

# City Manager's Report

Tuesday, April 16, 2024







# Council Board and Commission Updates



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# Hybrid Meetings

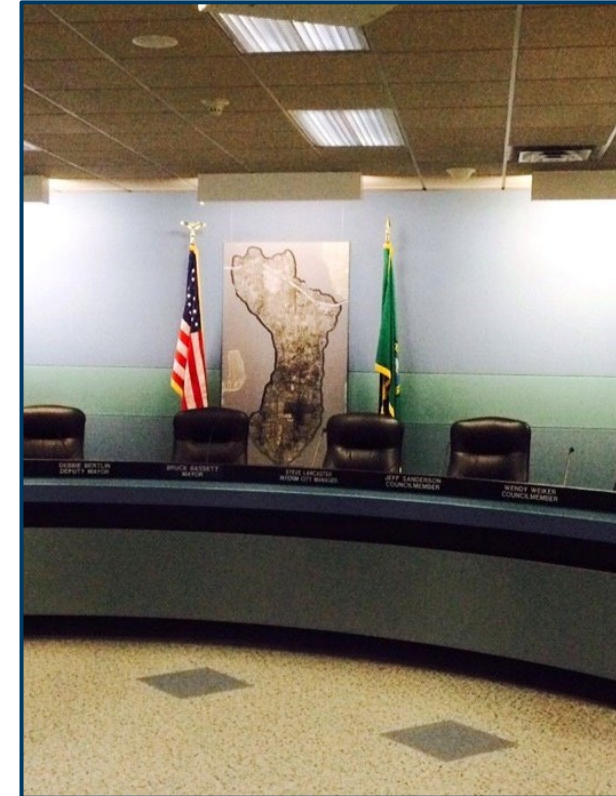
- Upcoming Hybrid City Council Meeting
  - Tuesday, May 7 at 5:00 PM
- Hybrid Boards and Commissions Meetings (All Meetings on Zoom)
  - Arts Council – April 17 at 5:30 PM
  - Planning Commission – April 17 at 6:00 PM
  - Parks & Recreation Commission with Open Space Conservancy Trust – April 18 at 5:00 PM and again May 2 at 5:00 PM
- Visit [www.mercerisland.gov/meetings](http://www.mercerisland.gov/meetings) for more information.





# Annual Boards & Commissions Recruitment Underway

- Our annual Advisory Boards & Commission recruitment is now underway through April 26.
- We are looking for volunteers to fill expiring terms on:
  - Arts Council (2 positions)
  - Design Commission (2 positions)
  - Open Space Conservancy Trust (2 positions)
  - Parks & Recreation Commission (1 position)
  - Planning Commission (2 positions)
  - Utility Board (2 positions)
- Learn more and apply at [www.mercerisland.gov/bc](http://www.mercerisland.gov/bc).



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# Water and Landslide Risk Emergency

- On April 3, we activated our Emergency Operations Center after learning of a leaking underground Seattle Public Utilities water main that created unstable soil conditions, putting approximately 20 homes at risk if soil conditions worsened or if the pipe was to break, according to the geotechnical engineer.
- Crews from Seattle Public Utilities were able to turn off the supply to their water main, which stopped the flow of water through the impacted area, and our back-up water line was activated to supply water to Mercer Island.
- The City of Mercer Island also isolated and shut-off an adjacent City-owned water main and residents were allowed to return to their homes on Thursday night.





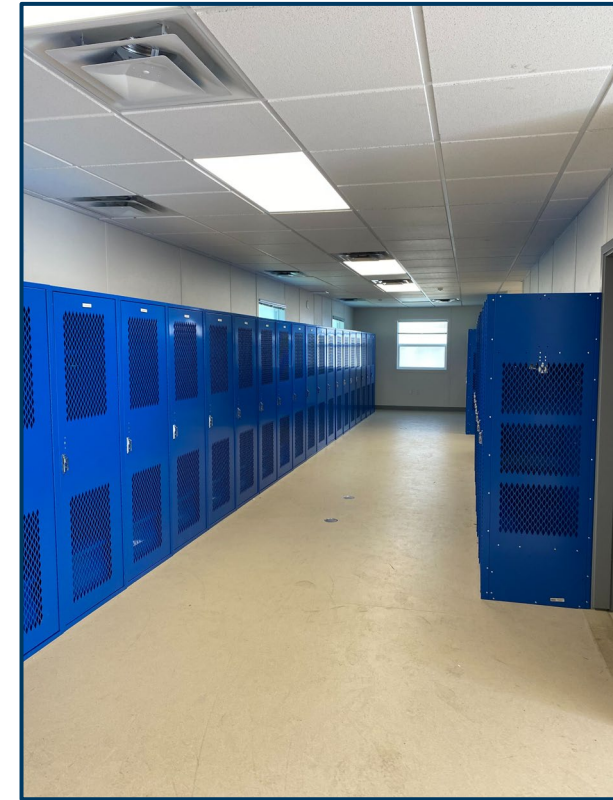
# Water and Landslide Risk Emergency

- The Shorewood Community is currently being served by a temporary emergency inter-tie to the City's water system. Under normal operations, Shorewood receives water directly from Seattle Public Utilities.
- The SPU team is currently evaluating options to repair the SPU water main. SPU's goal is to have a final recommendation by the end of April.
- We are currently evaluating necessary preparation work in advance of SPU's repair work and will be communicating with impacted residents this week.
- You can review all the updates posted under the event on [mercerisland.gov/news](https://mercerisland.gov/news).



# Police Modular Buildings

- Both modular police buildings now are energized and connected to the City's data infrastructure.
- The final plumbing connections are being made today and tomorrow.
- Access card readers, cameras, and security monitoring installations are underway and are expected to be operational early next week.
- PD has completed the assembly and installation of lockers and shelving.
- Our custodians will do a final deep-clean later this week in preparation for PD's move-in!





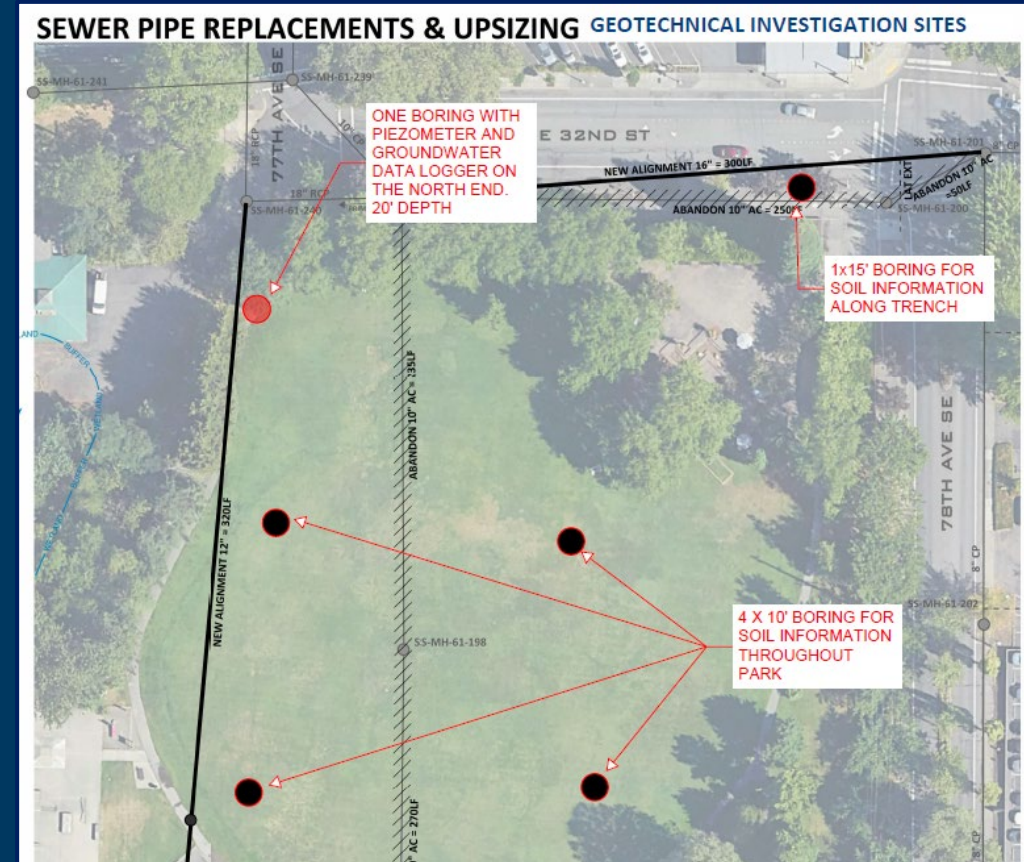
# Luther Burbank Boiler Building

- Phase 1 construction on the Boiler Building at the Luther Burbank Park waterfront is well underway. Work entails seismic retrofits, including chimney reinforcement and renovation of the restrooms.
- Masonry cleaning and restoration began last week, including pressure washing the brick facades and repairing damaged mortar joints.
- Shotcrete installation in the chimney is expected to begin next week for stabilization.
- Completion of Phase 1 is anticipated this summer. A second phase of project work on the docks and waterfront is anticipated to begin in 2025.



# Sewer Upgrades at Mercerdale Park

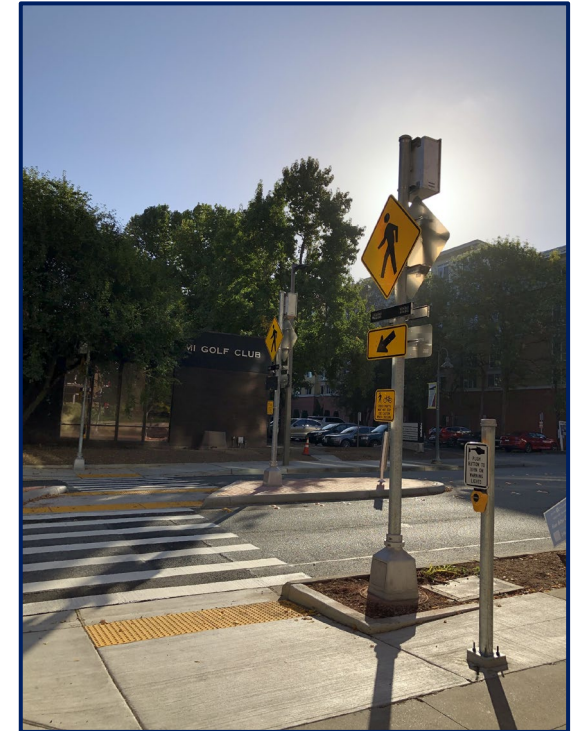
- This project relocates and upsizes the sewer main that runs south-to-north through the park.
- Crews will be conducting geotechnical borings this week. The work will require a track-mounted rig to be set up at each boring site. Crews hope to complete the four center park borings in a single day.
- This field work is necessary to determine soil conditions to further the engineering design for upsizing the sewer main.
- Sewer construction is planned for later in 2024.





# Traffic Signal Safety Improvements

- The City was recently awarded a \$185,000 grant from WSDOT for traffic signal safety improvements, to improve signal visibility and safety for vehicles and pedestrians at several of the Island's signalized intersections.
- The City's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan identified pedestrian push buttons at traffic signals, like the button and lighting in the photo, as high priority for replacement.
- Intersections slated for these lighted push button signals include:
  - SE 27<sup>th</sup> St and 77<sup>th</sup> Ave SE
  - ICW and SE 40<sup>th</sup> St
  - SE 27<sup>th</sup> St and 78<sup>th</sup> St
  - SE 40<sup>th</sup> St and 86<sup>th</sup> Ave SE
- Work will progress on these improvements in Q3 2024.



# 4004 Island Crest Way Pedestrian Improvements

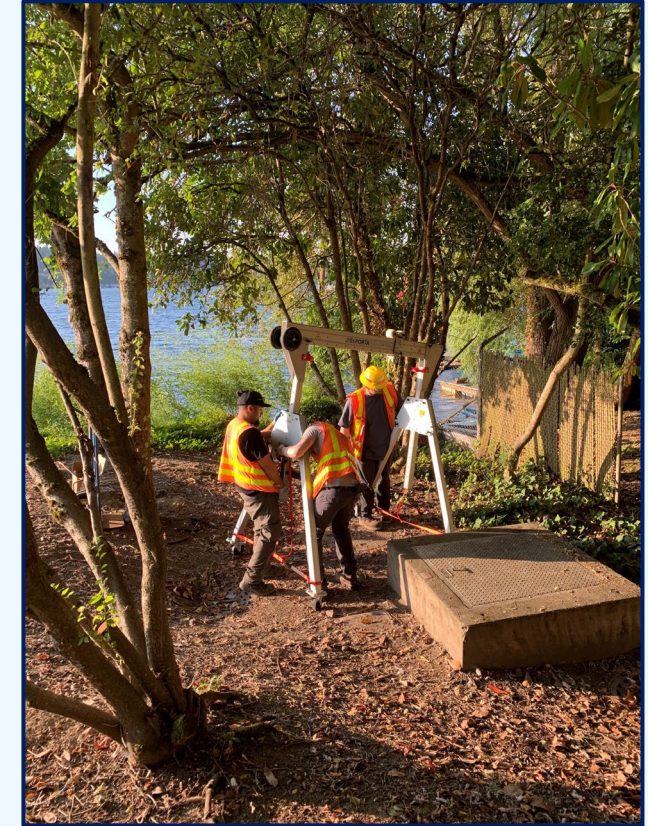
- Project work on the pedestrian improvements at the 4004 Island Crest Way property began last November, with teams widening the sidewalk, updating an ADA curb ramp, and adding landscape features.
- The landscaping contractor was out last week and made minor adjustments to the irrigation heads, replaced some damaged plants, and seeded the grass area for a second time.
- Once the grass becomes established later this spring, the orange construction fencing will be removed, and the parcel will be opened to the public.





# SCADA Sewer Equipment Replacement Project

- Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) is the system that the City uses to remotely monitor flows throughout Mercer Island's water and sewer network.
- The City recently completed work on the new water SCADA system, we are now turning our attention to the sewer side.
- The City's current SCADA system is obsolete and replacement components are often unavailable. Upgrading the controls, alarms, and communication equipment will improve operations and system reliability.
- Throughout 2024 and 2025, the City will be upgrading the equipment and SCADA communications systems at 17 sewer pump stations.



# Upcoming Events

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# Summer Camps

- With 16 amazing partners, our summer camps offer an assortment of experiences for every camper!
- MICEC has partnered to offer an assortment of experiences for every camper! From STEAM adventures, to sports skills, creativity through performance arts, bike riding and more... there's something for everyone. We have inclusive offerings to ensure that every camper feels welcome and valued.
- For more information and registration links, visit: [www.mercerisland.gov/summercamps](http://www.mercerisland.gov/summercamps)



# Comprehensive Plan Update

- The City is hosting a Community 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 will be an opportunity to preview the draft amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and provide feedback to the City.
- Members of the Planning Commission as well as City staff and consultants will be in attendance to provide information on the work done to-date, the draft Comprehensive Plan elements, and proposed substantial changes to the plan.



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# Some Good News

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# ParentingMercerIsland.org

- On March 18, YFS's Healthy Youth Initiative (HYI) launched **ParentingMercerIsland.org** which has been a key effort of HYI staff over the past two+ years and is funded by a 5-year federal SAMHSA grant.
- This tool has been developed with long-time YFS partner, the Center for Health and Safety Culture, out of Montana State University.
- Supporting parenting skills and family management is a proven "up-river" strategy for preventing substance use and improving youth mental health.
- Visit [ParentingMercerIsland.org](https://ParentingMercerIsland.org) to learn strategies and tips appropriate for all parents and those in a parenting role.





# The Mercer Island Thrift Shop is on a roll!

- We have seen a **26% increase** in donations in 2024; that's 2,708 more vehicles in 3 months, an average of 45 more vehicles a day between 8AM and 11AM. Our Donation Team rocks!
- Meanwhile, our Production Team is working very hard to move that product to the floor.
- Drop in and see what's new on our shelves. You never know what you'll find!
- Thank you Mercer Island community! Your donations are supporting the very important work of the Youth and Family Services Department!



**Thank you!**

