECEMBER 5, 2024 5:30PM' are displayed in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The location 'MERCERDALE PARK' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. A paragraph of text in a light blue, sans-serif font reads: 'JOIN THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND LIGHTING OUR HOLIDAY TREE. BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY OUT AND ENJOY THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF THE HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR AND CREATION DANCE STUDIO PERFORMANCES. COCOA PROVIDED BY JOHN L. SCOTT!'. Below this text, the phrase 'Sponsored By:' is written in a white, cursive font. At the bottom, there are two logos: 'MERCER ISLAND CITY LIFESTYLE' and 'PSE PUGET SOUND ENERGY'.

 *Holiday Tree Lighting*

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# Parks and Recreation Planning Schedule

## **December 12 (Special Meeting)**

- Park Zone Planning

## **January 9 (Special Meeting)**

- Park Zone Planning

## **February 6**

- Park Zone Planning

## **February (TBD- Special Meeting)**

- Groveland/Clarke Joint Planning
- Deane's Children's Park

## **March 6**

- Park Zone Recommendation
- Athletic Fields Allocation & Use Policy







Thank You