

City Manager's Report

Tuesday, January 6, 2026





Council Board and Commission Updates



Hybrid Meetings

- Upcoming Hybrid City Council Meetings
 - 2026 Planning Session – Friday, January 16 at 9:30 a.m.
 - Regular Hybrid Meeting - Tuesday, January 20 at 5:00 p.m.
- Boards and Commissions
 - Open Space Conservancy Trust | Parks & Recreation Joint Meeting - Thurs. Jan 8 at 5:00 p.m.
 - Parks & Recreation – Tues. Jan 13 at 5:00 p.m.
 - Utility Board – Tues. Jan 13 at 5:00 p.m.

Visit www.mercerisland.gov/meetings for more information.



City Updates

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MIPD Storm Debris Cleanup

- The Mercer Island Police Department Marine Patrol is removing trees and logs flushed into Lake Washington by recent flooding, which pose serious navigation hazards.
- This effort is prioritizing free-floating debris that presents the greatest public safety risk, with shoreline cleanup to follow.
- Access to the Mercer Island Boat Launch may be limited while Public Works crews process recovered debris.
- Boaters are urged to use caution and report free-floating hazards to the Customer Service Team at (206) 275-7600 or the Police non-emergency line at (425) 577-5656 after hours.



Pump Station 19 Repairs

- Utilities staff worked with MIPD Marine Patrol to get a needed replacement part to Pump Station 19, located at the southwest corner of the island.
- This station is completely inaccessible by vehicle, so larger equipment and parts must be delivered via the lake.
- In this case, staff needed to install a new check valve at the station (which weighs in over 100 lbs!) and haul out the old one.
- Thanks to Marine Patrol for the assistance getting this work completed!



First Hill Playground Replacement

- The First Hill playground reopened to the public on Monday, January 5 after several months of construction.
- All new play equipment is installed.
- Some minor work remains, such as signage installation and improving the parking area on SE 32nd Street.
- City crews will perform those tasks in the coming weeks.
- The renovated playground design was developed with the community in 2024 and is funded by the 2022 Parks Levy.



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Upcoming Events

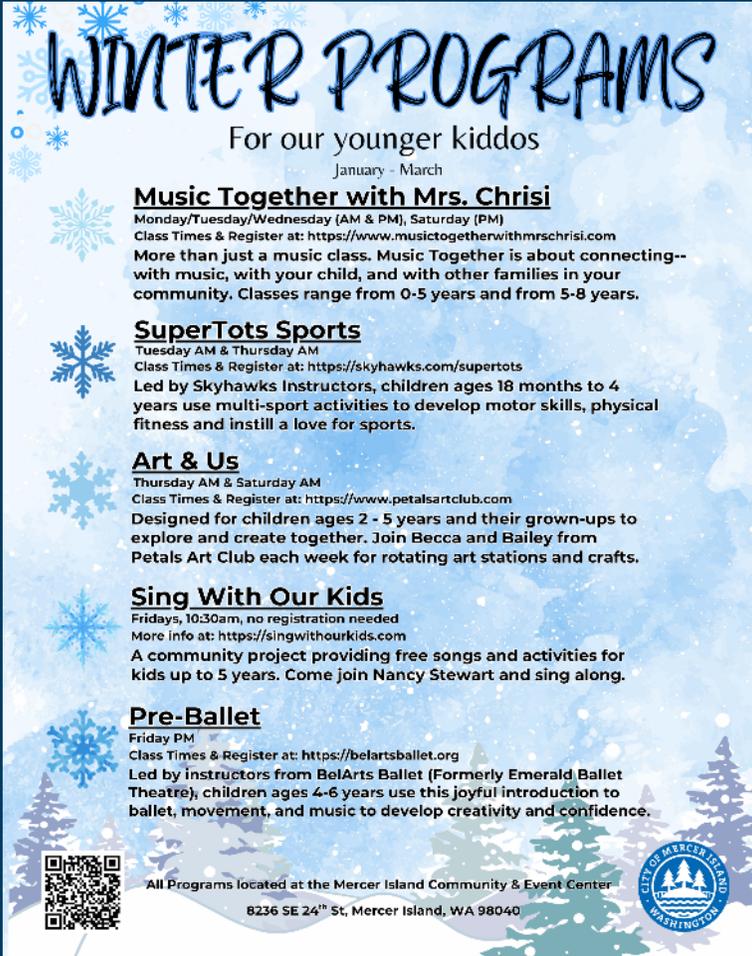
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MICEC Winter Programs

- The Mercer Island Community & Event Center is starting the new year with new programs and drop-in activities for youth and families.
- New Monday offerings include **Indoor Playground Sports Extravaganza** and **Youth Basketball** (evenings). A new **Open Dance Room Drop-In** is also available on Saturday mornings from 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- Popular drop-ins—including pickleball, volleyball, badminton, SAIL fitness, and indoor playground—continue throughout the week.
- Visit our website for more information!

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WINTER PROGRAMS
For our younger kiddos
January - March

Music Together with Mrs. Chrisi
Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday (AM & PM), Saturday (PM)
Class Times & Register at: <https://www.musictogetherwithmrschrisi.com>
More than just a music class. Music Together is about connecting--with music, with your child, and with other families in your community. Classes range from 0-5 years and from 5-8 years.

SuperTots Sports
Tuesday AM & Thursday AM
Class Times & Register at: <https://skyhawks.com/supertots>
Led by Skyhawks Instructors, children ages 18 months to 4 years use multi-sport activities to develop motor skills, physical fitness and instill a love for sports.

Art & Us
Thursday AM & Saturday AM
Class Times & Register at: <https://www.petalsartclub.com>
Designed for children ages 2 - 5 years and their grown-ups to explore and create together. Join Becca and Bailey from Petals Art Club each week for rotating art stations and crafts.

Sing With Our Kids
Fridays, 10:30am, no registration needed
More info at: <https://singwithourkids.com>
A community project providing free songs and activities for kids up to 5 years. Come join Nancy Stewart and sing along.

Pre-Ballet
Friday PM
Class Times & Register at: <https://belartsballet.org>
Led by instructors from BelArts Ballet (Formerly Emerald Ballet Theatre); children ages 4-6 years use this joyful introduction to ballet, movement, and music to develop creativity and confidence.

All Programs located at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center
8236 SE 24th St, Mercer Island, WA 98040



Some Good News

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Dog Rescue!

- The City's Customer Response Technicians, Kyle Hawkins and Maleko Lemaota, helped locate and rescue a dog that was spotted running loose on East Mercer Way for several days.
- They worked with MIPD Officer Scinkovec and community members to get the lost pup off the street and on its way to good care.



Thank you!

